



## MINUTES

Public Hearing and  
Council Meeting  
June 21, 2021, 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 and Council Members Brian Jackson and Bobby Porter

**Council Members not in attendance:** Councilman Jim Drennan

**Also in Attendance:** Municipal Clerk Williams, Major Jonas, Bookkeeper Marsha Harsey, and Pastor Charles Hutchinson.

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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 6:32 PM. A quorum was present. Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Pastor Charles Hutchinson of Platt Springs Baptist Church to give the Invocation.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**April 15, 2021** -Council, on the motion of Councilman Bobby Porter, seconded by Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to approve the April 15, 2021, minutes.

**April 20, 2021**-Council, on the motion of Councilman Bobby Porter, seconded by Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to table the April 20, 2021, minutes to allow for clarification on the Lexington County Stormwater Ordinance.

**May 11, 2021**- Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to approve the May 11, 2021, minutes.

**May 18, 2021**- Council, on the motion of Pro-Tem Mabry, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to approve the May 18, 2021, minutes.

**May 27, 2021**- Council, on the motion of Pro-Tem Mabry, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to approve the May 27, 2021, minutes.

**June 10, 2021**- Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to approve the June 10, 2021, minutes.

**III. Public Hearing Ordinance 21-004 –**

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

Public comment was given by Dwayne Prosser, resident of South Congaree. Mr. Prosser expressed concerns with the wages of the part-time building inspector. He stated that it was excessive and fiscally imprudent. Mr. Prosser also asked a question regarding the amount of the budget item for the Chief's cell phone. It was clarified that line item was for the cell phone as well as mi-fi devices for officer patrol cars.

Public comment was given by Roger Spires, resident of South Congaree. Mr. Spires stated that it is extremely excessive for the Town to be paying the part time building inspector that kind of money. Mr. Spires also stated when you look at the receipts that the Town has received for the inspections and do an offset, it is nowhere close to covering the cost. He asked the Council to reconsider the decision.

**IV. Adjourn Public Hearing and Return to Regular Meeting**

With no other comments from Town citizens for or against the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Mayor Campbell declared the Public Hearing adjourned and the Council Meeting back into open session at 7:00 PM. Councilman Jackson arrived at the meeting.

**V. First Reading Ordinance 21-004**

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A motion was made by Pro-Tem Mabry, seconded by Councilman Jackson to approve the 2021-2022 budget as published.

Discussion was held on the motion. Councilman Porter stated that the public comments made during the public hearing were 100 % justified. He stated that 98% of the budget he agreed with, but he could not in good conscience vote to approve it with the part time building inspector making that salary with no defined scope of work, hours, or defined responsibilities. He stated that he conferred with the Town Attorney, Mr. John Rakowsky, and three meetings ago Council decided to create a scope of work and expectations for the part time building inspector. He stated that to date no scope of work, expectations, or hours have been created for the part time building inspector.

Mayor Campbell stated that she in good conscious cannot vote for a budget that would give a part time employee who has no documented scope of work or defined hours a salary of \$25,000 per year when the Town has fulltime employees who work 40 hours per week who have defined job duties that make a little over \$30,000.

Pro-Tem Mabry stated that per the minutes that were approved earlier in the meeting, Council was waiting on Municipal Clerk, Williams, to gather a scope of work and hours of operation so that had been addressed.

The motion was not carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry and Councilman Jackson voted in favor and Mayor Campbell and Councilman Porter opposed.

VI. **Reports:**

Major Jonas presented the monthly report to Council. Major Jonas informed Council there has been an influx of higher-level criminals in town and the department has handled the cataloging of evidence and processing of the cases well. Major Jonas presented Council with the positive results of the recent SLED Audit. Major Jonas also informed Council that Kids Kamp was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

VII. **Update on Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission**

Councilman Porter provided an updated to Council. Councilman Porter informed Council that last month's meeting was cancelled so he took the opportunity to contact the CEO of JMWSC and discuss the needs of South Congaree. Per that discussion South Congaree will now be a line item exclusively for the next meeting which will give him the opportunity to lay out the Town's potential plan for SC 302 and to make comparison with ongoing projects that are currently in progress that are being done in phases. Councilman Porters next meeting will be with the City of Cayce Department of Public Works to confirm what capacity is available.

VIII. **2018-2019 Audit Recommendation**

Southern First ICS Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Pro-Tem Mabry, to make the recommended Insured Cash Sweep Agreement for \$35,000 at Southern First. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Council.

IX. **2019-2020 Audit**

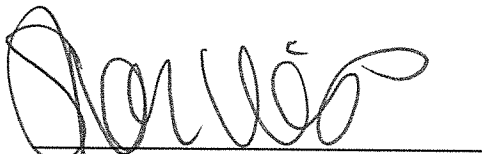
Council, on the Motion of Mayor Campbell, Seconded by Councilman Porter, voted to move forward with 2019-2020 audit. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Council.

X. **Citizens Comments**

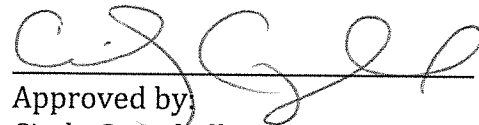
There were no public comments.

XI. **Adjournment**

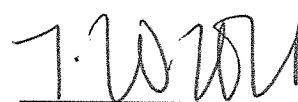
Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.



Attested by:  
Sharon Williams,  
Municipal Clerk



Approved by  
Cindy Campbell,  
Mayor



Date Approved