



MINUTES
Regular Scheduled
Council Meeting
March 16, 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 Member Jim Drennan

Also in attendance: House Representative RJ May, Lexington County Councilman Bimbo Jones, Former Lexington County Councilman Bobby Keisler, and Pastor Tom Atten.

Council Members not in Attendance: Bobby Porter and Brian Jackson

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

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Pastor Tom Atten to give Invocation.

II. Special Presentation – R.J. May, House District 88 Representative

Former Council Member Jerry Smith read the Town of South Congaree Original Charter. Representative May commended and recognized Mr. Paul David “Tar” Outlaw congratulating him upon the celebration of his 90th birthday on March 24, 2021. Mayor Campbell moved to take a recess.

Mayor Campbell moved that council reconvene at 6:52 PM and asked Representative May to provide a short legislative update.

III. South Congaree Pine Ridge Friends of the Library – Dolores Gambrell

Mrs. Gambrell presented an update on the happenings with the Friends of the Library and provided the new website and brochures to join the Friends. The friends are currently working on an outdoor paver project to give citizens a place to enjoy outdoor reading. Mrs. Gambrell asked that council please add the South Congaree Pine Ridge Friends of the Library to the annual budget in support of the organization. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry asked when the brick sale would begin, and Council Member Drennan inquired about a book club.

IV. Bull Bash – Rance Woodley

Rance Woodley provided an update on the upcoming Bull Bash and invited all to attend. He stated that he appreciated all the support from council and that the South Congaree Championship Rodeo was recognized nationally and came in third place.

V. Reports

1. Chief of Police Shumpert presented the monthly report to council.

The officers issued 156 citations. Chief Shumpert stated that the municipal court would be holding the first court date since the COVID-19 closure and that there were 180 cases on the docket. The snowflakes were removed with the help of Mr. Tom Parks. The Police department is anticipating approximately 21 cars that will be available for the upcoming auction.

2. Planning Commission Chair, Mrs. Dee Branham, updated the council that they are currently working with Greg Sprouse, Central Midlands Council of Government, to update the 1999 Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Branham requested \$ 25,000 be allotted for the Planning Commission to update the entire plan. She stated that the current Comprehensive Plan is over 20 years old and is very outdated. Council Member Drennan inquired about citizen participation and was informed that they are in the planning stages and have not recruited any citizens at this point. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry to pull \$25,000 from the money market account to provide the Planning Commission with the needed funds. Council Member Jim Drennan amended the motion to increase the amount to \$30,000, Pro-Tem Mabry seconded his amendment to provide the planning commission \$30,000 from the Money Market Account for a budget toward the new comprehensive plan. The motion passed by all council members in attendance.

VI. First Reading: Ordinance 2021-002 Business License Tax Ordinance

Mayor Campbell provided the first reading of Ordinance 2021-002. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry and second by Council member Drennan to amend the first reading of the ordinance to include 110.04 License Tax. The motion passed by all council members in attendance.

VII. Citizens Comments

No comments were made by the public.

VIII. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mayor Campbell and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry that council move into Executive Session at 7:47PM, after a 5-minute recess, for the purpose of

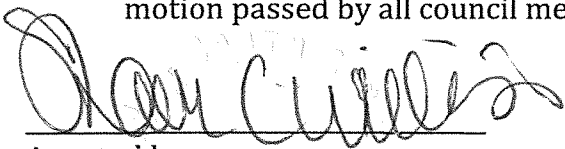
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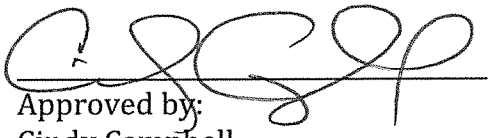
Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.

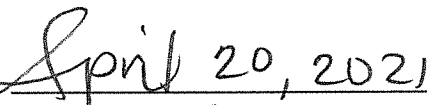
A motion was made by Mayor Campbell and second by Pro-Tem Mabry to enter back into regular session at 8:07 PM. The motion passed by all council members in attendance.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Campbell and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry to adjourn. The motion passed by all council members in attendance.


Attested by:
Sharon Williams,
Municipal Clerk


Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor


Date Approved