



LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

June 10th, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Rosewood Center - 419 E Main St. Liberty, SC 29657

- **Welcome and Call to Order Mayor Erica Romo Woods at 6:02 pm.**
- **Invocation Giving by:** Councilmember Graybeal
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call-**

- Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1) – Here
- Lavant Padgett (Ward 2) – Here
- Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)-Here
- Jeff Massie (Ward 4) – Came in after the start of the Executive Session.
- Rhonda Whitaker (At- Large) – Here
- Zachary Arms (At- Large)-Here

- **Mayor Announcements:**

- Mayor Woods will address various topics.

- May 24th—Duncan Burns created and donated the City of Liberty’s first sculpture, “Through My Eyes.” This sculpture brings life and creativity to our downtown.
- Thank you, Liberty Area of Chamber of Commerce, for putting on this year's one-day Concerts & Concert. We appreciate all that you do for the City of Liberty.
- Make sure you visit Sterlin Library for their Summer Reading Program. It's great for the kids.
- Thank you, Donna Garrick, owner of Hops and Harvest. Donna put on the Adult Re-Do Prom. There were people from all over, lots of new faces. It was a great time, and I am happy I could attend.
- Thank you to the Liberty American Legions, which placed flags on all our veterans' graves for Memorial Day.
- Do not forget to Vote June 11th- Statewide Primary Election. If you need more details, go to our Facebook page or Website.

- **Citizens wishing to address the City Council:**

Speakers must reside within city limits, are allowed 3 minutes in total, and must have signed up before 4:30 p.m. on 06/07/2024.

- Peggy Edwards

- **Motion to Enter Executive Session:**

-Motion: Councilmember Graybeal, 2nd: Councilmember Arms, No Discussion, Vote:6-0

SECTION 30-4-70 (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

-City Finances

-Retail Strategies

Councilmember Massie came in at 6:10-6:15 pm

SECTION 30-4-70 (1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, at its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.

-Personnel Matter

- **City Council may or may not take action on any or all of the matters discussed in the Executive Session.**

- **Motion to Exit Executive Session:**

- Motion: Councilmember Whitaker, 2nd: Councilmember Arms, No Discussion, Vote: 7-0

- **Approval of Minutes:**

May 13th, 2024- Regular Session

-Motion: Councilmember Massie, 2nd: Councilmember Graybeal, No Discussion, Vote:7-0

- **New Business: (1st Readings & Resolutions):**

Resolution- 2024-02, 2024-2025 Revised City of Liberty Handbook

-Motion: Councilmember Graybeal, 2nd: Councilmember Shoenleben, Councilmember Arms if we can amend later if need and Mary stated yes, Vote: 7-0

- **Old Business: (2nd Readings):**

2024-02, 100% Annexation for Parcel Number: 4088-15-64-938- 109 Wiley Rd. Liberty SC 29657
-Motion: Councilmember Massie, 2nd: Councilmember Padgett, No Discussion, Vote: 7-0

2024-03, 100 % Annexation for Parcel Number:4097-00-54-7766- 201 Reeves St. Liberty SC 29657
- Motion: Councilmember Arms, 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker, No Discussion, Vote: 7-0

2024-04, 2024-2025 City of Liberty Operating Budget
-Motion: Councilmember Arms. 2nd Councilmember Massie,

Councilmember Graybeal motioned for making the following amendments to the budget:

- * 2.5% of police salaries from the General Fund to the Hospitality Fund (\$23,998.80)
- * Eliminate the most recent job- City Operations Manager position (\$53,309.29)
- * Go with Greene Finney only for City Finances (BOSS SYSTEM) with an added \$7,000 for Greene Finney to get AR up to date (Save \$19,000- leaving a total of \$87,000 total for accounting and auditing)
- * No mileage increase (\$44,000 needs to be put back into the General Fund)
- * GIS Mapping (\$15,000)
- * The remaining amount that is needed to balance the budget should go into a Capital Improvement Line. (around \$37,308.09)

Councilmember Arms 2nd Councilmember Graybeal's motion, Vote: 7-0
Vote for the amended 2024-2025 City Operating Budget 7-0

● **City Administrator Report**

-Administrator's Report/ City Activities Report

● **City Council Remarks:**

- Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1)- Be sure to get out and vote tomorrow.
- Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)- Like Councilmember Shoenleben said go vote.
- Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)- Would like to voice his appreciation to all the people who have reached out during the budget process. Would like to also thank Donna at Hops and Harvest for hosting the Adult Prom.
- Jeff Massie (Ward 4)- No Remark
- Rhonda Whitaker (At- Large)-Thank you all who have reached out. I apologize for not being able to respond to all. I lost both of my in-laws in the same week, and we have had to handle all their arrangements.
- Zachary Arms (At- Large)- Requested that the 2025-2026 budget process be started sooner. We need to get ahead of mapping out new revenues and planning ahead. Thank you to all who came out to my town hall at Lizzie Sues. Thank you, Elizabeth Nelson, for hosting it. Thank you, Donna at Hops and Harvest, for hosting the redo adult prom. It was a great time, and Liberty needs more events like this. There were lots of new faces. Thank you, Philip and Tim, for fixing the sewage coming out of the road on Carla. Tim came in on this vacation time to help fix this leak.

● **Adjournment**

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal, 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker, No Discussion, Vote: 7-0

Date Approved: 8/12/24

Attest:


Clerk of Council, Bailee Locke


Mayor, Erica Romo Woods