



MINUTES

Regular Scheduled
Council Meeting
April 20, 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, Brian Jackson, and Bobby Porter

Also, in attendance 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 6:38 PM

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

II. Approval of Minutes –

November 17, 2020 – Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from November 17, 2020.

December 15, 2020 – Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from December 15, 2020.

January 19, 2021- Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from January 19, 2021.

March 16, 2021- Council, on the motion of Pro-Tem Mabry, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021.

March 30, 2021- Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, and seconded by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from March 30, 2021.

III. Reports

1. Planning Commission Chair, Mrs. Dee Branham, updated the council that the Planning Commission had a special called meeting with Greg Sprouse, Central Midlands, Council of Government, to prepare for the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Branham hopes to have a product for the council to review in January 2022. Mrs. Branham thanked Mr. Bobby Jeffcoat and Mr. Teddy Huff for preparing the food for the volunteers of the litter pickup. She also thanked the Palm Pantry and Food Lion for their generous donations and support.
2. Chief Shumpert presented the monthly police report to council. The officers issued 161 citations during the month of March. Chief Shumpert informed council the Police Department is coordinating with Palmetto Pride to host a Tarp Pickup Day.

IV. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

A motion was made by Mayor Campbell and second by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Vicki Wooten to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Campbell asked Mrs. Williams, Municipal Clerk, to please contact the members and assist them with scheduling a meeting to elect officers.

V. 2021-2022 Budget Update

Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry provided Council with an updated copy of the 2021-2022 updated budget. Council discussed several line items on the budget and the timeline needed to pass the budget.

VI. Adoption of Lexington County Stormwater Management Ordinance 19-10

Council, on the motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an ordinance adopting by reference Lexington County Stormwater Management Ordinance 19-10.

VII. Executive Session:

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

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

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

All positions.

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

Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.

Insurance

Landscape

A motion was made by Mayor Campbell and second by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:30 PM.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, and second by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to approve a one-time lawn service.

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson and second by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to confirm that the Assistant to the Clerk of Court is making \$10 per hour at 20 hours or less per week.

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson and second by Pro-Tem Mabry, to put the Town Building Inspector on a salary of \$25, 000 per year, pay him for any outstanding invoices, and to allow him to resume his normal duties.

Councilman Porter made a motion to amend the salary to \$20,000 per year. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Jackson's motion carried with a vote of 3 to 2. Voting Yay: Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry, Councilman Drennan, and Councilman Jackson. Voting Nay: Mayor Campbell and Councilman Porter.

A motion was made by Councilman Drennan, second by Councilman Porter, voted unanimously, to add issue with council as an agenda item.

Councilman Drennan expressed his concerns over communication within the Council.


Councilman Drennan stated that there are grant opportunities for Safe Routes to School and that he requests to speak to the PTO at the elementary school to provide that information to them.

Councilman Drennan expressed concerns with town employees selling Rodeo tickets. He also stated that in his opinion off-duty police officers should not be able to work as security for the Rodeo and that the officers would need permission from the Town and the Chief to work the Rodeo. He also stated that the Rodeo should recognize the Town.


Councilman Drennan stated that in his opinion, during the last 10 months, the Town URL has become a personal webpage. Pro-Tem Mabry stated that the Mayor's message could be moved to the Government Page.

XIII. Adjournment


Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 9:48 PM.



Attested by:
Sharon Williams,
Municipal Clerk



Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor



Date Approved