



MINUTES

Special Called Council Meeting
July 27, 2022 - 6:30 pm
South Congaree Town Hall
Council Chambers
119 West Berry Rd.
West Columbia, SC, 29172

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

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In attendance

Mayor Cindy Campbell Mayor Pro-Tem Mechelle Mabry
Councilmembers Jim Drennan Councilmember Kitty Spires (via telephone)
Councilmember Brian Jackson (via telephone)

Staff

City Attorney, John Rakowsky Municipal Clerk, Teresa Benjamin

Presenters: None

Attendees: a list of attendees will accompany the minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Campbell

Invocation – Mayor Campbell

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

June 16, 2022 Council Work Session
June 21, 2022 Public Hearing
June 21, 2022 Council Regular Meeting
June 28, 2022 Special Called Meeting

Mayor Campbell made a proposal to accept both sets of revised meeting minutes as information only. Councilmember Drennan inquired since the revision from Mayor Pro Tem Mabry had been sent to them, why can they not be approved? Municipal Clerk Benjamin responded that both sets of revisions were included in the packet and a motion can be made to approve them. Mayor Campbell stated that if Councilmember Drennan wanted to proceed that he could make a motion.

For the record: Mayor Campbell acknowledged that Councilmember Spires and Councilmember Jackson was in attendance via telephone.

Councilmember Spires made a motion to accept the proposal accepting both sets of meeting minutes as information only: Second: Mayor Campbell; Motion: An amendment was made to the motion to consolidate the two sets of minutes with the indicated corrections. Discussion: Councilmember Drennan posed the question that if both sets of minutes passes as information only; it may cause some confusion. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry explained that she reviewed the minutes and there were things included that she did not say; as well as there were votes not included. City Attorney Rakowsky recommended tabling this item to allow the opportunity to consolidate the two sets of minutes, because there should only be one set of minutes.

A motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes until both sets can be Consolidated and reviewed by Council: Councilmember Drennan
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mabry

Roll Call Vote –

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry	Yes
Councilwoman Spires	No
Councilman Drennan	Yes
Councilman Jackson	Yes
Mayor Campbell	Yes

Motion passed: 4 Ayes; 1 Nay

For the record: Mayor Campbell asked Municipal Clerk Benjamin when would the minutes be completed? Municipal Clerk Benjamin responded by the next Council Worksession.

- II. **OPENING OF BIDS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES** – Mayor Campbell read aloud the Invitation to Bid/Proposal for Financial Services and explained each of their costs and service criteria.

A. Greene Finney Cauley \$2,000 start-up Total: \$37,800

Discussion: Councilmember Drennan inquired about the re-evaluate their fees every six months. Mayor Campbell stated that this will need to be made clear if this firm is selected to manage the Town of South Congaree Financial Services. Councilmember Spires stated that she did not see the information he stated on the June 23, 2022 submission. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry read aloud the statement from the previous submission under fee schedule. Mayor Campbell asked the City Attorney legally if this would take place, what would be the best way to manage. City Attorney Rakowsky responded; they would have to honor what is stated on their last submission.

Roll Call Vote –
Mayor Pro Tem Mabry Yes
Councilwoman Spires Yes
Councilman Drennan Yes
Councilman Jackson Yes
Mayor Campbell Yes

Motion passed: Unanimously

III. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION 2022-04: FINAL READING

A Resolution for Technical Assistance Agreement between the Town of South Congaree and Central Midlands Council of Governments to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

A motion to accept the agreement for Technical Assistance between the Town of South Congaree and Central Midlands Council of Governments to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan: Councilmember Jackson; Second: Councilmember Drennan; Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Mabry requested that payments be made according to milestones. Mayor Campbell read aloud what was stated according to the agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry would like this to be stated in the agreement in reference to the charges and how they would be managed. City Attorney Rakowsky was asked for his legal opinion what would be the best way to manage indicating that the necessary change in how they will provide reports to Council.

