

CITY OF HARDEEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Bronco Bostick, Mayor Pro Tem Roy Powell, Council Members A. Brooks Willis, Michael Foskey and Bill Horton, City Manager Kevin Griffin, Assistant City Manager Ted Felder, Assistant City Manager Jeff Slocum, City Attorney David Tedder, Planning Director Brana Snowden, Police Chief Richard Nagy, Fire Chief Dan Morgan, Municipal Court Judge John Carroll, Finance Director Dennis Averkin, City Clerk Lori Pomarico, Media Technician Juan Singleton and Media Technician Brandon Sligh.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bronco Bostick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Brooks Willis gave the invocation

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS (2 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Mr. Elbert Walsh stated that he received a telephone call about a situation with the Pregnancy Center regarding their RV parked on his property. Mr. Walsh noted that he is leasing the building and land and if the renters did not have a problem with the Pregnancy Center RV parked on the property he was fine with it as well. Mr. Walsh stated that he was asked to take and give them written permission for a situation so that they could get a permit to put a pole and electrical. Mr. Walsh added that he does not understand this situation, everything is zoned in this town and has been zoned for 20 years, but apparently we zone it every time a business or establishment takes place. Mr. Walsh stated that the Pregnancy Center, which is a non profit organization, is helping the community and he did not feel that the town should charge them for a zoning permit. Mr. Walsh stated that he agreed to pay for the permit. He received a telephone call from Mr. Ted Felder who indicated that he would look into this situation, which he did, and was refunded his money.

Mayor Bostick responded that he concurred with Mr. Walsh and would look into this in the future.

A. FAMILY DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Bostick read the proclamation in its entirety and placed his signature on the document.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION, USE, AND RENOVATION OF 110 MAIN STREET, HARDEEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "PROJECT"); APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A HARDEEVILLE PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE NOTE; THE LEASE OF THE PROJECT BY THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA TO HARDEEVILLE PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BASE LEASE AGREEMENT, BETWEEN THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE AND HARDEEVILLE PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PUBLIC FACILITIES AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, HARDEEVILLE PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION, AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. (2009-8-27B)

PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Griffin reported that this is an issue that was thoroughly addressed at the last Council meeting in regard to the purchasing of a historical property, the Heyward House, at 110 Main Street. The Public Facilities Corporation would purchase, through a note from South Carolina Bank and Trust, the property at 110 Main Street for \$150,000. The borrowing is up to \$300,000 to allow for upfit and securing of the property after it is purchased.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked who is on the Hardeeville Public Facilities Corporation. City Manager Griffin responded that the Public Facilities Corporation is a 501(c)3 organization designed by Council. The City Manager, Mr. Earl Cooler and Mr. Dennis Joselin sit on the current board. Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked when the Corporation last met. City Manager Griffin responded that the Board met last September. Mayor Pro Tem Powell commented that the Council is preparing to vote on this deal without a meeting of this Public Facilities Corporation that has not had time to discuss this, and Mr. Powell wanted to bring that to the public's attention.

Ms. Linda Nease commented that if the City can buy this property and it can be beneficial for the City, she feels that the Council should consider doing this. The Wittschen House was lost about seventeen years ago to a horrific fire and the Williams House was torn down to build the Hargray Building. Hardeeville lost two of these really old places and Ms. Nease said that if this can be done and if the City can use it in a manner that would benefit the City they should consider purchasing this property.

A motion was made by Council Member Horton to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2009-8-27B. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Willis. The motion

passed 3-1 with voting as follows: Mayor Bostick, In Favor; Council Member Willis, In Favor; Council Member Horton, In Favor; Mayor Pro Tem Powell, Opposed. Council Member Foskey previously recused himself and abstained due to personal interest.

V. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 27, 2009
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Foskey to approve the August 27, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Willis and carried unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR
THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA; FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010.
(2009-9-10A)
PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Griffin reported that this is the first reading of a budget amendment brought forward to amend the 2010 budget. Since the approval of the 2010 budget, a total of \$130,771 has been received from grant awards and unexpected revenue. Of that total \$5,000 comes from SCANA for stormwater infrastructure and \$45,000 from the Mammoet project. Grants revenues awarded include \$25,000 from Parks and Revenue Development Fund; \$42,000 for the COPS grant, a community oriented policing grant, for a period of three years that will total over \$100,000 to the City; and a direct award of \$13,500 for police equipment.

City Manager Griffin reported on the expense side of the budget. The grants revenue from the COPS Grant and the direct award will be a total of \$55,643 to the police side of the expense register in the budget; Public Works and Recreation, at Council's request, we are applying some of the Mammoet money, to extend two current temporary positions to January 2010 in order to continue to work on some drainage issues and community beautification; the PARD Grant expense has been added and we will develop a long range plan for Millstone; and the \$5,000 donation from SCANA will be in the capital infrastructure fund of the Public Works and Recreation budget.

City Manager Griffin reported on the Council side of the expense register is \$37,036; of that \$5,000 apiece has been designated to grants for the library, and the Marine Rescue Squadron for the upfit of the building; the Jasper Animal Rescue Mission will receive \$2,000 and a grant to the Hardeeville High School Band for equipment in the amount of \$5,000; there will also be \$27,000 to discretionary and \$10,000 to the current contingency budget.

Mayor Bostick asked when the funds would be available for distribution to the library, the Marine Rescue Squadron and the high school. City Manager Griffin responded that funds would be available at second reading of this budget.

Council Member Horton commented for clarification to the organizations involved the way the Council has to administer these grants. Because they are over the \$3,000 threshold with this type of grant they do fall under the procurement ordinance of the City. Whatever organization uses these monies will have to meet with the City Manager and follow certain procedures before receiving funds.

There was no public comment. A motion was made by Council Member Willis to accept first reading of Ordinance 2009-9-10A. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Horton and carried unanimously.

**B. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II SECTION 11-15 THROUGH 11-43 (BUSINESS LICENSE) AND TO ADOPT THE CLASSIFICATION AND RATE SCHEDULE (2009-9-10B)
PUBLIC HEARING**

City Manager Griffin reported that there has been a lot of input and a number of workshops with Council on updates to the Business License Ordinance as well as a public meeting last Wednesday. They have made some significant class changes in the Ordinance and Mr. Griffin deferred to Assistant City Manager Jeff Slocum for explanation. Mr. Slocum reported that at the request of Mayor and Council they have gone through many different areas in the business license class and rates and came up with a plan to reduce the base rate, move the cap up to \$100,000 and do away with the declining rates that we currently have. The overall result of this is a savings on business license to the small businesses to advertise businesses in the City of Hardeeville. The other changes to the Ordinance are basically language updates and clarifications.

Council Member Willis asked if this puts Hardeeville in a competitive position in the area. Assistant City Manager Slocum responded that this is a big step toward becoming more competitive with neighboring municipalities, and the emphasis on this is to help the smaller businesses and try to make it easy to come into Hardeeville and start up a business.

Mayor Bostick asked how much of a savings there would be on average. Assistant City Manager Slocum responded that on average there would be approximately a \$300 savings per business license.

Council Member Horton thanked Mayor Bostick for appointing him and Council Member Foskey to a committee to study this item; it was a pleasure to work with him and the staff. They quickly went through this matter; they had enough data in place that showed they could do an effective savings to the businesses of Hardeeville. Council Member Horton stated that they appreciate what the businesses are doing and they are trying to show that.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell commented that the good thing about this is that hopefully they can get more small businesses in town. Mayor Pro Tem Powell stated that one of the biggest

disappointments is that they had a public meeting last week and for whatever reason, everyone did not get notified. Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked if all of the people that were not notified the first time would be notified so that they can come and have input on this. City Manager Griffin responded that the out of town businesses will be notified prior to second reading and there will be one more round of notification to everybody.

