

INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MR. CHARLES BRANNON AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY MAYOR CORNELIUS HUFF.

MAYOR CORNELIUS HUFF CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT WAS READ BY MAYOR HUFF CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBERS MELVIN FOWLER, HEATHER MOORE AND KATHY DITTEMORE WERE PRESENT. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN WAS PRESENT ON ZOOM DUE TO FOOT SURGERY.

COUNCILMEMBER MOORE MADE A MOTION TO ADD DEPARTMENT REPORTS UNDER 6E ON THE AGENDA, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 6:03 PM MAYOR HUFF OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING IS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022 OF THE CITY OF INMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. WITH NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, MAYOR HUFF ADJOURNED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2022 REGULAR MEETING; JUNE 27, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT; JUNE 27, 2022 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING; AND JUNE 27, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED THAT THINGS ARE GETTING BUSIER WITH THE STORMS COMING THRU AND THEY RAN 25 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE,2022.

STREET SUPERVISOR HEATH FOWLER REPORTED CLEANING STORM DRAINS AND WORKING TO GET A JUMP START ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE INMAN REPORTED MEETING WITH SUMMIT ENGINEERING REGARDING THE SCIP MONEY WITH THE HIGHWAY 292 PROJECT, RECEIVED DHEC APPROVAL FOR THE PLANT EXPANSION AND WILL GET THE PAPERWORK SUBMITTED TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT WITH HOPES TO BREAK GROUND IN MARCH,2023; RATE INCREASE LETTERS WENT OUT TO THE SEWER CUSTOMERS LAST WEEK AND THERE HAVE BEEN FIVE (5) CHLORINE INCREASES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

PLANNING DIRECTOR APRIL GIBSON REPORTED THAT EVERYONE IS SUPER EXCITED ABOUT THE TRIANGLE PROPERTY ON ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE TWO NATIONALLY BRANDED OCCUPANTS GOING IN THE BUILDING THAT IS GETTING WALLS NOW; WORKING ON FORMAL POLICIES FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS COMING IN; THREE (3) PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS WILL BE LEAVING THIS YEAR SO WE WIL BE

REPLACING THEM AND GETTING THEM TRAINED AND WITH REGARDS TO SOCIAL MEDIA SHE HAS PUT A LOT OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEW 4 WAY STOP ON MILL STREET, EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT EVERY TUESDAY AND SHE HAS BEEN MEETING WITH THE HISTORIC ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR TO START WORKING ON THE CITY'S PRESERVATION ORDINANCE.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED THAT THEY ANSWERED A LOT OF CALLS ON JULY 4TH; GETTING ROAD CLOSE APPROVALS FROM THE STATE FOR ALL OUR UPCOMING EVENTS; AND SCHOOL WILL BE STARTING BACK AND THEY WILL HAVE TRAINING AT THE SCHOOLS TOMORROW.

MR. C.D. RHODES OF POPE FLYNN, LLC ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000 HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE BONDS WHICH SETS PARAMETERS WITH THE INTEREST RATE SET AT 6% AND THE TERM OF THE LOAN AT 15 YEARS. OUR FINANCIAL ADVISORS FIRST TRYON SENT OUT A BID TO ABOUT 40 BANKS ALTOGETHER AND OF THOSE 40 BANKS THEY RECEIVED BIDS FROM 4 WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD- 1. SIGNATURE PUBLIC FUNDING; 2. TRUIST BANK; 3. PINNACLE PUBLIC FINANCE AND 4. KEY GOVERNMENT FINANCE. THE BID THAT FIRST TRYON IS RECOMMENDING THE CITY USE IS SIGNATURE PUBLIC FUNDING WHICH CAME IN AT A RATE OF 3.37. THE ORDINANCE ALLOWS FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DECIDE FROM THE FOUR BIDS AND HE EXPECTS CLOSING TO TAKE PLACE AROUND JULY 28, 2022.