Roll Call Vote –
Mayor Pro Tem Mabry Yes
Councilwoman Spires Yes
Councilman Drennan Yes
Councilman Jackson Yes
Mayor Campbell Yes

A motion to accept the Resolution approving the agreement for Technical Assistance between the Town of South Congaree and Central Midlands Council of Governments to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Pro Tem Mabry; Second: Councilmember Jackson

Roll Call Vote –
Mayor Pro Tem Mabry Yes
Councilwoman Spires Yes
Councilman Drennan Yes
Councilman Jackson Yes
Mayor Campbell Yes

Motion passed: Unanimously

- IV. **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION** – After discussing the appointment to the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission proposing to appoint the Mayor as the Commissioner and for an alternate be appointed. **FOR THE RECORD** – Mayor Campbell expressed her desire, as Mayor, to serve on this board. A motion to appoint Mayor Campbell to the Joint Water and Sewer Commission: Councilmember Spires; Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mabry; Discussion: Councilmember Jackson asked why is the change? Mayor Pro Tem Mabry asked the Mayor to explain the function of this commission. Mayor Campbell explained that she would be honored to serve alongside the other Mayors on this commission. Mayor Campbell stated that, if appointed, an alternate need to be appointed in case the primary is not in attendance. She reiterated **FOR THE RECORD**, she, as Mayor, would be honored to serve on this commission. Mayor Campbell has been asked several times, why has the Mayor was not appointed to the commission and admittedly expressed her desire to serve.

Roll Call Vote –
Mayor Pro Tem Mabry No
Councilwoman Spires Yes
Councilman Drennan No
Councilman Jackson No
Mayor Campbell Yes

Motion defeated: 3 – No and 2 -Yes

A motion to appoint the Mayor as the alternate to the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission: Councilmember Drennan; Second: Mayor Pro Mabry

Roll Call Vote –
Mayor Pro Tem Mabry Yes
Councilwoman Spires Yes
Councilman Drennan Yes
Councilman Jackson Yes
Mayor Campbell Yes

Motion passed: Unanimously

- V. **TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL** – The Town of South Congaree is in receipt of a proposed job description for a hybrid position: Discussion – Councilmember Jackson asked where would the funding come from to pay someone for this position considering the licensing that is needed? Councilmember Spires read aloud the amounts from the budgeted areas. Mayor Campbell proposed that no salary be placed on the advertisement, and it should be based on the applicant qualifications. Mayor Campbell also recognized one of the vendors that was at the MASC Annual Conference. The representative spoke with Councilmember Drennan at the Conference. This will be an opportunity to post this position to see if we would receive any qualified candidates. A motion to post this position: Councilmember Jackson; Second: Councilmember Drennan; Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Mabry asked where this position will be posted, and Council made some suggestions with an open-ended date to apply.

Roll Call Vote –

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry	Yes
Councilwoman Spires	Yes
Councilman Drennan	Yes
Councilman Jackson	Yes
Mayor Campbell	Yes

Motion passed: Unanimously with the change of 2 – 5 years' experience

- VI. **A motion to amend the agenda to include the matter of cleaning-up the Town of South Congaree's Tow Yard: Councilmember Drennan; Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mabry. A motion to approve the clean-up the Town of South Congaree's Tow Yard: Councilmember Drennan; Second: Councilmember Jackson**

Roll Call Vote –

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry	Yes
Councilwoman Spires	Yes
Councilman Drennan	Yes
Councilman Jackson	Yes
Mayor Campbell	Yes

Motion passed: Unanimously

- VII. **DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS AND CHANGING THE DATE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST WORKSESSION**; The Worksession had been changed from Thursday, August 11 to Tuesday, August 9, 2022. At that time there will be a discussion about possibly hiring a part-time Maintenance/Janitorial worker.

ADJOURNMENT

Having heard all matters, Mayor Campbell moved that Council adjourn at 8:05 p.m.
Second Councilmember Spires
The motion passed with a unanimous vote of council.

Jessica K. Benjamin
Attested by:

Cindy Campbell
Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor
8.16.2022

