



## MINUTES

Regular Scheduled  
Council Meeting  
August 17, 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 Mabry, Council Members Jim Drennan and Bobby Porter

**Members Not in Attendance:** Councilmember Brian Jackson

**Also in attendance:** Municipal Clerk Sharon Williams, Chief of Police Josh Shumpert, Town Attorney John Rakowsky, Pastor of Congaree Baptist Church Jerry Freeman

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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 6:35 PM. A quorum was present. Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Pastor Jerry Freeman to give invocation.

Mayor Campbell invited Lexington County Councilman Bimbo Jones to provide an update from Lexington County Council. Councilman Jones advised the Lexington County Public Works Department, maintains approximately 600 miles of highway and dirt roads within the County. Councilman Jones also stated that the Public Works Department is working through a labor shortage and currently restructuring their training and employee retention programs.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Mayor Campbell, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from July 20, 2021. The motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry abstained from voting as she was not present for the July 20, 2021, meeting.

### **III. Reports**

Police Report- Chief Shumpert advised Council the department issued approximately 158 citations in the last month. Chief Shumpert worked with Municipal Clerk Williams and visited seven businesses not in compliance with business licenses. Chief Shumpert stated that the two new patrol vehicles have been ordered and should be delivered by the end of October. He thanked Dirt Cheap for coming in and cleaning up the heavy growth and vegetation along the back fence in the tow yard.

Chief Shumpert introduced the new School Resource Officer, Ms. Sara Brand. Officer Brand started with the department on Monday and will serve as the SRO at Congaree Elementary School.

Officer Brand was then sworn in by Chief Shumpert.

Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Mayor ProTem Mabry, voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Update. The motion carried.

Councilman Porter reported that he had advised Jay Nicholson, General Manager Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission, that the feasibility study was included in the 2021/2022 budget. Councilman Porter stated that Joint Municipal will assist with selecting an engineering firm to conduct the Feasibility Study. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2021.

**IV. Executive Session:**

Council on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to go into executive session. The motion carried.

**A. Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)**

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

**Town Attorney  
Part-Time Building Official  
Courtroom Renovations**

Council on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:46 PM.

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

Council on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to reconvene at 8:19 PM in the public forum.

Council, on the motion of Councilman Drennan, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to select JanPro to provide janitorial services for the next year. The motion carried.

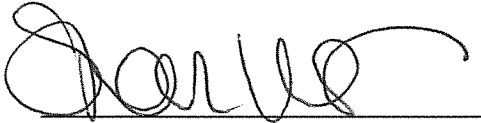
Councilman Drennan made a motion to amend the budget to move \$13,000 from the part-time building inspector line item to create a part-time code enforcement position. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry seconded the motion. Council discussed the details of the position agreed that it could be discussed further during the September workshop. Mayor Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry, and Councilman Drennan voted in favor. Councilman Porter opposed. The motion carried.

**XII. Citizens Comments**

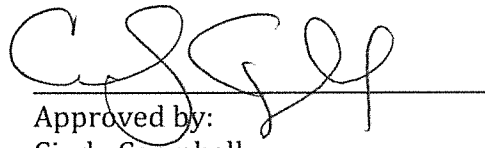
There were no public comments

**XIII. Adjournment**

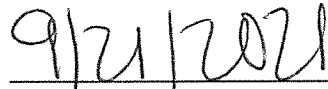
Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.



Attested by:  
Sharon Williams,  
Municipal Clerk



Approved by:  
Cindy Campbell,  
Mayor



Date Approved