



MINUTES  
2024-2025 Budget Public Hearing 6:00 PM  
and Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 20, 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 (Absent), Debbie McIver, and Dwayne Prosser.  
**Attendees Present:** Municipal Clerk Kerri Charlton, Interim Chief Mike Gordon

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*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 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Tery Cutter; Safe Harbor Worship Center led the Invocation. The Town is in compliance with the FOIA, posting 24 hours in advance.

**II. Public Hearing:**

**Opening Statement:** Mayor Campbell and Pro-Tem Spires provided Budget details for Public informational purposes.

Ordinance 2024-25-01: Fiscal Budget.

**Public Testimony:** None

**Close Hearing:** 6:08 PM

**III. First Reading Fiscal Budget**

Ordinance 2024-25-01: Fiscal Budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spires made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget, Seconded by Councilmember McIver, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 6:09 PM**

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

**IV. Citizens Comments:**

Janice Lynch raised significant concerns regarding the location and use of the Blessing Box, highlighting issues with safety due to the proximity of drug addicts and sex offenders to the park and children.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

*February 15, 2024, Work Session*

*February 20, 2024, Council Meeting*

*February 27, 2024, Special Called Meeting*

*March 12, 2024, SCM & Work Session*

*March 19, 2024, Council Meeting*

*April 16, 2024, Council Meeting*

*April 18, 2024, Special Called Meeting*

*April 23, 2024, Special Called Meeting*

Mayor Pro-Tem Spires made a motion to collectively approve the minutes listed as information with the corrections provided to the Municipal Clerk, Seconded by Councilmember Prosser, NO Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 6:20 PM**

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

**VI. Executive Session**

**A.** 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 & Code Enforcement update, Town Clerk)

**B.** 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. (GMK Services Update)

**C.** Section 30-4-70 (A)(5) Discussion of matters concerning the proposed location, expansion or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body. (Town Facilities)

*Executive Session Invitees: Chris Clark GMK, Chief Mike Gordon, Municipal Clerk Kerri Charlton, Clerk)*

Mayor Campbell made the motion to enter Executive Session at **6:20 PM** Motion seconded by Councilmember McIver; **Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Campbell made the motion to exit Executive Session at **7:12 PM** and reconvene to public forum as the regular Council meeting, Motion seconded by Councilmember Prosser.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

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.**

**VII. First Reading Compensatory Time Ordinance**

*ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04*

Councilmember McIver made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-04 to amend Chapter 37, Police Department of South Congaree to add Compensatory Time, Seconded by Pro-Tem Spires, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 7:14 PM**

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

Councilmember Prosser made a motion to pay former Officer Brooks 107 compensatory hours recorded on his time sheet, and also former Sergeant Walker 109 compensatory time recorded on his time sheet, Seconded by Councilmember McIver, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 7:15 PM**

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

**VIII. First Reading Special Events Ordinance**

*ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05*

Councilmember Prosser made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-05 adopt an ordinance, adopting a Special Events Permit in Chapter 96- Special Events into the South Congaree code of Ordinances, Seconded Councilmember McIver, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 7:16 PM**

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

**IX. First Reading Hospitality Tax Ordinance**

*ORDINANCE 2024-06*

Mayor Campbell made a motion to approve the first reading of the Hospitality Tax Ordinance No. 2024-06, an ordinance providing for a local hospitality tax on the sales of prepared meals and beverages in establishments within the Town of South Congaree Chapter 117 -Hospitality Tax, into the South Congaree code of Ordinances, Seconded Councilmember Prosser No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 7:17 PM**

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Spires made a motion to extend the Landscape Contract with Prosperity Lawncare with no Fee increase through June 30, 2025, Seconded Councilmember McIver No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

**Motion carried at 7:18 PM**

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

**Notice to the Public:**

Second and Final reading of the FY 2024-2025 Budget will be held on Thursday June 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The next Quarterly Litter pickup will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024. We will meet at Town Hall at 9:00 AM. Please be aware of Scammer calls. Do not give out any personal account information over the phone.

**X. Adjournment of Council Meeting:**

The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, voted to adjourn the meeting at **7:20 PM**. Motion carried with unanimous vote of council.



Attested by:  
Kerri Charlton, Municipal Clerk



Approved by:  
Cindy Campbell, Mayor

7.16.24  
Date Approved

*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.*

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<https://www.facebook.com/TownOfSouthCongaree/videos/1515767009029296/> PT 2

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

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