



MINUTES
Council Special Called Meeting
May 17, 2022 - 5:30 pm
South Congaree Town Hall
119 West Berry Rd.
West Columbia, SC 29172

Members in Attendance: Mayor Cindy Campbell, Councilmembers Jim Drennan and Kitty Spires

Also in Attendance: Frank Chapman, Resource Development Associates

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

A quorum was present.

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Kitty Spires, voted unanimously to enter executive session.

II. Executive Session

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

Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements regarding strategic planning.

Mayor Campbell stated that during the May 10, 2022, Council Work Session, Council agreed to meet with Mr. Frank Chapman, Resource Development Associates, to present information pertaining to a strategic planning session.

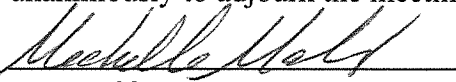
Mr. Chapman presented to Council and overview and information pertaining to options for consideration should Council decide to move forward with an off-site strategic planning session.

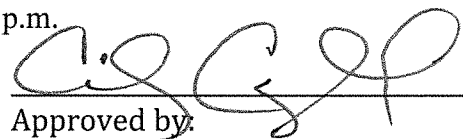
No votes were taken during Executive Session.

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Spires, voted unanimously to reconvene at 5:57 p.m. in the public forum.

III. Adjournment

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Spires, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.


Attested by:


Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor
6.21.2022
Date Approved



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Members in Attendance: Mayor Cindy Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Mechelle Mabry and Council Members Jim Drennan and Kitty Spires

Also in Attendance: Town Attorney John Rakowsky, Pastor Tom Atten, Pastor Gene Henderson, Pastor Gerald Watford, Pastor Jeffrey Bradley, Pastor Jerry Freeman, Pastor Kevin Huston and Mayor Justin Rikard

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 6:31 PM.
A quorum was present.

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Tom Atten, Dunn's Chapel Church gave the invocation.

Mayor Campbell introduced distinguished guests to include Pastor Gene Henderson, Ebenezer Pentecostal Holiness Church; Pastor Gerald Watford, Dunn's Chapel Church; Pastor Jeffrey Bradley, Lighthouse Baptist Church; Pastor Jerry Freeman, Congaree Baptist Church; Pastor Kevin Huston, Kinetic Church, and Mayor Justin Rikard, Town of Springdale.

II. Special Presentation

Mayor Campbell announced that Pastor Tom Atten is retiring after serving for 20 years as the Pastor of Dunn's Chapel Church. Mayor Campbell stated that Senator Katrina Shealy sends her congratulations and apologizes for not being able to attend tonight's presentation. Mayor Campbell invited Pastor Tom and all attending clergy to come forward for a special presentation.

Pastor Gene Henderson read the certificate presented by the South Carolina Senate to Pastor Tom congratulating and recognizing his retirement. All attending pastors shared congratulatory letters and sincere words of thanks to Pastor Tom. Pastor Tom thanked his wife and children for being a blessing in his life. Councilwoman Spires expressed her thanks to Pastor Tom for being a rock for the Outlaw family and the community.

III. Approval of Minutes

April 14, 2022
April 19, 2022
April 25, 2022

Councilman Jim Drennan made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022, meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mabry.

Roll Call Vote –

Councilman Drennan – Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – Yes

Councilwoman Spires – Yes

Mayor Campbell – Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2022, meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Kitty Spires.

Roll Call Vote –

Councilman Drennan – Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – Yes

Councilwoman Spires – Yes

Mayor Campbell – Yes

Councilwoman Kitty Spires made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2022, meeting, seconded by Councilman Jim Drennan.

Roll Call Vote –

Councilman Drennan – Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – Yes

Councilwoman Spires – Yes

Mayor Campbell – Yes

IV. ABC Package Store – Mr. Neal Patel, Palm Pantry

Mr. Patel presented an appeal to Council as a result of being denied a business license for an ABC Package Store to be located at 1251 Main Street.

