
Council Work Session April 17, 2023

DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 17, 2023, 05:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Fuesser
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown
Councilmember Matthew Hickey
Councilmember Marion Ramsey

Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett
Councilmember Charles Brewer
Councilmember Kellie Harrold

Staff Present:

City Manager Dalton Pierce
Municipal Clerk Amy Craig
Finance Director Jeff Wilkins
Planning Director David Breakfield

Fire Chief Mike Regal
Human Resources Director Sarah Ramirez
Community Events Director Becky Mestas

Participants:

Robert White

Others Present:

(See Sign-in Sheet)

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1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Mike Fuesser
 - Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

 2. **PRAYER** Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown

 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Mike Fuesser

 4. **PROCLAMATION**
 - 4.1. Proclamation - Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month
Robert White spoke on behalf of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Piedmont Tri-County for the Green Ribbon Campaign. He stated that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and to raise awareness a gift certificate of \$100 will be awarded for the most spirit/green home or organization in our area. The purpose of NAMI is to advocate, educate, and support those that are struggling, the caretakers, and the services completely free. Also, the organization works with public service members, such as police, fire, and EMS.
After the presentation, Mayor Fuesser read a proclamation to declare May 6, 2023, as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day in York, South Carolina.

 5. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - 5.1. SPHO Grant – McCelvey Center
City Manager Dalton Pierce explained that the Cultural Heritage Museum requested the City to be the “lead” on a grant for the McCelvey Center to repair the rafters. Before City of York is to be listed on any documentation, City Manager Dalton Pierce ensured Council had no objections or questions. It was discussed that the county cannot be a certified local government, only municipalities, therefore

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on the City could be listed. It was clarified that the City of York would not receive any funding, only passing the funds to the appropriate party.

5.2 Ordinance 23-689, Amendment B-1 Central Business District Revisions

Mayor Fuesser summarized prior activity regarding Ordinance 23-689, Amendment B-1 Central Business District Revisions. City Manager Pierce stated that the revisions have gone back to Planning and resubmitted with comments and suggestions. Council questioned the strikethroughs being a part of the Ordinance. It was clarified that the strikethroughs were still a part of the Ordinance so Council could see the changes made prior to the completed product. Council mentioned that there was a misunderstanding in the community about churches being obstructed with the Ordinance. In every previous discussion, Council had churches as special exception, and to preserve the historic nature of the district, they will have churches remain as special exception. They have no intention of obstructing churches or worship. At this time, the Ordinance will remain Tabled, and a First Reading will be scheduled for May 2.

5.3 Organizational Human Resources Updates and Recommended Changes

Human Resources Director Sarah Ramirez presented a strategic plan that she has prepared for the City and employees. She made changes to the employee handbook, suggested specific changes for safety healthcare, and phone services, and presented ideas for the City to be competitive in hiring and retaining employees.

6. ADJOURN

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to Exit the Work Session and enter into Special Called, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting Adjourned at 6:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Craig
Municipal Clerk