There was no public comment. A motion was made by Council Member Foskey to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2009-9-10B. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Horton and carried unanimously.

At this time, Mayor Bostick recognized high school principal, Dr. Youmans.

C. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN SUBMITTAL FOR A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY +/- 5,136.83 ACRES, BEING A PORTION OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE HARDEEVILLE TRACT WITHIN THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, SUCH PORTION GENERALLY BEING KNOWN AS THE RIVERPORT TRACT OR RIVERPORT SECTION OF THE HARDEEVILLE TRACT, AND TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE TO INDICATE THAT PORTION SUBJECT TO THE CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN (2009-9-10C)
PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Griffin reported that the next three items would be related to the Riverport Tract, otherwise known as the Hardeeville Tract. The first item is amending the Conceptual PDD, there will be a significant amount of property changed from residential to industrial. City Manager Griffin deferred to Planning Director Brana Snowden.

Planning Director Snowden reported that a little over 5,000 acres of the Hardeeville Tract is being amended and renamed the Riverport Tract. There are slight changes to the allowed industrial acreage as seen with the State Infrastructure Bank application. It is a high piece of land for the City of Hardeeville and does lend itself well to an industrial development with the proximity to the port, interstate and rail system.

Council Member Foskey asked if any of the light industrial is to the north of I-95. Planning Director Snowden responded that it is to the south of I-95.

Mayor Bostick asked when they plan to break ground. Ocie Vest, a partner with the Stratford Company of Dallas, Texas, responded that they are moving forward with all the things that they need to be ready to break ground, as soon as it makes sense economically. They have received a lot of interest in the first phase of the property and they are moving forward with plans and permits for this phase of the development. Mr. Vest stated that they appreciate all the help staff has given them and the support from the Planning Commission and the Council to enable them to move this forward.

Council Member Willis asked what the estimated timeline for build out is. Mr. Vest responded that the development timeline is in the 10 to 15 year range with the build out timeline in the 20 to 25 year range.

The Mayor called for public comment. Mr. Elbert Walsh stated that he lives in the Oakwood subdivision and asked how much buffer there would be between this commercial property and Oakwood. City Manager Griffin responded that the lower tier around Oakwood would remain residential.

A motion was made by Council Member Willis to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2009-9-10C. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Foskey and carried unanimously.

**D. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST
AMENDMENT AND PARTIAL RESTATEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT (RIVERPORT SECTION OF THE HARDEEVILLE TRACT)
(2009-9-10D)
PUBLIC HEARING**

City Manager Griffin reported that the two major differences in the amendment to the Development Agreement that is before Council today are on the industrial development fees and the incorporation of the infrastructure plan for the State Infrastructure Bank application that the City has just submitted and how that would be handled through the development agreement commitments required. They have increased those commitments; they are to provide police and fire service as well as on and off site road infrastructure in the ballpark of \$55M. City Manager Griffin stated that they have shifted the industrial development fees, also known as impact fees, off of the agreement and have arranged them in a different fashion to make them more competitive with our competitors in the Savannah market as well as outside of that area. They have incorporated the State Infrastructure Bank plan, and the road network has been changed and realigned with that plan. City Manager Griffin stated that if the City is awarded the State Infrastructure Bank grant, it deals with how those monies would be allotted between the City and Riverport to get those infrastructure requirements in place. The City will also retain a 51 acre property beside Millstone Landing with funding up to \$6M to improve a park in that area to help make Millstone more of an amenity; that land will be transferred to the City as well as 78 acres that will be made available in the agreement for school sites. There are an additional 20 acres available in the lower part of the property for either schools or a park which will be at the City's discretion. They are also looking at combining the library and recreation fees into one fee so that they can look at more joint use facilities. Also, a much larger right of way, roughly 36 acres, is dedicated through the agreement for Exit 3. City Manager Griffin stated that they have reduced the requirement to place a public road through the City's current industrial park site as well as increase the fire and public safety funding from \$2.5M to \$3.6M. It remains a 30 year agreement

and does pertain to the approximately 5,100 acres known as Riverport that is now owned by the Stratford Company.

