



MINUTES

South Congaree Town Council  
Special Called Council Meeting 6:00 PM

Monday, July 29, 2024

South Congaree Town Hall, Council Chambers  
119 West Berry Rd., West Columbia, SC 29172

**Members in Attendance:** Mayor Cindy Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Kitty Spires  
**Councilmembers:** Brian Jackson (6:02 PM), Debbie McIver (Absent), and Dwayne Prosser.  
**Attendees Present:** Interim Chief Mike Gordon, Town Attorney John Rakowsky,  
**Municipal Clerk Kerri Charlton (Absent)**

*The public was duly notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting.*

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**I. Call to Order.**

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

The Town is in compliance with the FOIA, posting 24 hours in advance.

Civility Pledge:

I pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints and finding solutions for the betterment of my city or town.

**II. Citizens Comments: None**

**III. Executive Session Entered at 6:02PM:**

A. **Section 30-4-70 (A) (2)** Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of Legal Advice where the Legal Advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim. (Hearing, Contract of Sale, Labor Law)

B. **B. S.C. Code 30-4-70 (A) (1)** Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.  
(Police Department, Municipal Clerk)

*Mayor Campbell made the motion* to enter Executive Session at 6:02 PM, Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires, Motion carries by unanimous vote of Councilmembers present.

*Mayor Campbell made a statement:* let the record reflect for the minutes that the Council exited Executive Session at 7:10 PM and reconvened to public forum.

*No Votes were taken during Executive Session.*

**Upon returning to open session, action may be taken by Council regarding matters discussed in the Executive Session.**

*Councilmember Jackson* made a motion to hold a Hearing as requested by Columbia Auto Parts on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 5:30 PM, *Seconded Councilmember Prosser*, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 7:11 PM**

- *Mayor Campbell- Yea*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea*
- *Councilman Jackson- Yea*
- *Councilwoman McIver-Absent*
- *Councilman Prosser-Yea*

Mayor Pro-Tem Spires made a motion to approve from ARPA funds the \$5,000.00 earnest money expenditure as required per the contract of sale for property the town is interested in purchasing and provided authorization to the Mayor as the signer for the contract of sale, Seconded Councilmember Prosser, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 7:12PM**

- *Mayor Campbell- Yea*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea*
- *Councilman Jackson- Yea*
- *Councilwoman McIver-Absent*
- *Councilman Prosser-Yea*


Mayor Pro-Tem Spires made a motion to contract with a labor attorney to clarify the employment policy for town employees, Seconded Councilmember Jackson, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:


**Motion carried at 7:13PM**

- *Mayor Campbell- Yea*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea*
- *Councilman Jackson- Yea*
- *Councilwoman McIver-Absent*
- *Councilman Prosser-Yea*

**IV. Adjournment of Council Meeting:**

The council, on the motion of Councilman Jackson, voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Motion carried with unanimous vote of councilmembers present.

  
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Attested by:  
Kitty Spires, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
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Approved by:  
Cindy Campbell, Mayor

8.20.24  
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Date Approved

*Civility Pledge*

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<https://www.facebook.com/TownOfSouthCongaree/videos/2172540366450109/> PT. 2.

**The public was duly notified of the date, time, and place of the upcoming meeting.**

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