



South Congaree Town Council Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 6:00 PM South Congaree Town Hall, Council Chambers 119 West Berry Rd., West Columbia, SC 29172

Members in Attendance: Mayor Cindy Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Kitty Spires

Councilmembers: Brian Jackson, Debbie McIver and Dwayne Prosser.

Attendees Present: Municipal Clerk, Kerri Charlton, Police Chief Steven Jonas, Attorney Joseph Dickey

### 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 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

This meeting complied with the public meeting notice and agenda requirements as per the Freedom of Information Act, <u>S.C.</u> <u>Code 30-4-80</u>, posting 24 hours in advance.

# II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the following meetings were presented for approval:

- 1. November 12, 2024- Work Session Meeting
- 2. November 19, 2024-Council Meeting
- 3. December 17, 2024- Work Session Meeting

#### Motion:

Mayor Pro-Tem Spires made a motion to approve collectively the minutes as presented.

Council Member Prosser seconded the motion. No Discussion.

#### **Vote: Motion Carries**

- Council Member McIver: Yes
- Council Member Prosser: Yes
- Council Member Jackson: Abstain
- Mayor Pro Tem Spires: Yes
- Mayor Campbell- Yes

## III. Old Business:

#### Car wash fleet contract

#### Motion:

<u>Councilman Jackson</u> made a motion to approve the Carwash contract subject to legal advice through our agent.

Seconded by Council Member McIver. No Discussion.

### **Vote: Motion Carries**

- Council Member McIver: Yes
- Council Member Prosser: Yes
- Council Member Jackson: Yes
- Mayor Pro Tem Spires: Yes
- Mayor Campbell- Yes

### **Dodge Charger repairs**

## Motion:

<u>Councilman Jackson</u> made a motion to approve the expenses for repair to the Dodge Charger with Kelly automotive . <u>Seconded by Council Member McIver</u>. No Discussion.

### **Vote: Motion Carries**

- Council Member McIver: Yes
- Council Member Prosser: Yes
- Council Member Jackson: Yes
- Mayor Pro Tem Spires: Yes
- Mayor Campbell- Yes

#### FY23 Audit Appointment

- Per Naomi Reed at MASC- Municipal Association of South Carolina, we do not have to place this out for BID, we can
  get three quotes as long as they are on State Contract.
- Pro-Tem Spires has made contact with Audit Companies and will advise Council with Updates as she receives them.

## IV. New Business:

- New Code Enforcement Computer- Council reviewed and agreed to the purchase of the new computer.
- Town Park water line and water fountain repair update-Tabled

# V. Second reading of Fireworks Ordinance:

Second and Final reading: ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07, FIREWORKS- SECTION 92.30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING SECTION 92.30 OF THE SOUTH CONGAREE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE DISCHARGING OF FIREWORKS

#### Motion:

<u>Councilman Prosser</u> made a motion to approve the Second and Final reading: *ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07*, *FIREWORKS-SECTION 92.30*, <u>Seconded by Mayor Campbell</u>. Council continued to discuss additional dates and enforcement issues.

#### Vote: Motion Failed 6:19 PM

- Council Member McIver: No
- Council Member Prosser: Yes
- Council Member Jackson: No
- Mayor Pro Tem Spires: No
- Mayor Campbell- No

## VI. Departmental Reports

- A. Police report- The Chief reports that he and Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Hingson have been working together to address issues involving dilapidated vehicles and people bringing in RVs, which may be converted into transient homes. They've identified a problematic area where these vehicles are being brought in, some with stolen tags and associated with wanted individuals. The Chief assures us that they are actively addressing the situation and plan to take action in the coming days, with a follow-up report to the council soon.
- B. Code Enforcement- Presented by Ronnie Hingleton- Not present Report sent to Council

## VII. Ad Adjourn to Executive Session:

Council entered Executive Session at 6:30 PM under S.C. Code 30-4-70 (A) (2) to discuss:

Planning and Zoning -Central Midlands Council of Government, Town facilities, Telecommunications Franchise, Pending Litigation Matters and threatened claims.

<u>Mayor Campbell made the motion</u> to enter Executive Session at **6:22 PM**, Motion seconded by <u>Councilmember McIver</u>. Motion carries by unanimous vote of council.

Chief S. Jonas and Attorney Joseph Dickey invited to enter executive Session.

<u>Mayor Campbell made a motion</u> to return to public session seconded by <u>Councilmember Prosser</u> and at 7:11 PM. Motion carries by unanimous vote of council present. Councilman Jackson left the meeting.

No Votes were taken during Executive Session.

# VIII. Adjournment of Council Meeting:

The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Pro-Tem Spires, voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. Motion was carried out with the unanimous vote of the council present.

Attested by:

Kerri Charlton, Municipal Clerk

Approved by:

Cindy Campbell, Mayor

Date Approved

Civility Pledge

I pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others, and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of my city or town.

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

The Town of South Congaree is a handicapped accessible facility.