MR. MILNER MARTIN PRESENTED TO COUNCIL THE INMANOLPOLY GAME BOARD THAT HE CREATED AND THAT WAS SIGNED BY ALL THE BUSINESSES WHO PARTICIPATED. HE IS THE SON OF BUREN MARTIN THAT OWNS THE INMAN THEATRE. MILNER AND HIS WIFE TRAVEL ALL OVER PERFORMING IN SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN'S THEATRES. HE CREATED THE INMANOPOLY GAME BECAUSE HE LOVES INMAN. CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOE LANAHAN STATED THAT THE CITY PURCHASED 85 GAMES WHICH WILL BE GIVEN OUT OVER THE NEXT YEAR FOR DIFFERENT REASONS.

COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000 HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022 OF THE CITY OF INMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, AND FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PICK THE CORRECT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10; FLOOD PREVENTION ORDINANCE, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REPEAL R-4 "SINGLE FAMILY SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT," SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOE LANAHAN STATED THAT NOW THAT WE HAVE AN ESTABLISHED MURAL IN OUR DOWNTOWN AND MORE TO COME, IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTROL THAT AS MUCH AS WE CAN. WE PURCHASED THE COPYRIGHT TO THE EXISTING MURAL IN DOWNTOWN AND AS WE PUT MORE PUBLIC ART IN PLACE THAT IS SPONSORED BY THE CITY, WE NEED TO CONTROL THAT.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME TALK FROM DIFFERENT BUSINESSES HERE IN TOWN ABOUT BEING ABLE TO USE THOSE IMAGES TO DO MARKETING, TOURISM BASED THINGS SO HE HAS COLLECTED ORDINANCES & CONTRACTS FROM DIFFERENT CITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND HE WILL INTRODUCE IN AUGUST A SIMPLE ONE OR TWO PAGE AGREEMENT THAT THE BUSINESS WOULD GO INTO WITH THE CITY TO BECOME A LICENSEE TO BE ABLE TO SELL THOSE GOODS LIKE A T-SHIRT, COFFEE MUG, ETC. HE WILL HAVE A VERSION FOR COUNCIL TO REVIEW.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOE LANAHAN REPORTED THAT A NEW STOP SIGN WILL GO IN ON MILL STREET NEXT FRIDAY WITH HOPES TO SLOW TRAFFIC DOWN AND BE MORE WALKABLE FRIENDLY. THE PAVING HAS STARTED AT THE TOP OF NORTH MAIN AND THEY SHOULD BE DOWN THE ROAD VERY SOON. WE HAVE FINISHED OUT THE FLOWER BASKETS AND THE FARM GIRL FLOWERS HAS BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH.

UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MS. CONNIE PORTER OF 20 BOBO STREET STATED THAT THERE IS A LOT OF OVERGROWTH ON VACANT LOTS ON THIS STREET AND A CAR WITH NO TAG THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED A YEAR AGO IS COVERED NOW BUT HAS OVERGROWTH ALL AROUND IT. SHE SAID THAT THE LAST TIME SHE WAS HERE A YEAR AGO THAT COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER HAD ASKED FOR SPEED BUMPS ON THIS STREET FROM SCDOT BUT THAT NEVER HAPPENED. SHE FEELS LIKE THE CITY NEGLECTS BOBO STREET. CITY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT HE WILL WORK ON THESE ISSUES.

MRS. CATHA SMALL OF 8 CLAY STREET STATED THAT THE PROBLEM THAT SHE IS HAVING IS WITH THE CLOGGED STORM DRAINS AND THE FLOODING WHEN IT RAINS AT 8 & 10 CLAY STREET. SHE STATED THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS ON BOMAR STREET AT THE JACKSON & THE PENSON HOUSE WITH LIMBS AND A TREE. PLANNING DIRECTOR APRIL GIBSON REQUESTED THE ADDRESSES SO SHE GET THIS PROBLEM SOLVED.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN ON ZOOM STATED THAT HE WILL BE AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBER MOORE STATED THAT SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRAINING AT THE MASC ANNUAL MEETING WHERE THEY LEARN NEW THINGS.

AT 6:42 PM COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AN EMPLOYEE ISSUE, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 7:13 PM COUNCILMEMBER MOORE MADE A MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT THEY DISCUSSED AN EMPLOYEE ISSUE BUT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS, MAYOR HUFF ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:14 PM.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK