

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL**

**April 6, 2020 – 5:30PM**

**MEETING LOCATION:**

Held via Facebook Live from the Council Room at Barnwell City Hall, 130 Main Street,  
Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Rivera presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr.,  
Harris T. Barker, Robert Pattillo, James Moody, and Billy Dozier

**Council Members Absent:** W.C. Black

**Others Present:** City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo,  
City Attorney Thomas Boulware

Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel and others were present via Facebook Live

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public had been invited to present comments before the meeting. None were presented.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2020 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2020 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-1 RECOGNIZING  
APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

City Administrator McEwen read the resolution designating April 2020 as Fair Housing Month. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE CAPITAL PROJECT  
SALES TAX FULLER PARK SPLASH PAD, PLAYGROUND, AND RESTROOM  
PROJECTS**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve moving forward with the two Capital Sales Tax referendum projects. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moody. Discussion followed. Councilman Dozier said the goal was to have these projects completed by May 2021, so we need to start now. Everything but the construction can be done remotely. We need to authorize the City Administrator to hire a design agency in the next few weeks. City Administrator McEwen said she has been in contact with Hass & Hilderbrand to schedule a meeting. Upon vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – Mayor Rivera said he had been asked if the walking trails at the parks were still open. Administrator McEwen said the Lemon Park Sports Complex and the Fuller Park basketball courts are locked but all other parks are open.

Police (Councilmen Barker and Black) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Moody) – No Report

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Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier) –No Report

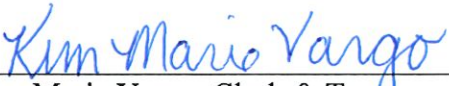
### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- The RIA grant closeout paperwork has been sent in and the digester is in operation.
- Gordman's ribbon cutting originally scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.
- This month's Make a Difference Monday has been changed to a Facebook challenge, where individuals or families can take pictures of themselves cleaning up and post them to the City's website. The City's big cleanup scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> will also have the same challenge.
- Mosquito spraying will start in early May.
- City Hall is open from 9 to 1. The lobby is closed to the public, but business can be done by telephone, email or drive thru.
- City Hall will be closed Friday for a scheduled holiday.
- Currently working on getting the Code of Ordinances updated.
- The County will be having a conference call tomorrow at 11:00 regarding COVID 19.

### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Rivera said that before the meeting was adjourned, he wanted to thank the frontline workers for their hard work. He asked the citizens to focus on the things that they can control. They should think about the risks anytime they go out and take safety precautions. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

  
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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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