



MINUTES

Special Called and
Work Session Council Meeting
March 12, 2024, 6:30PM
South Congaree Town Hall
Council Chambers
119 West Berry Rd.
West Columbia, SC, 29172

Members in Attendance: Mayor Cindy Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Mechelle Mabry,
Councilmembers: Brian Jackson, Kitty Spires, and Jim Drennan.
Also in Attendance: Municipal Clerk Kerri Charlton, Town Attorney John Rakowsky.

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 **6:30 PM**. A quorum was present. Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Mayor Campbell read the Freedom of Information Act.

II. Executive Session Entered at 6:36PM:

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. (Personnel: Clerk of Court and Interim Police Chief,)

Invites: Brittany Burns Pine Ridge Clerk of Court, Judge Kenneth Ebener, Town Attorney John Rakowsky, and Town Clerk Kerri Charlton.

Mayor Campbell made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:31 PM, Motion seconded by Councilman Jackson after a five-minute break, Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Mayor Campbell made the motion to invite Brittany Burns Pine Ridge Clerk of Court, Judge Kenneth Ebener, Town Attorney John Rakowsky, and Town Clerk Kerri Charlton into Executive Session at 6:32 PM, Motion seconded by Councilwoman Spires, Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Mayor Campbell made the motion to exit Executive Session at **8:23 PM**, and reconvene to public forum, Motion seconded by Councilman Drennan, Motion carries by unanimous vote. No Votes were taken during Executive Session.

Councilwoman Spires made a motion to appoint Captain Chris Garner as the Interim Police Chief effective March 12, 2024. Amended by Councilman Drennan with the exception of the hiring and firing without Councils discretion, Seconded by Councilman Jackson. No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Motion carried at 8:24PM

- Councilman Drennan-Yea
- Councilman Jackson- Yea
- Councilwoman Spires- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry- Yea
- Mayor Campbell- Yea

III. Items for Council Work Session discussion:

Town Sign:

This month marks the one-year mark the Town sign has not worked. Optic Displays did come out and presented a few options. Councilman Drennan recommended using the Specs from the presenter to create an RFP for a minimum of three bids. The RFP needs to follow the Town Ordinance. The Town Sign is vital for communication with the Town Citizens. Town Clerk clarifies what councils' expectations are.

Septic and Well Update:

The Municipal Clerk gives her update for the Connection fee to hook up to the City of Cayce for public water on the park and courtroom side. The fee is \$2755.00 to hook-up to the City of Cayce water. Council tasks Municipal Clerk to reach out to plumbers for three quotes to run the pipe to connect to Cayce water. Councilman Jackson asks to table this until Tuesdays Council meeting.

Lexington County Agreement:

The Lexington County Council voted December 6, 2023, to terminate the roads and maintenance agreement for future subdivisions within our Municipal Boundaries effective February 28, 2024. The council has received the new agreement that Lexington county has approved. Lexington County Council has passed and asked that we discuss and execute the new agreement. County Administrator Lynn Sturkie sent an updated email stating the prior March 15, 2024, deadline to sign has not been imposed, there is not a hard deadline at this time. Mayor Campbell received an invitation to attend the Lexington County Legislative Delegation on March 15, 2024, to discuss the agreement. No action is required at this time. Open for discussion. Councilwoman Spires added it is a good idea to wait until after the meeting for more details.

2022 Audit Firms:

The final draft of the 2021 Audit has been received. The Municipal Clerk is to reach out to McKinley Cooper Audit firm to attend the March 19, 2024, regular meeting to go over their findings. The Council need to discuss and select a firm. The Council requested the Municipal Clerk reach out to the list of Audit Firms for availability.

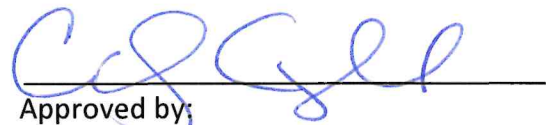
IV. Citizens Comments: No Comments

V. Adjournment

The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted to adjourn the meeting at **8:42 PM**. Motion carried with unanimous vote of council.



Attested by:
Kerri Charlton,
Municipal Clerk



Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor

6-20-2024
Date Approved

For the complete Live Stream Video, Please see the following Facebook Links:

<https://www.facebook.com/TownOfSouthCongaree/videos/937238854775423>

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

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