



MINUTES

Council Meeting
April 19, 2022 - 6:30pm
South Congaree Town Hall
119 West Berry Rd.
West Columbia, SC, 29172

Members in Attendance: Mayor Cindy Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Mechelle Mabry and Council Members Jim Drennan, Brian Jackson and Bobby Porter

Also in Attendance: Lexington County Councilman Todd Cullum and Town Attorney John Rakowsky, Council member-elect Kitty Spires

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

I. Call to Order.

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
A quorum was present.

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Gene Henderson, Ebenezer Pentecostal Holiness Church gave the invocation.

II. Special Presentation to Airport High School JROTC

Mayor Campbell and Council recognized and congratulated the Airport High School award-winning Army JROTC Drill Team for their accomplishment on February 5, 2022, in the 4th Brigade Best of the Best and taking First Place Overall and Best of the Best Overall Champions for the ninth consecutive year competing against drill teams from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and Washington D.C.!

Most recently, the AHS JROTC Drill Team competed on April 14, 2022, in the All Army National Drill Team Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida placing 1st Place Platoon Inspection w/Arms, 5th Place Platoon Regulation w/Arms, 5th Place Color Guard, 10th Place Exhibition w/Arms and 3rd Place Overall! The AHS JROTC Drill Team competed on April 15 and 16 against the best JROTC programs from the Navy, Air Force, Marines and Army in the National High School Drill Team Championship placing 2nd Overall! This is the Drill Team's best finish ever at "The National Championship." The Airport High School Drill Team is led by Sargent Major Harry Ferguson, a senior Army instructor.

Senator Katrina Shealy, although unable to attend, sent her congratulations. Mayor Campbell and Council presented congratulatory certificates from Senator Shealy of the Senate of South Carolina to:

Andrea Bostick
Israel Campos
Kaylyn Fender
Matthew Hartley

De'Andrea Blair
Timothy Cotton
Abrizenia Gutierrez
Ry'Shawn Howell

Aakilah Bryson
Tiona Darby
Infiniti Guess
Jennifer Hughes

Mackenzie Laskowski
Shamia Pelzer
Joseph Stubaus
Andrew Harney

Grace Martey
Katrina Perez
William Trevathan
Bre'ashia Lester

Carrol Moore
Julyanis Sanchez
Darmaris Zermeno

III. Second Reading Ordinance 22-02

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT LEXINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE 21-20 CHAPTER 10, ANIMAL CONTROL, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY; TO INCLUDE SECTION 10-42 TETHERING AND SHELTER.

Lexington County Council adopted changes regarding the County's Animal Control Ordinance.

Councilman Jackson made a motion to adopt by reference Lexington County's Animal Control Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Porter.

Roll Call Vote –
Councilman Drennan – Yes
Councilman Jackson – Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – Yes
Councilman Porter – Yes
Mayor Campbell – Yes

IV. Approval of Minutes

March 10, 2022
March 15, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022 work session, seconded by Councilman Drennan.

Roll Call Vote –
Councilman Drennan – Yes
Councilman Jackson – Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – Yes
Councilman Porter – Yes
Mayor Campbell – Yes

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call Vote –
Councilman Drennan – Yes
Councilman Jackson – Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – Yes
Councilman Porter – Yes
Mayor Campbell – Yes

V. Oath of Office

- A. Brian Jackson – Councilmember
- B. Kitty Spires – Councilmember

Councilman Drennan, on behalf of Council, presented a plaque in appreciation to Councilman Porter and expressed a sincere thank you for his service to the Town of South Congaree.

Councilman Drennan administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Jackson with Councilwoman Mabry standing in support and holding the Bible.
Lexington County Councilman Todd Cullum administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Spires with her family standing in support and holding the Bible.

VI. Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilman Jackson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Mabry to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for the next two years, seconded by Councilman Drennan.

