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South Congaree Town Council Work Session Meeting 5:30 PM Tuesday, August 13, 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, Debbie McIver, and Dwayne Prosser.

Attendees Present: Interim Chief Mike Gordon, Attorney John Rakowsky, Labor Attorney Kevin Sturm.

Absent: Municipal Clerk: Kerri Charlton

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 5:30 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. Citizens Comments: None

III. Executive Session Entered at 5:53 PM:

- 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 Chief, Clerk of Court, Town Clerk)
- **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.

(Receive legal advice regarding personnel matters concerning administration. Receive legal advice regarding code enforcement matters.)

<u>Mayor Campbell made the motion</u> to enter Executive Session at **5:53 PM**, Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires, Motion carries by unanimous vote.

<u>Councilman Jackson made the motion</u> to re-enter Public Session at **8:30 PM**, Motion seconded by Councilman Prosser, Motion carries by unanimous vote.

<u>Mayor Campbell made a statement:</u> let the record reflect for the minutes that the Council exited Executive Session at **8:30 PM** and reconvened to public forum.

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.

<u>Councilmember Jackson</u> made a motion to hire Major Jonas as the Chief of Police for a one-year contract, <u>Seconded Councilmember McIver</u> Discussion: Councilmember Prosser and Mayor Pro Tem Spires both stated additional discussion is needed prior to moving forward regarding the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Motion Failed at 8:30 PM

- Mayor Campbell- No
- Mayor Pro-Tem Spires- No
- Councilman Jackson- Yea
- Councilwoman McIver-Yea
- Councilman Prosser-No

IV. Hospitality Tax Packet review and discussion

<u>Mayor Campbell made a motion to</u> postpone Hospitality tax review and discussion. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Spires No Discussion. Motion is carried by unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment of Council Meeting:

The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried with the unanimous vote of council.

Attested by:/

Kitty Spires, Mayor Pro-Tem

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.