



# City Council Worksession Meeting Minutes – Electronic Meeting

January 12, 2021

## I. CALL TO ORDER

5:00PM

Mayor, Stephen D. Murray III

All members of Council in attendance (Phil Cromer, Neil Lipsitz, Mitch Mitchell and Mayor Murray).

## II. PRESENTATION

### A. FY-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**Kathy Todd, Finance Director**, introduced David Irwin who is a partner with Mauldin and Jenkins that oversees the external audit for the City. She went on to give some financial highlights for Fiscal Year 2020 and stated that the City completed the audit with a Clean Opinion, which means there were no issues. Also, pointed out, was the City's bond ratings which are very good for a City our size. A summary of the City's Net Position was given to which there was a difference of .02% from last Fiscal Year.

**David Irwin, Certified Public Accountant with Mauldin and Jenkins** went over the Financial and Compliance Audit which included an Auditor's Discussion and Analysis for the City.

**Kathy Todd, Finance Director**, stated that both documents would be on the City's website tomorrow for public viewing.

**Interim Mayor Pro Tem Cromer**, asked if Pride of Place was covered under Fiduciary Funds, to which Mrs. Todd answered yes. He also inquired if there was any anticipation that Health Insurance, Liabilities or Retirement costs will go up. She replied that known increases were captured in the current FY 2021 but is unclear on 2022.

**Councilman Lipsitz and Councilman Mitchell** thanked Mrs. Todd and her staff for their hard work and dedication.

**Mayor Murray** thanked staff as well and encouraged members of the public to read through the document.

## III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Mossy Oaks Stormwater Project Update - Neal Pugliese.

**Neil Pugliese, Stormwater Project Manager**, gave an update on the work being done. He reported that the drainage system seems to be working properly in Basin I (Duck Pond) and that the Spanish Moss Trail will reopen by February 1, 2021. In Basin II (Southside Park) most of the work has been completed and the contractor is wrapping things up. They are about 3 weeks away from a completed system and he stressed the importance of maintenance upkeep.

**Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator - Engineering**, went over 7 other recommended projects in the order they should be accomplished, and their proposed funding for each. The estimated total of all projects is 9.9 million dollars.

**Interim Mayor Pro Tem Cromer**, inquired about the 3.9-million-dollar total for the project on The Point. He feels this amount is very conservative.

**Mr. Fralix** stated that it was, and once the survey has been completed, they will be able to fine tune that figure once they see what will be involved.

**Mayor Murray** stated that Council normally addresses Capital Improvements in February/March but feels that the last Council seat should be filled before these types of discussions take place.

**Councilman Lipsitz** stated he has been receiving some comments about the standing water in the drainage ditches and has concerns that they might become infested with mosquitos.

**Mr. Fralix** does not see this as an issue and stated the County is very aggressive when dealing with mosquitos. He will make sure to let that department know to monitor these areas as well.

**Major Murray** asked Mr. Pugliese to discuss the tree cutting project that is being handled by Dominion Energy throughout the City.

**Mr. Pugliese** stated that a training session was held with all the contractors about the trimming of the trees, and that meetings will be held with all parties prior to them doing this work. He reported that Citizen concerns are being addresses promptly.

B. Updated Financial Position through December.

Discussion tabled until next Worksession on January 26, 2021.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer made a motion to go into Executive Session and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

- A. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding appointments to City Boards, Commissions, and Task Force and Personnel.

No actions from Executive Session.

#### **V. ADJOURN**

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**6:11 PM**

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