Roll Call Vote –

- Councilman Drennan – Yes
- Councilman Jackson – Yes
- Councilwoman Mabry – Yes
- Councilwoman Spires – Yes
- Mayor Campbell – Yes

VII. Reports

- Police Report – Chief Shumpert
- Code Enforcement Report – Officer Walker

Police Chief Shumpert congratulated Councilwoman Spires and Councilman Jackson on their election. Chief Shumpert reported 115 citations were issued in March 2022. Our newest Police Officer LaGrega has completed his training program and is working night shift. All the new patrol vehicles are in; however, striping and lights are on backorder for one. Chief Shumpert advised that their department was requested by Lexington County Sheriff's Department to answer calls to help cover the county during the shooting that took place at Columbiana Mall on April 16. The Police Department will hold an auction on April 29th of approximately 16 vehicles, small tractor, moped, and bicycles. He advised Council that he will be working on the PD budget this week. Chief Shumpert reported that PD had worked with Pelion PD to apprehend a burglary suspect that lived in South Congaree.

Chief Shumpert asked Council about several mobile home parks applying for business license within the last week and according to Town Ordinance, a licensed permit will not be issued each year until the annual May inspection has been done by the Building Official and the reports have been received by the Town Clerk. He went on to ask since there is no Building Official for the Town does this get forwarded to Lexington County? Chief Shumpert asked for

answer and procedure for inspections to be done in order to proceed and issue business licenses on MHPs trying to get their license as well get some things corrected.

Officer Walker congratulated Councilwoman Spires and Councilman Jackson on their election. He presented updates to include 590 Main Street is now a grassy field and ready for a new owner. Garden Lane property was purchased and work is underway to repair the house. Owner of property on Crystal Lane has been given notice to make repairs and if not finished by May 11 the property will be inspected for condemnation. Officer Walker advised according to Town Ordinance the mobile home parks are supposed to be inspected each year before they are issued a business license. Several have come into compliance and others are working with Officer Walker to come into compliance. He is working on estimates for demolition of Pine Street property and will forward to Council when all are received. He advised he has received five new complaints in the last month.

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry asked Officer Walker if he was enforcing the Town's Mobile Home ordinances. Officer Walker replied that's right; those are the ones being enforced since he started, and those are the ones that have been on the books since 1985 and those are the ones that everyone should have been familiar with; the new one that was voted on more recently does not go into effect until 2024 by the way it was written. Councilman Jackson asked if we need to back up the date since we have changed the business license from May to March? Officer Walker stated per the ordinance the inspections are to be completed in May. Councilwoman Spires added the ordinance would have to be updated. Mayor Campbell advised that Council will defer to the Town Attorney in regards to the questions posed to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry asked Chief Shumpert if all mobile homes business license have been put on hold until inspected? Chief Shumpert stated the ones that are coming in are being held up until the process is determined. He added that after the inspection is completed and repairs are needed, should we hold the business license; however, there are still tenants there and they are operating without a business license. Does PD evict the tenants; what is the PD supposed to do? Councilwoman Spires advised that Council will have to review the Ordinances to follow. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry answered she didn't think it does, but the Law does. Officer Walker stated that technically, by the ordinance if they are found in violation by the inspection they will be given time to fix it. By State law it is a 30 day eviction if they do not come into compliance. Officer Walker stated if we are going to do inspections we need to get started. Mayor Campbell advised Council will meet with Town Attorney and provide answers to their questions.

VIII. Citizens Comments

Public comment was made by Jerry Smith.

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to enter executive session after a 5-minute recess.

IX. Executive Session

A. Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

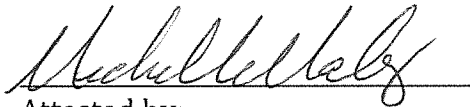
Discussion of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim.

No votes were taken during Executive Session.

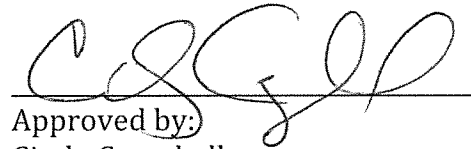
Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to reconvene at 8:24 p.m. in the public forum.

X. Adjournment

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.



Attested by:



Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor

5.17.2022

Date Approved