



MINUTES

Regular Scheduled
Council Meeting
September 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 Mabry, Council Members Jim Drennan, Councilmember Brian Jackson, and Bobby Porter

Also in attendance: SC House Representative R.J. May, Lexington County Councilman Bimbo Jones, Pastor of Ebenezer Pentecostal Holiness Church Gene Henderson, Pastor Tom Atten of Dunn's Chapel, Tim James from Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber, Hallie Bowers, Paul Kirby, Municipal Clerk Sharon Williams, and 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 6:33 PM. A quorum was present. Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Pastor Gene Henderson to give invocation.
- II. Presentation- SC Representative R.J. May, III**
Mayor Campbell invited Representative R.J. May to make a special presentation to Pastor Gene Henderson. Representative May presented Pastor Henderson with a resolution from the SC Senate to congratulate and recognize the centennial celebration of Ebenezer Pentecostal Holiness Church serving and following the Holy Spirit for 100 years.
- III. Greater Cayce-West Columbia Chamber- Tim James, President and CEO**
Mr. Tim James presented to Council an overview of the benefits of the Town being a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. James also shared how the chamber helps support local businesses and tourism which also leads to supporting local businesses. Mr. James distributed packets that included brochures, photos, and stickers that are all examples of the innovative ways the Chamber's visitors program helps support local businesses and Towns.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
Council, on the motion of Councilman Drennan, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from August 12, 2021. The motion carried. Councilman Jackson abstained from voting as he was not present for the August 12, 2021, meeting.

Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from August 17, 2021. The motion carried. Councilman Jackson abstained from voting as he was not present for the August 17, 2021, meeting.

V. American Rescue Plan Resolution

Council, on the motion of Councilman Drennan, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to approve the resolution as presented designating Municipal Clerk Williams as the contact person and Mayor Cindy Campbell as the Authorized Representative. The motion carried.

VI. Business Licensing Officials Association Conference

Council, on the motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry, seconded by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to move this agenda item to after executive session.

VII. Arbor Day Committee

Mayor Campbell and Council publicly thanked Mike Bagley with SCDOT for his help with having the overgrowth cut down on SC-302. Mayor Campbell announced that a committee of volunteers is needed to come up with a plan to maintain the Crepe myrtle trees.

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to move agenda item XII Citizens Comments before executive session. The motion carried.

VIII. Citizens Comments

Mr. Jimmy Williams requested that Council consider donating to Jesus is His Name.

IX. 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 employment, compensation, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee.
Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer

B. Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

Building Official

Council on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:49 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 Jackson, voted unanimously to reconvene at 8:51 PM in the public forum.

XII. Business Licensing Officials Association Conference

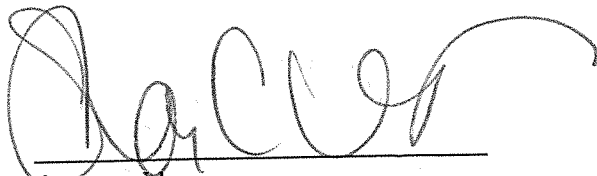
Councilman Jackson made a motion to accept the proposal for Municipal Clerk Williams to attend the training. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Drennan stated that this is an opportunity he has seen in the past, that you would send someone to training and get them certified and have the investment in the employee and they would just leave. Mr. Drennan asked if the Town should have some type of protection against that action. Mr. Drennan suggested having a document for the employee to sign that if the employee were to leave within six months of attending training, the employee would need to reimburse the Town. Mr. Drennan asked Municipal Clerk Williams how often the classes were given, and Municipal Clerk Williams replied it was the yearly conference given through MASC. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry stated that there was another class in the spring. Mayor Campbell suggested taking the class in the spring as that class is only one day and the additional training wasn't budgeted for.

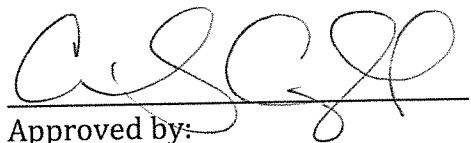
Council agreed to request Chief Shumpert add the additional duties of code enforcement to Officer Walker's job description.

XIII. Adjournment

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry, voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM.



Attested by:
Sharon Williams,
Municipal Clerk



Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor

10/19/2021

Date Approved