City Attorney David Tedder stated that a number of the changes were aimed at incorporating the changes because of the SIB application that alternative funding mechanism that we did not have before. The rest of the agreement that is not restated remains in effect, both as to this property and to the remainder of the Hardeeville Tract.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked that City Manager Griffin explain to the public when the timeframe is for the City to get the 54 acres and \$6M. City Manager Griffin responded that the acreage is the tract just south of Millstone Landing. The way the agreement works is you either have development fees that are paid during the process on residential and commercial properties, primarily residential for parks, but we also have the agreement set up where they can at any time put a Municipal Improvement District and with that the agreement allows us to collect up to \$6M which would pay for the park property as well as pay for the infrastructure into that park property. To be conservative, the district would probably come within the next four to five years, and once that is put into place they would also use that to pay for fire, police and other things. It does depend upon the pace of development in that area. They are very interested in seeing Millstone Landing improved as well as the park adjacent to Millstone Landing improved and done well.

There was no public comment. A motion was made by Council Member Horton to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2009-9-10D. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Willis and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Tedder reminded Mayor Bostick that there would be a second public hearing on this Development Agreement held on October 1, 2009.

- E. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A MASTER PLAN SUBMITTAL FOR A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY +/- 342 ACRES, BEING A PORTION OF TMP NUMBER 031-00-00-016, LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY; KNOWN GENERALLY AS THE RIVERPORT, PHASE 1 MASTER PLAN, BEING A PORTION OF THE RIVERPORT PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE HARDEEVILLE TRACT, AND TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE TO INDICATE THAT PORTION SUBJECT TO THE MASTER PLAN (2009-9-10E)
PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Griffin reported that this is the Master Plan for the first phase of the Riverport Tract. Mr. Griffin deferred to Planning Director Snowden for an explanation of the plan. Ms. Snowden reported that this is the 342 acres known as Phase I for Riverport Business Park and is located where the railroad crosses Hwy 17. It is a logistics distribution type of development that will service the port operation. Approximately 3.5M square feet is being proposed for that

property. Planning Director Snowden stated that they have worked with them on traffic through the SIB application as well as parking, buffering, and signage as a part of the Master Plan and PDD. Planning Commission has reviewed and both staff and Planning Commission recommend approval.

Council Member Foskey asked about how far that property is from Oakview. Planning Director Snowden responded that it is approximately one and one-half miles. Ms. Snowden stated that there are buffers built into this not only for residents but for the different uses and the Wildlife Refuge.

Mayor Bostick called for public comment. Mr. Elbert Walsh asked when the extension of I-95 will go to Hwy 17. City Manager Griffin stated that the realignment of Purrysburg Road is intended to be realigned with Hwy 170 where it comes in just below the shooting range. The saddleback that was created when Hwy 17 was realigned before would be corrected to give you a direct route from Hwy 170 to I-95.

A motion was made by Council Member Foskey to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2009-9-10E. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Horton and carried unanimously.

**F. AWARD OF FIRE STATION ARCHITECT CONTRACT
PUBLIC COMMENT**

City Manager Griffin reported that this is the RFQ process they have gone through for the 278 Fire Station that is funded through the Hilton Head Lakes Municipal Improvement District (MID) and the Tradition Development Agreement. Mr. Griffin deferred to Finance Director Dennis Averkin. Finance Director Averkin reported that the RFQ for the new fire station was put out in May and over 20 firms responded. Using the South Carolina LLR regulations they were able to whittle it down to a list of 5 qualified responsive architects. The SCLLR regulations preclude the City from discussing price, so the criteria was subjective based upon experience, qualifications, location, personality, to some degree, and their track record. The City established a ranking whereby the top three firms were selected and they opened negotiations with the first firm selection which was Spivey & Woods Architects who are represented here tonight. The contractual details are very advantageous to the City, and we think in comparison to similar sized projects we have a good deal. The financial highlights of the contract itself are we have an agreement that the architectural fee will be eight and one half percent of the total project cost, the project time line expected from start to finish would be ten to 12 months, and we have a reuse fee negotiated that we can take these plans and reuse them for a nominal flat fee.

