



MINUTES
Special Called
Council Meeting
July 6, 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 Jim Drennan, Councilman Brian Jackson, and Bobby Porter

Also in Attendance: Finance Committee Chair Roger Spires, Municipal Clerk Sharon Williams, and Police Chief Josh Shumpert.

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 Finance Committee Chairman Mr. Roger Spires to give invocation.

II. First Reading: Ordinance - 2021-004

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

Councilman Porter made a motion to reduce line item 601500 of the part-time building inspector to \$12,000 due to a proposal that was issued to the Town of South Congaree. The motion was seconded by Mayor Campbell.

Pro-Tem Mabry stated that she had no knowledge of what Councilman Porter was speaking about. Councilman Porter stated that an issue arose last week, and the Town had to continue to offer inspection services. Councilman Porter stated that there had been a proposal from an individual given to the Town Clerk, Mrs. Williams, that he could take on the responsibilities for \$12,000. Councilman Drennan asked if \$25,000 could remain in the budget line item to later be used for an ordinance inspector.

Mayor Campbell requested for a Roll Call vote. Councilman Porter seconded.

Campbell - Yes
Drennan - Nay
Jackson - Nay
Mabry - Nay
Porter - Yes

The motion failed to carry with a vote of 3 to 2.

Councilman Jackson made a motion to approve the budget as proposed, seconded by Councilman Drennan.

Councilman Porter stated there have been no clarifications with line item 601500. He is still against the budget. Councilman Drennan asked why the part-time building inspector position was a single line item and the other part time positions were grouped together. Councilman Porter explained the other positions are in line with what the market value are for those positions. Pro-Tem Mabry also explained that the book-keeper position used to be in another line item that is now located in the part time wages line item.

Mayor Campbell asked if there were any citizens comments.

Public comment was given by Jerry Smith, resident of South Congaree.

Public comment was given by Dwayne Prosser, resident of South Congaree.

Mayor Campbell requested for a Roll Call vote on the motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Drennan, to approve the 2021-2022 budget as published.

Campbell- Nay
Drennan- Yes
Jackson- Yes
Mabry- Yes
Porter- Nay

The motion passed with a vote of 3-2.

III. Opening of Bids –Lawn Care and Maintenance

Per Ordinance #32.21, Municipal Clerk, Sharon Williams publicly opened the bids received during the invitation period and announced the name of the company as well as the bid amount. The bids received were read as follows:

Atlas Striping \$29,570
Prosperity Lawn Care \$ 20,300
Green & Enhanced \$5,150
Palmetto Unlimited \$34,150
James Global \$49,884

IV. Executive Session:

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

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

Discussion of employment, compensation, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee.

Part- Time Building Inspector

Council on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:43 PM.

Upon returning to open session, Council may take action regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to terminate the part-time building inspector.

Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to accept Chris Netherton as the Town's interim Building Official at \$50 per inspection.

Council, on the motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to begin the process of placing the position of part-time building inspector out for bid.

V. Citizens Comments

Public comment was made by Debbie McIver, resident of South Congaree.

VI. Adjournment

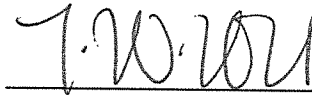
Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.



Attested by:
Sharon Williams,
Municipal Clerk



Approved by
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor



Date Approved

