

**CITY OF LAURENS
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
126 EAST PUBLIC SQUARE
JANUARY 11, 2022
5:30PM**

PRESENT

Mayor Nathan Senn, Councilor Johnnie Bolt, Councilor Cassandra Campbell, Councilor Sara Latimore, Councilor Martin Lowry, Councilor Marian Miller, Councilor Alicia Sullivan, City Attorney Tom Thompson, IT Director Colby Rice, City Administrator Eric Delgado, and City Clerk Leslie Mattison

PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

None

THE MEDIA WAS NOTIFIED BY AN EMAILED AGENDA.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the January 11, 2021 Council Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve the regular meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nathan Senn presenting second reading Ordinance 12-21-01 To Annex 914 East Main Street to the Territorial Limits of Laurens, South Carolina

Mayor Senn reminded council that the purpose of this ordinance and annexation is to bring in a retail restaurant business to the city. The property will be zoned B-4 and there is a 100% partition from the owners of the property.

Councilor Sullivan questioned the proper procedure for presenting ordinances in a council meeting. She stated that it is her understanding that it is solely the City Attorney's responsibility and that it is a conflict of interest if the mayor presents them. Mayor Senn assured Councilor

Sullivan that proper procedure is being followed and that the presentation of ordinances is not reserved for just the City Attorney.

A motion was made by Councilor Bolt and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve Ordinance 12-21-01 on second reading. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Mayor Nathan Senn presenting second reading Ordinance 12-21-02 Amending Ordinance 10-20-21 (Land Sale to SK Builders, INC)

Mayor Senn reminded council that this ordinance approves additional property to be sold to SK Builders. The original acreage sold to SK Builders will be reduced and an adjoining parcel of property will be purchased in the amount of \$150,000. The amended ordinance is only approving the boundary of the property and will allow homes to be built closer to Exchange Drive. The layout of the neighborhood and traffic access to the property will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and brought to council at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve Ordinance 12-21-02 on second reading. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nathan Senn presenting first reading Ordinance 1-22-01 to rezone property at 375 Exchange Drive, Tax Map #906-20-01-109 from R3 to B4

In the August 2021 council meeting, council approved Ordinance 7-21-01 which permitted the even exchange of city-owned property located at 375 Exchange Drive with Jamie Dominick for his property located at 122 South Street. After approval of 7-21-01, Mayor Senn announced that the City of Laurens received funds from the Capital Project Sales Tax that are designated for a splash pad. The splash pad will be constructed on the former Dominick property at 122 South Street.

The property at 375 Exchange Drive is currently zoned R3 and this zoning classification will not allow Dominick to maintain its motor vehicle dealership business on the property. Ordinance 1-22-01 ensures compliance with the zoning ordinance by changing the zoning to be B4.

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve Ordinance 1-22-01. The motion was approved 5-1 with Councilor Sullivan voting no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS A PROPERTY MATTER

A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Latimore to enter back into Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

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None

ADJOURNMENT

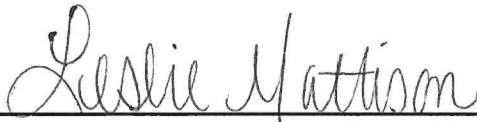
A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Latimore to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:



NATHAN SENN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LESLIE MATTISON, CITY CLERK AND TREASURER