



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 6:00 PM
South Congaree Town Hall, Council Chambers
119 West Berry Rd., West Columbia, SC 29172

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Cindy Campbell, Mayor
Kitty Spires, Mayor Pro Tem
Debbie McIver
Dwayne Prosser

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Brian Jackson

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Pastor Gerald Watford, Dunn's Chapel Church
Crystal Bouknight, Town Administrator
Kelli Ricard, Town Clerk
Dennard Small, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd Law Firm

MEDIA NOTIFICATION:

The agenda was posted at Town Hall, and The State, Free Times, Lexington County Chronicle, Cayce-West Columbia News, The Columbia Star, COLADaily.com, as well as radio and television stations, were notified by email on January 12, 2026.

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. Pastor Gerald Watford, Dunn's Chapel Church, led the invocation.

II. Announcements and Communications by the Mayor

Mayor Campbell stated that this was the only meeting of the month. Council was attending MASC's Hometown Legislative Day at the State House on January 20, 2026.

III. Requests for Appearances/Citizen Comment Period

a. Mayor Campbell recognized Mr. Harold K. Fenske, 103 Papa Lane. Mr. Fenske requested a permit from the South Congaree Police Department to discharge a pellet gun within the town limits for pest control purposes. Mayor Campbell read aloud Title XII, Chapter 130, Sections 15 and 16 of the South Congaree Code of Ordinances. She stated that Council would consult with the Town Attorney in executive session regarding the ordinance and that the Town Clerk would notify Mr. Fenske of Council's decision at a later date. Mr. Fenske addressed Council regarding an unresolved squirrel issue in his attic and thanked Council for its consideration.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Campbell entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the December 16th Public Hearing and Regular Council meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Spires made a motion to approve the minutes, and Council Member Prosser seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

Mayor Campbell entertained a motion to consider ratifying the authorization of the settlement of pending litigation using Town funds not to exceed \$20,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Spires made a motion, and Council Member Prosser seconded the motion.

Council Member McIver asked why the Town's insurance would not cover the full cost of the settlement. Town Administrator Crystal Bouknight stated that the Insurance Reserve Fund established the amount it is willing to cover for a claim. If the plaintiff does not agree to settle for that amount, the Town would be responsible for any remaining balance required to complete the settlement.

The motion passed, with Mayor Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Spires, and Council Member Prosser in favor of approving the expenditure; Council Member McIver opposed.

VI. Adjourn to Executive Session

Mayor Campbell made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for receipt of legal advice regarding the Town of South Congaree Ordinance, Firearms, Title XIII, Chapter 130 (Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70 (A) (2)). Council Member McIver seconded the motion. Council adjourned to executive session at 6:19 PM.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. **Reconvene to Regular Session**

Mayor Campbell stated that no votes were taken during the executive session and moved to adjourn the executive session and reconvene to the regular session. Council Member Prosser seconded the motion. Council reconvened at 6:38 PM.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **After Reconvening to Regular Session, Action May be Taken by Council Regarding Matters Discussed in the Executive Session**

Mayor Campbell asked if there were any motions for consideration after leaving the executive session.

Council Member Prosser made a motion to deny the application request to discharge a gun or pellet gun inside the town limits for pest control purposes. Mayor Pro Tem Spires seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

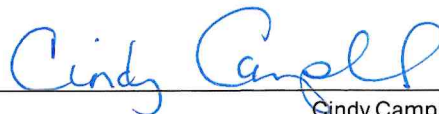
IX. **Adjournment**

Mayor Campbell made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Pro Tem Spires seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

The motion passed unanimously.



Kelli Ricard, Town Clerk



Cindy Campbell, Mayor

Date Approved: February 17, 2026