V. Reports

Police Report – Chief Shumpert

Code Enforcement Report – Sergeant Walker

Police Chief Shumpert advised the police officers are looking forward to assisting with Kids Kamp in June. Chief Shumpert advised the auction brought in \$12,800. He hopes to have another auction within the next three months. He advised that the PD met with DHEC regarding a property on Pine Street. Equipment for the new Tahoe is still approximately twelve weeks out. The vacant officer position is posted. The Chief and officers attended the funeral of the fallen Cayce police officer.

Sergeant Walker provided an update regarding property on Crystal Lane. He was able to get in touch with the owner via email. Charges are pending and the owner was advised that the

property would be inspected and condemned if the owner does not come into compliance. Sergeant Walker also noted that two individuals were caught inside the home, and they were cited. He advised DHEC is now involved with inspecting the mobile home parks regarding sewer. He also advised Council that he is interested in receiving certification for code enforcement.

VI. Building Permits and Inspections Agreement with Lexington County

Mayor Campbell advised after the resignation from part time Building Official in December 2021, Council requested assistance from Lexington County with building permits and inspections. The Town's agreement with Lexington County will expire on June 30, 2022. The Town has not yet actively advertised for a part time Building Official.

Councilwoman Kitty Spires made a motion to request an extension for assistance from Lexington County through December 31, 2022, seconded by Mayor Campbell. Councilman Drennan stated that he would like to request an extension for 90 days and go to LLR and see if we can recruit someone from the License and Labor Board. Councilman Drennan stated that he doesn't like the fact that we as a town have to outsource our services. Councilman Drennan requested to amend the motion to request an extension for assistance from Lexington County for 90 days (through September 30, 2022), advertise and reach out to LLR for qualified candidates who can do that kind of work. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry stated that is a service that LLR provides. Councilman Drennan made a motion to request an extension for assistance from Lexington County with building permits and inspections through September 30, 2022; to begin advertising for a part time Building Official to include reaching out to LLR for assistance in providing qualified candidates, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mabry.

Roll Call Vote –

Councilman Drennan – Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Mabry – Yes

Councilwoman Spires – Yes

Mayor Campbell – Yes

VII. Employee Handbook

Council has worked to update the employee handbook and Town Attorney has reviewed the content and language. Councilwoman Spires requested additional time to discuss concerns prior to voting to approve and stated the uniform shorts for the police officers is not a professional look. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry stated that it was an option. Councilwoman Spires stated that even with it being an option she doesn't see the necessity of it being included. Mayor Pro Tem Mabry stated everyone on council had requests, and she didn't want to ignore some and not others and it would still be left up to the Chief of Police. Councilman Drennan stated that this would give the police officers a choice to wear shorts when they were working Kids Kamp. He then provided details of when in military service you were given a plan of the day, and you were told what the uniform would be and if it was going across the equator, you got a special uniform on that day and that's all this is. Councilman Drennan stated that if they wanted to wear shorts this would not restrict them from doing so.

Councilwoman Spires asked town attorney, John Rakowsky, if he had a question. Mr. Rakowsky stated he thought there was an issue, but he doesn't have anything to add. Mayor Campbell to include on the June work session agenda.

VIII. Public Comment

Public comment made by Jerry Smith.

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Jim Drennan, voted unanimously to enter executive session after a 5-minute recess.

IX. Executive Session

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

Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation of an employee.

Municipal Clerk

Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission

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

Discussion and receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to the position of the public agency in adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

No votes were taken during Executive Session.

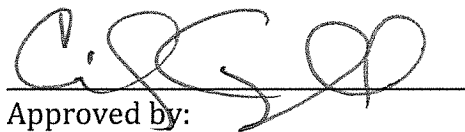
Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to reconvene at 8:46 p.m. in the public forum.

X. Adjourn

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Spires, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.



Attested by:



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