WORK SESSION
6:00 PM- Business Growth
*Suggestions to form a committee (to include business owners, residents, and member(s) of council) that will look into different options to draw people and families into the City. The committee will assist Council in creating different incentives that the City may offer business owners to bring restaurants, water feature similar to the park in Aiken, retail shops, etc.

WELCOME: Vernon Dunbar

INVOCATION: David Dunbar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:
Council present – Vernon Dunbar, David Dunbar, Sr., Terence Williams, Sammie McDuffie, Ill, Crystal Bing Smith
Others present – Zorayda El, Priscilla Young, Kendrick Patterson, Maxine Adams, Maria Tamimi-Bush, Chief Parks, Caiden Williams, Joshua Duval, (after roll call) Rasheka Gaines and Christopher Holley.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
*Joshua Duval- Wanted to know what the police activity was concerning on Myrtle Avenue.
*Priscilla Young -Inquired about medical center/urgent care facility coming to the City. Council advised that the discussion was with a private provider from Barnwell and after meeting with them the decision that they wouldn’t be a good fit for the City. Mayor Dunbar will be exploring further options through Aiken Regional Medical Center.
*Maxine Adams -Questioned if homeowners will be doing anything with the properties in areas outside CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) area. Council advised that the CDBG is funded to clear and demolish on the three streets designated in the grant. The City will move forward in securing funding for further projects throughout the City.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES
April 16, 2018- Regular Meeting
Motion to approve: David Dunbar

2nd to the motion: Eartha Rogers
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Selection of Election Commission Members (3)
*Vote was based on selection of one (1) new Commissioner-Joshua Duval
He has resigned from current role on Planning Commission member to resume new role of Election Commission member.
Motion to approve: Eartha Rogers

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Request for Atomic Festival Funds (attachment)
Motion to table until 06/11/18 Council meeting: Eartha Rogers

2nd to the motion: David Dunbar
There was a vote in favor of approval to table until 06/11/18 Council meeting

2. Request to Raise Fire Fees from $36 to $60 inside City limits
   Motion to approve: Eartha Rogers
   2nd to the motion: David Dunbar
   There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

3. Budget Discussion (attachment)

4. First Reading of the 2018/2019 Budget
   Motion to approve: Eartha Rogers
   2nd to the motion: David Dunbar
   There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

5. First Reading of Ordinance Approving Tax Millage
   Motion to approve: David Dunbar
   2nd to the motion: Eartha Rogers
   There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL
*Chief- Middleton/Mitchell did an excellent job apprehending the suspect that robbed Rite Aid here in the city and other robberies in Aiken & Lexington.

*Mike- Revised budget to be sent to Roger and Zorayda upon update of increased fire fees.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion to approve: Eartha Rogers
   2nd to the motion: David Dunbar
   There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
1. Personnel Matter- Zorayda El
   Motion to approve $1.00 increase & 60 days from today another increase to be determined through Administration Committee: Eartha Rogers
   2nd to the motion: David Dunbar
   There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Personnel Matter-Shawn Middleton
   Motion to approve increase to $19/hour & Title of Lieutenant: David Dunbar
   2nd to the motion: Eartha Rogers
   There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Memo: City Budget 2018/2019
Ordinance No. 06182018-1
Ordinance No. 06182018-2

City Clerk Signature/Date Mayor/Date