

**CITY OF LAURENS
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
126 EAST PUBLIC SQUARE
MAY 3, 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 with Councilor Campbell giving the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the May 3, 2022 Council Agenda

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nathan Senn presenting second reading **Ordinance 4-22-01**, Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.
This ordinance calls for the FY 2021-2022 budget to be increased by \$297,000 resulting in an amended budget amount of \$7,949,100.00. It provides for appropriations for \$147,000 for demolition and related expenses for \$150,000.00 to the City's economic development.

A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve Ordinance 4-22-01. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nathan Senn presenting first reading **revised Ordinance 4-22-04**, Amendment to Sec. 20-1 (a) (Fireworks; sale and discharge).
This ordinance states that fireworks may be discharged within the municipal limits of the City of Laurens on June 19th, July 4th, December 25th, and January 1st, or the

date(s) which the city recognizes these holidays, except in such locations where the discharge of fireworks is prohibited by City Ordinance, State and/or Federal Law. City Attorney Thompson left the hours blank on the ordinance in order for council to decide what is appropriate. After some discussion, mayor and council decided that between the hours of 6:00pm to 1:00am are appropriate for each holiday.

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve revised Ordinance 4-22-04. The motion carried 6-1 with Councilor Bolt voting no.

2. Mayor Nathan Senn presenting first reading **Ordinance 4-22-05**, Land Sale to Angels Three Development, LLC.

Mayor Senn explained that this is the property that was discussed in Executive Session during the April 26th Council meeting. It pertains to the property at 108 East Hampton Street and "Holland Hill." The tax map numbers are 906-12-04-066 (approximately 6+- acres) and 906-12-04-001 (approximately 5.9+- acres). The property will be purchased in the amount of \$200,000. Angels Three Development LLC is purchasing this property with the intent of developing it into an apartment complex (no Section 8 housing).

Councilor Miller inquired about Tomeka Craig's request to purchase a small portion of the property behind her house. Mayor Senn spoke with the proposed buyer to see if this small piece of property was essential to their development. Everyone agrees that Ms. Craig can purchase this property behind her house.

Councilor Lowry asked about the timeframe for this property to be sold. Mayor Senn stated that this is the reason for the Special Called Meeting. Due to a 1031 Exchange, the developer needs to invest in a certain amount of time, which is quickly.

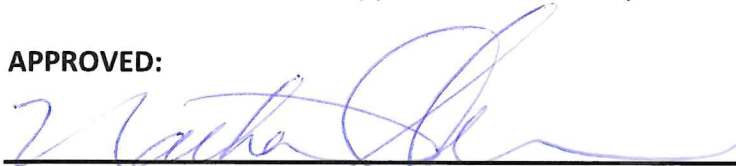
Councilor Sullivan is concerned about what the sale of this property will do to the people in her neighborhood.

A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Bolt to approve Ordinance 4-22-05. The motion carried 6-1 with Councilor Sullivan voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:



NATHAN SENN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Leslie Mattison

LESLIE MATTISON, CITY CLERK