Council Member Willis asked when would be the start up date. Planning Director Averkin responded that as far as the architects are concerned they could start immediately.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked how much money we are funding for this fire station. City Manager Griffin responded that we have roughly \$1M from the Hilton Head Lakes MID and

\$1M from the Tradition Development. We also have whatever development fees are in place at this time that we have already collected through those agreements and continue to collect. We have an agreement with Tradition and a payment is due October 14th to the City, the other funds are sitting in escrow to move forward with the design and construction of the station.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked how much the City is willing to pay for this building. Finance Director Averkin responded that they have put a perfect scenario figure of \$750,000 on this station. They would owe the architect \$63,750, which is calculated on the total cost of the project. Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked if the town has put a cap on the dollar amount. City Manager Griffin responded that that is something they would do through the process itself in designing the station and is something that was emphasized. Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked if they are a local company. Finance Director Averkin responded that their headquarters is in Charleston and they have an office in Ridgeland.

There was no public comment. A motion was made by Council Member Horton to approve the award of the fire station architect contract to Spivey & Woods Architects. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Foskey and carried unanimously.

G. CDBG RESOLUTION PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bostick read the resolution in its entirety.

City Manager Griffin reported that the CDBG Community Enrichment Application is due September 21st. We are looking at taking the funds available through the Community Enrichment Grant process and apply them toward a library and high technology facility which is a very high ranking facility within this grant process. If Council moves forward with second reading of the Heyward House they would anticipate applying it there and working through a project there to do an improved library facility. The matching funds could come from local leverage services provided upfront, cash or property that is donated locally or by a private firm, waiver of fees, public/private investments or volunteer and in-kind contributions.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked where in the budget would there be funds to cover the 10% matching funds if all of this fails. City Manager Griffin stated that if we move forward with the purchase of the Heyward House that would more than meet the 10% requirement. Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked if any of the extra \$150,000 on the loan would be used for this 10%. City Manager Griffin responded that with the \$150,000 investment in the property that 10% would already be met. Mayor Pro Tem Powell stated that they received their packet on Friday and as of today, this is the first discussion he has had about this CDBG resolution and as a council trying to work together he is shocked that this was put on the agenda without a full discussion with staff and the full council.

Council Member Horton commented that one of the reasons the Council packets are sent out early is so that everybody has a chance to review and go through them and bring up any

questions. There was a workshop earlier and everybody was aware of what was on the agenda. The matching funds are more than met by the purchase of the property and can additionally be met by in-kind contributions as the City Manager stated. Council Member Horton stated that he would like to go on record in support of this and if needed would be willing to offer a motion as such.

Mayor Bostick called for public comment. Ms. Kathleen Wilson stated that the Hardeeville Historical Society is there to help in any way they can in preserving the Heyward House and would like to be included in their plans. If it is used as a library they would like to be involved in helping to preserve the old part and to use it in a way that could preserve it with donations of antique furniture of that circa.

