**Minutes from February 17, 2024**

**Hanahan City Council Vision Workshop – 8:30AM**

**Cypress Gardens – Heritage Room**

**3030 Cypress Gardens Road Moncks Corner, SC 29461**

A City Council Vision Workshop was held on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 8:30am. The meeting was advertised in the Post and Courier. The agenda was posted on the City of Hanahan webpage, and a copy of the agenda was posted on the lobby bulletin board at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Rainwater presided. Council Members that were present at the Workshop were – Mayor Pro Tem Sally, Council Member Hedgpeth, Council Member Boggs, Council Member Chandler, and Council Member Spurlock. We had a quorum for the meeting, however no votes were taken.

Staff members that were present were: Courtney Soler – City Administrator, Kristine Amara – HR Director, Sam Barbare – Dispatch, Danny Stewart – Recreation and Parks Director, Allyson Driggers – City Treasurer, Gale Dollar – Clerk of Court, Tyler Dempsey – IT, Joseph Pigg – IT, – , Lee Lawson – City Planner, Chief Rick Gebhardt – Police Chief, Chief Norman Hritz – Fire Department, Cameron Spencer – Assistant to City Administrator, Larry Sturdivant – Building Official, Tommy Bishop – Public Works Director, Brandon Ancrum – Public Works Division Chief, and Latarsha James, Clerk of Council. Ashley Kellahan from MASC was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rainwater called the Saturday, February 17, 2024, City Council Vision Workshop to order at 8:30am.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Spurlock led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Mayor Rainwater.

Courtney Soler started the meeting off by discussing the priorities from the 2023 Council Workshop that were accomplished during the year and what some of the priorities for 2024 will be. Each department head presented a PowerPoint presentation to discuss last year’s priorities and what they hope to accomplish for their department for the 2024 year. (PowerPoint presentation is attached)

Council and Department Heads broke for lunch at 12:00 pm, however it was a working lunch as Cameron Spencer discussed the Economic Development for the City.

**Council Priorities –**

Next on the agenda was Ashley Kellahan from MASC to go over Council Priorities. During this time, council has the opportunity to discuss things that they believe are a priority and rank them. Items that council listed were:

* Market the amphitheater for weddings and appropriate accommodations \*
* Have a community-built park/playground
* Access controls for the restrooms at the parks for after hours and weekends
* Initiate a local hate crime ordinance \*
* Change out the fluorescent lights
* Encourage more employee participation in city events
* Social media presence of government (this is what we do/don’t do)
* Public safety academy/outreach efforts \*
* Carolyn Street Pocket Park Greenspace
* Main St Program \*
* Revamped tuition reimbursement
* Revamp leave accrual
* Revamp pay scale; compensation for additional skills
* Continue to focus on downtown
* An additional finance person \*
* Streamline planning commission to fruition (zoning/building permit process and flow chart) \*
* CHATS Enhancement Grant ready
* RFP the City’s land on Yeamans \*
* Additional staff members for 911 \*
* Fund immediate/urgent needs for each department \*
* Splash pad (location tbd)
* Pedestrian bridge at reservoir
* Change financial institutions
* Senior mentoring program
* Upgrade restrooms at city hall
* Master plan for area being annexed
* Shoreline improvements \*
* Entrance coming into downtown district needs to be cleared up
* Basketball court at one of the parks in Otranto \*

\* = top priorities for council

**ADJOURNMENT**

* *There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sally*
* *A second was made by Council Member Hedgpeth.*
* *All were in favor.*
* *There was no discussion.*
* *The motion was called, and the vote was 7-0.*
* *The meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.*