



MINUTES

South Congaree Town Council
Special Called Budget Meeting 5:30 PM
Monday, August 26, 2024
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 (Absent) Debbie McIver and Dwayne Prosser.
Attendees Present: Interim Chief Mike Gordon, Contract Town Administrator, Ted Luckadoo, Municipal Clerk, Kerri Charlton
(Teams Virtual attendance)

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 **5:34 PM**. A quorum was present.
Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.
The Town is in compliance with the FOIA, posting 24 hours in advance.

II. Budget Discussion: 2024-2024 Fiscal Year

During the meeting, the Council, with Greene Finney Cauley representative Adam Baird, reviewed the ongoing preparation of the 2024-2025 fiscal budget, which is not yet finalized for publication. They discussed the importance of precise ledger entries to accurately reflect revenue and expenses and explored potential revenue streams, including fees for rezoning requests, shelter rentals, and yard sale permits to cover associated costs.

The Council also considered upgrading the town's website to enhance accessibility to forms and permits and confirmed the application of franchise fees across service providers. Additionally, they discussed engaging a company to audit local business licenses for additional revenue. An executive session was scheduled to address police officer salaries, in accordance with South Carolina's FOIA and Robert's Rules of Order.

Executive Session added by Super Majority Vote of Council for Salaries, Compensation for the Police Department under:

A. S.C. Code 30-4-70 (A) (1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body. (Police Department)

Mayor Campbell made the motion to enter Executive Session at **7:09 PM**, *Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires*, Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Mayor Campbell made the motion to re-enter Public Session at **7:29 PM**, *Motion seconded by Councilman Mayor Pro-Tem Spires*, Motion carries by unanimous vote.

No Votes were taken during Executive Session.

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

III. Adjournment of Council Meeting:

The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, voted to adjourn the meeting at **7:30 PM**. Motion carried with unanimous vote of council.

Kerri Charlton

Attested by:
Kerri Charlton, Municipal Clerk

Cindy Campbell

Approved by:
Cindy Campbell, Mayor

09-17-2024

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.

For the YouTube Live video please use the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xvpu1MjaL54> PT 1.

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.