A motion was made by Council Member Horton to accept the CDBG resolution as read. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Willis. The motion passed 3-1 with voting as follows: Mayor Bostick, In Favor; Council Member Willis, In Favor; Council Member Horton, In Favor; Mayor Pro Tem Powell, Opposed. Council Member Foskey recused himself and abstained from voting.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Griffin reported that the City continues to work on a number of different issues regarding drainage. Council has allotted some funds in this year's budget to do a hydrology study and a drainage study. There have been some issues with water backing up once it gets to the ditch that comes out from the City towards I-95. They have been working with Mr. Malzone Russell and now that they have the elevation data they will be moving forward next week with the release of a RFP to clear those ditches and re-grade them to the plans that were submitted to them yesterday. City Manager Griffin also stated that they have been having issues at Exit 5 with water backing up in front of the Waffle House; there have been multiple issues in that area involving one of the culverts filled over with concrete from a previous construction company that has since been removed; crushed pipe where it appears a large truck has come across it, they are in the process of ordering that pipe, pulling the engineering studies for Exit 5 and getting it replaced.

City Manager Griffin reported that all of the Public Works crew are working on Exit 5 streetscape and will be moving up Main Street next week getting ready for the Catfish Festival and Mr. Griffin asked that people look out for and be aware of these workers.

City Manager Griffin asked that everyone visiting the park for all of the athletic activities, to please watch their speed. There has been some trouble with people going too fast, especially on Jim Hatter Way, speed bumps have been installed and the police have been running radar and will be writing tickets for speeding in that area.

City Manager Griffin reported that there are a number of RFPs listed on the City's website: Trash Collection – submittals due September 14th; Financial Software, which is paid for from

MID funds, for the entire finance system for the City – submittals due September 11th; Cleanup of Nuisance Properties – submittals due September 14th; Fire Station Remodel, upfits to the downtown fire station – submittals due September 28th; Vehicle Maintenance for qualified vendors that can furnish maintenance and service for City vehicles – submittals due September 21st; Police Building Upfit, the lower building of the Hargray property – submittals due September 28th.

City Manager Griffin reported that on Saturday, September 12th, the Jasper County Chamber and the Jasper County Farmers' Market is hosting Tailgating with the Alabama Blues Brothers.

City Manager Griffin reported that the Catfish Festival will start on Saturday, September 12th with the Hardeeville Catfish Beauty Pageant at 10:00 a.m. in the Abundant Life Gymnasium, for more information contact Latrell Spikes at 784-5035; the Hardeeville Catfish Run will begin at the Holiday Inn Express at 9:00 a.m. for more information contact Sandy at 247-2765; on Friday, September 18th there will be the Hardeeville Land Boat Race at 6:00 p.m., for more information contact Mr. Stanley at 258-2132; the Festival continues into Saturday, September 19th, there will be rides, games, competitions all over the recreation facility, food and craft vendors; Kenny D and the Pharaohs will take the stage at 7:00 p.m.; the Hardeeville Catfish Car and Bike Show, for more information contact Heather at 683-4695; the Hardeeville Bake Off Contest, for more information contact Mary Horton at 784-5936; the Lowcountry's Got Talent, for more information contact Antoinetta Pinckney 288-1428. City Manager Griffin thanked the following sponsors for their support of the Festival: Morris Communications, Hardeeville Texaco, Stiney Funeral Home, Palmetto Co-op and SCANA.

City Manager Griffin reported that the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at Tradition National. This tournament is put on to raise a scholarship for Jasper County High School students going into college.

City Manager Griffin reported that the City will be helping host the First Annual United Way Fund Raising Golf Tournament on October 10th. For more information contact Ms. Myra Collins at 843-645-6500.

City Manager Griffin reported that there will be a public hearing on October 1st on the Riverport PDD, Development Agreement and Master Plan.

Mr. Paul Bathe reported that the Catfish Festival Golf Tournament has been cancelled due to low registration.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell apologized to Judge Carroll, Police Chief Nagy and Fire Chief Morgan stating that this Council has been working to get them into their new facilities for over a year and hopes to have them in by the next 4th of July.

Council Member Horton added that the return of the Catfish Festival Parade will be on Saturday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m., line up at 9:00 a.m. on Randall Street. Council Member Horton also noted in reference to the speed limit in the park, it is 10 miles per hour with zero tolerance.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Horton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Powell to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Lori Pomarico, City Clerk

Date

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