



## MINUTES

Special Called Council Meeting  
June 28, 2022, at 6:30 pm  
South Congaree Town Hall  
119 West Berry Rd.  
West Columbia, SC, 29172

The meeting notification was posted on Monday, June 27, 2022

### In attendance

Mayor Cindy Campbell  
Councilmember Kitty Spires

Mayor Pro Tem Mechelle Mabry  
Councilmember Jim Drennan

Councilmember Bryan Jackson

### Staff

John Rakowsky, Town Attorney

Teresa K. Benjamin, Municipal Clerk

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation

### **II. SECOND AND FINAL READING**

#### **A. 2022-2023 Budget**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TOWN OPERATING BUDGET, ITS EXECUTION AND EFFECT, FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2022-003 providing for the adoption of a town operating budget, its execution and effect, for the Fiscal Period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 made by Councilmember Jackson; Seconded by: Councilmember Spires.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Drennan – Yes

Councilmember Jackson – Yes

Councilmember Spires – Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – Yes

Mayor Campbell – Yes

### **III. RESOLUTION 2022 – 01**

A RESOLUTION SEEKING THE APPROVAL TO AWARD GREENE FINNEY CAULEY, LLP THE FINANCIAL CONTRACT ACCORDING TO THE BID REQUIREMENTS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

A motion to approve a Resolution 2022-01 seeking the approval to award Greene Finney Cauley, LLP the financial contract according to the bid requirements beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 made by Councilmember Spires; Seconded by Mayor Campbell.

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Mayor Campbell stated that the IFP 2022-02 was posted June 8, 2022 on the town's website. The IFB was updated and reposted on June 10, 2022 with a close date of June 24, 2022. Councilmember Jackson recommended to table until we receive three (3) bids. He stated that Councilmember Mabry had reached out to a local company.

Councilmember Spires responded that she had reached out to a company in Camden and Greenville, along with several other calls and emails with no response, resulting in only one bid. Councilmember Spires expressed that the town is in a desperate, dire situation due to end of fiscal year and we need to move this forward. Councilmember Jackson agreed but feels the town needs someone closer. Councilmember Spires stated that everything is done digitally and will correspond by telephone if needed. It was also stated that this company's livelihood is to help municipalities manage their financial responsibilities. Councilmember Spires wanted some clarity, since Council tasked her to put together the bid packet for the RFP for Financial Services during Council work session, and the Invitation for Proposal/Bid was posted on the Town of South Congaree's social media platforms. Mayor Pro Tem questioned the process on how the bills would be paid and mailed out and how checks would get signed? Councilmember Spires stated a system called BOSS would be used and is explained in the proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry asked if contact was made with any local companies? Councilmember Spires stated she had posted on the SCAPA website. Pro tem Mabry stated that we only needed a CPA that is proficient in Quickbooks and requested that contact be made with the CPA firm in Springdale. Councilmember Spires stated that the town needs someone that is proficient in managing municipal funds and audits. Councilmember Drennan asked why we did not publish in SCBOS. Mayor Campbell is concerned that we have no one in the office handling the town's financial affairs, payroll, taxes and insurance payments. Councilmember Drennan questioned the contract re-evaluation statement at 6 to 12 months and could they increase the price at 6 months. He would like the fees locked in. Councilmember Spires called for the vote.

### Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Drennan – No

Councilmember Jackson – No

Councilmember Spires – Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – No

Mayor Campbell – Yes

The motion was defeated 3 voting No and 2 voting Yes.

Councilmember Jackson asked if Mayor Pro-Tem could reach out to the firm in Springdale? Mayor Campbell asked the town attorney for advice. Councilmember Spires posed the question to Mayor Pro Tem Mabry if she had any affiliation with Walker and Company or if she knew them personally? Mayor Pro Tem Mabry responded that she did not. Mayor Campbell asked Town Attorney, John Rakowsky, what action will need to be taken. Town Attorney Rakowsky responded that if this does not pass, the bid packet will have to be re-advertised using a new number.

Mayor Campbell requested that Town Clerk Benjamin contact the company in Springdale and provide the proposal, included the Town's contact information.

Mayor Campbell stated her concern for the citizens in attendance and those watching this is another reason of why we cannot move forward. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry stated, that for \$39,000.00 (Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars) a year we need to make sure there is not another company out there that is just as compatible to meet our needs as this one company. For the record, Mayor Campbell requested Ms. Benjamin reach out to the local company.

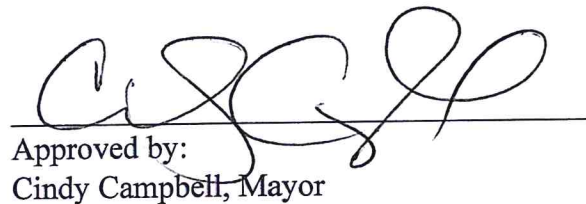
**IV. CITIZENS COMMENT(S)**

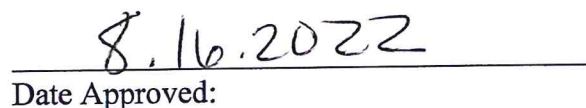
No comments were made.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Having heard all matters, Mayor Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.; Seconded by Councilmember Jackson. Motion Carried: Unanimously.

  
Attested by:

  
Approved by:  
Cindy Campbell, Mayor

  
Date Approved:

