



MINUTES
Special Called Meeting
April 18, 2024, 5:30PM
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.
Also in Attendance: 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 **5:30 PM**. A quorum was present.

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. Mayor Campbell read the Freedom of Information Act.

II. Legislative Items:

Ordinance 2024-02: First Reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31: COUNCIL MEETINGS, SECTION 31.01 (A) TIME, DATE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH CONGAREE.

Councilmember McIver made a Motion (5:32PM) to approve the first reading to amend Town Ordinance Chapter 31: Council Meetings, Section 31.01 (A), to establish the second Tuesday of each month as the permanent workshop meeting to begin at 5:30 PM, and the Regular Council meeting to be held on the third, Tuesday of each month to begin at 6:00 PM, Motion seconded by Councilman Prosser. No Discussion.

Motion carried at 5:33 PM

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

III. Executive Session Entered at:

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, Municipal Attorney, Town Commissions and Boards, ARPA)

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.
(SAFEBuilt Contract, GMK Services, GFC Contract, Legal Update)

- C. **Section 30-4-70 (A)(3)** Discussion regarding the development of security personnel or devices. (Police Department)
- D. **Section 30-4-70 (A)(4)** Investigative proceedings or allegations of criminal misconduct. (Internal Audit)
- E. **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 and Proposed Financing options)

- Mayor Campbell made the motion to enter into Executive Session at **5:34 PM**, Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires, Motion carries by unanimous vote.
- Mayor Campbell made the motion to invite Eric Devan of Devan and Associates, Chris Clark from GMK Associates, and the Town Attorney John Rakowsky into Executive Session at **5:34 PM**, Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires, Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Mayor Campbell made the motion to exit Executive Session at 8:33 PM, and reconvene to Public forum, Motion seconded by Councilwoman McIver, Motion carries 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

Councilwoman McIver made a motion (8:33 PM) to appoint Mike Gordon to Interim Police Chief, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires for 24 hours per week, No discussion. Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried at 8:33 PM

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

Councilman Prosser made a motion (8:34 PM) to put out for bids to hire a part-time code enforcement officer for 20 hours per week, seconded by Councilwoman McIver, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried at 8:35 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 (8:36 PM) to contract with Devan and associates to assist in the recruit and search for Police Chief, Seconded by Councilwoman McIver. No Discussion. Roll call vote.

Motion carried at 8:37 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 (8:37 PM) to move forward with GMK associates with an agreement for the scope of work to design a massing plan for a new facility, seconded by Councilman Prosser. No Discussion. Roll call vote.

Motion carried at 8:38 PM

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

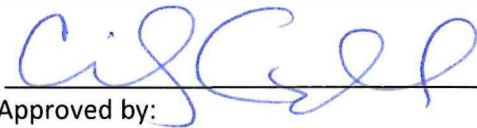
IV. Citizen Comments: No Citizen comments.

V. Adjournment of Council Meeting:

The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires, voted to adjourn the meeting at **8:38 PM**. Motion carried with unanimous vote of council.



Attested by:
Kerri Charlton,
Municipal Clerk



Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor

4-20-2024
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.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/TownOfSouthCongaree/videos/1119559369084441>

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

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