



MINUTES

Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting 6:00 PM
Tuesday, December 17, 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 (Late Arrived 6:17 PM), Debbie McIver, and Dwayne Prosser.
Attendees Present: Attorney Joseph Dickey, Municipal Clerk Kerri Charlton Via Teams

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 the Invocation.

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

II. Public Hearing:

Opening Statement: *This portion of the meeting is a Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-25-01, which is an amended budget for the Town of South Congaree, South Carolina, for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The public notice was advertised in The Lexington Chronicle on November 28, 2024, in accordance with South Carolina law. The Mayor highlighted that the town's revenue comes from business licenses, franchise fees from the Municipal Association of South Carolina, funds from the State of South Carolina Treasurer's Office based on census data and consumer price indexes, and fines and fees collected by the Police Department. The majority of the town's revenue is received during the last quarter of the fiscal year (April, May, and June 2025). Copies of the amended budget are available for review.*

Ordinance 2024-25-01: Amended Fiscal Budget.

Public Testimony: None

The amended 2024-2025 budget was declared, and public hearing adjourned by unanimous vote.

Close Hearing: 6:05 PM

III. Second and Final Reading: Amended Fiscal Budget

Ordinance 2024-25-01: Amended Fiscal Budget.

Councilmember McIver made a motion to approve the second and final reading of the 2024-2025 Amended Fiscal Year Budget, Seconded by Councilmember Prosser, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Motion carried

- Mayor Campbell- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea
- Councilman Jackson- Absent
- Councilwoman McIver- Yea
- Councilman Prosser-Yea

IV. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the following meetings were presented for approval:

1. October 1, 2024-Goals Work Session
2. October 8, 2024-Work Session
3. October 15, 2024-Regulr Council Meeting
4. October 29, 2024-Special Called Executive Session

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

Seconded by Councilmember Prosser. No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Motion carried

- Mayor Campbell- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea
- Councilman Jackson- Absent
- Councilwoman McIver- Yea
- Councilman Prosser-Yea

V. Old Business

- Employee Handbook 2024 revision Adoption
- Council received a copy of the revised Employee Handbook with revisions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spires made the motion to adopt the Employee Handbook as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Prosser. No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Motion carried

- *Mayor Campbell- Yea*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea*
- *Councilman Jackson- Absent*
- *Councilwoman McIver- Yea*
- *Councilman Prosser-Yea*

VI. New Business

No new business

VII. Introduction of Ordinances:

- **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**

Councilmember McIver made a motion to table the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2024-07 :Fireworks-Section 92.30, motion Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires. No Discussion. Roll Call Vote

Motion carried

- *Mayor Campbell- Yea*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea*
- *Councilman Jackson- Absent*
- *Councilwoman McIver- Yea*
- *Councilman Prosser-Yea*

VIII. Departmental Reports

- Police Department Report: Chief Stephen Jonas provided an update on recent activities.
- Code Enforcement- Ronnie Hingleton- provided an update on recent activities.

IX. Public Comments

None

X. Executive Session

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. (Administrative Positions, Policies and Procedures)

B. Section 30-4-70 (A)(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of Legal Advice where the Legal Advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim. (Proposed Purchase of Property, Contracts, Legal Advice, Audit)

Mayor Campbell made the motion to enter Executive Session at **6:15 PM** Motion seconded by Councilmember Prosser. Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried

- *Mayor Campbell- Yea*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea*
- *Councilman Jackson- Absent*
- *Councilwoman McIver- Yea*
- *Councilman Prosser-Yea*

Councilmember Jackson Joined the meeting at 6:17 PM

Mayor Campbell made the motion to exit Executive Session and reconvene to public session at **7:21 PM**, Motion seconded by Councilmember Prosser. Roll Call Vote:

Motion carried


- Mayor Campbell- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- Yea
- Councilman Jackson- Yea
- Councilwoman McIver- Yea
- Councilman Prosser- Yea

No Votes were taken during Executive Session.

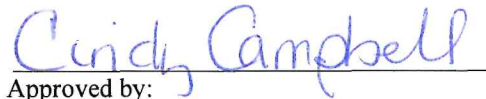
Upon returning to open session, action may be taken by Council regarding matters discussed in the Executive Session.

XI. Adjournment of Council Meeting:

The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, voted to adjourn the meeting at **7:21 PM**. Motion carried with the unanimous vote of council.



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.