

**THE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**January 4, 2023**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023, AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR TREVA HODGES PRESIDING.**

Council members present were Mark (Bo) Bertram, Ruthie Jackson, BJ Steele, Brian Hester, and JT Cox. Also present were Mayor Hodges, Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer, Council Attorney Mike Gillenwater, and Tyler Miller representing Perry McCall.

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**Invocation**

Councilman Cox

**Agenda**

Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 5-0.

**Minutes, Claims and PR Voucher**

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to approve the Minutes of 12/05/2022, the Claims and the PR voucher from 12/04/2022 to 12/25/2022, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Hodges opened the public hearing considering the Preliminary Engineering Report for the City of Charlestown Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. There was no discussion. Mayor Hodges closed the public hearing.

**Ethan Biggs Legislative Youth Advisor Report**

None

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Hodges mentioned what a great Christmas season we had and wished everyone a happy new year.

## **Council Comments**

Councilwoman Jackson asked about the empty homes on Jackson Way. Mayor Hodges replied that the attorney for the Redevelopment Commission is working to resolve the situation. Councilwoman Jackson also requested that items not be added to the agenda last minute so the council has time to look things over. She asked about the news on the civic center. Mayor Hodges explained the process that is taking place on options for the new civic complex. Tony Jackson was asked what the status is on the new Huck's. He replied there will be soft opening in the next couple of weeks with a grand opening to follow about 30 days later.

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Resolution 2023-R-01**

Resolution 2023-R-01 approves the Preliminary Engineering Report for which we just had the public hearing.

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to table Resolution 2023-R-01 until the everyone has had time to go over the information, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 5-0.

## **Resolution 2023-R-02**

Resolution 2023-R-02 approves the authorized representative for the SRLF Program. JTL will be authorized to submit to the SRLF on behalf of the city. Councilman Hester motioned to approve Resolution 2023-R-02, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 5-0.

With the advice of Attorney Gillenwater, Councilwoman Jackson makes a motion to table Resolution 2023-R-02 until the language in the resolution can be changed to not grant JTL full control of signing for the loan, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

## **Ordinance 2023-OR-01**

Ordinance 2023-OR-01 amends Ordinance 2016-OR-19 Zoning Ordinance. Tony Jackson asked the council to wait on this resolution until the next meeting so that Attorney Gillenwater can correct some of the verbiage.

Councilman Steele motioned to table Resolution 2023-OR-01, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 5-0.

## **New Business**

Councilman Cox nominated Ruthie Jackson as Council President, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 5-0.

Councilwomen Jackson motioned to approve Attorney Mike Gillenwater's Contract for 2023, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Steele.  
Approved 5-0.

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MAYOR, TREVA HODGES

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CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER

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