



## MINUTES

Special Called  
Council Meeting  
July 13, 2021, 6:30pm  
South Congaree Town Hall  
Council Chambers  
119 West Berry Rd.  
West Columbia, SC, 29172

**Members in Attendance:** Mayor Cindy Campbell, Council Members Jim Drennan, Brian Jackson, and Bobby Porter

**Not in Attendance:** Pro-Tem Mechelle Mabry

**Also in Attendance:** Municipal Clerk Sharon Williams and Interim Building Official Chris Netherton

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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 6:33 PM. A quorum was present. Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave invocation.

**II. Second Reading: Ordinance – 2021-004**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TOWN OPERATING BUDGET, ITS EXECUTION AND EFFECT, FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

Councilman Jackson made a motion to approve the budget as published, seconded by Councilman Drennan.

Councilman Porter stated that he cannot vote for the budget as published out of respect of the citizens of South Congaree due to the line item of 601500 totaling \$25,000. Councilman Porter made a motion to amend the 2021-2022 budget to amend the line item 601500 to \$12,000 for the part-time building inspector, take \$7,000 of the reduction and add to the landscaping line item which will bring that to a total of \$22,600, and create a new line item with the remaining \$6,000 for Administrative Asset Recovery. Councilman Jackson requested clarification on the administrative asset recovery and Councilman Porter explained it would be for unforeseen disputes or attorney fees. Councilman Jackson stated that the reason he wanted to keep the proposed budget the way it is published is the proposed inspector is currently charging \$50 per inspection and the workload could be higher than the \$25,000. Interim Building Official, Chris Netherton, was in attendance and clarified by stating that he proposes a flat \$1,000 per month regardless of how many inspections are completed. The proposal is also a 1099 subcontractor position.

Mayor Campbell seconded the amended motion made by Councilman Porter.

Councilman Drennan proposed to make a position for an ordinance enforcer. Councilman Jackson suggested working with Chief Shumpert to create a Victim's Advocate/ Code Enforcement combined position in the future. Councilman Porter stated that a cost

estimate and research should be completed before money is set aside for a code enforcement position.

Councilman Jackson polled the audience for interest if anyone wanted money to be put towards code enforcement rather than Administrative Asset Recovery and Landscaping. No one from the audience raised their hand.

Public comment was made by Kitty Spires, resident of South Congaree.

Councilman Jackson stated that Council worked for months, and the only disagreement was the part-time Building Inspector. He also stated he would like to "give that kudos to Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry who put that budget together."

Mayor Campbell requested for a Roll Call vote on the motion to amend the 2021-22 budget.

Campbell – Yes  
Drennan – Nay  
Jackson- Nay  
Porter- Yes

The motion failed to carry with a vote of 2 to 2.

Mayor Campbell requested a Roll Call Vote on the original motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Drennan, to approve the budget as it was published.

Mayor Campbell stated for the record, "I promise our citizens we will not be spending \$25,000 on a part-time building inspector, even though it is in the budget, we will amend this budget."

Campbell-Yes  
Drennan- Yes  
Jackson- Yes  
Porter- Nay

The motion passed with a vote of 3-1.

**III. Executive Session:**

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

**Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.**

**Land Scape Contract**

A motion was made by Mayor Campbell to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Jackson. Mayor Campbell called for a roll call vote.

Campbell- Yes  
Drennan- yes  
Jackson- yes  
Porter- yes

The motion passed with a unanimous vote of Council.

Council on the motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:34 PM.

***Upon returning to open session, Council may take action regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.***

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson to accept the bid from Prosperity Lawn Care for the lawn care and maintenance, seconded by Councilman Drennan. Mayor Campbell requested a roll call vote.

Campbell- Yes  
Drennan- Yes  
Jackson- Yes  
Porter- No

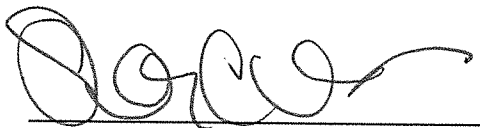
The motion passed with a vote of 3- 1.

**IV. Citizens Comments**

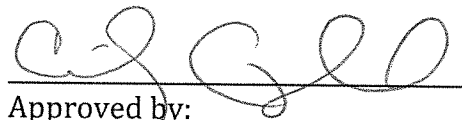
There were no public comments.

**V. Adjournment**

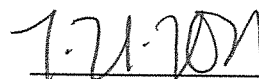
Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.



Attested by:  
Sharon Williams,  
Municipal Clerk



Approved by:  
Cindy Campbell,  
Mayor



Date Approved