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South Congaree Town Council
Special Called Council Meeting 4:30 PM
Wednesday, August 28, 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: Attorney Ryan Hicks, 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 4:30 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. Executive Session Entered at 4:32PM:

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.
(Municipal Attorney Interviews)

Mayor Campbell made the motion to enter Executive Session at **4:32 PM**, Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires, Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Mayor Campbell made a statement: let the record reflect for the minutes that the Council exited Executive Session at **5:52 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.

III. *Mayor Pro-Tem Spires* made a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd Law Firm to serve as legal counsel for the Town of South Congaree, Seconded Councilmember McIver; No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Motion carried at 5:53 PM

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

Councilmember Prosser made a motion to authorize an extraordinary emergency purchase through IronLogix for a replacement laptop for the Clerk of Court, due to the current laptop no longer functioning (died), Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Spires, No Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Motion carried at 5:54 PM

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

IV. Summary of Swearing-In Ceremony for Chief Steven Jonas 6:00 PM

The meeting transitioned to the swearing-in ceremony for Chief Steven Jonas. Police Chief Richburg from the Town of Springdale officiated the swearing-in of Chief Steven Jonas.

Distinguished Guests:

Lexington County Councilman: Bimbo Jones
Springdale Police Chief: Richburg
Ridge Police Chief: Chief Neely
Gaston Police Chief: Watkins
Pelion Police Chief: Rebolj
Lexington County Major: Hampton Taylor (expected to arrive later)
Lexington County Sheriff's Department: Captain Kevin Howard (expected to arrive later)

The Mayor acknowledged the presence of these esteemed guests and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

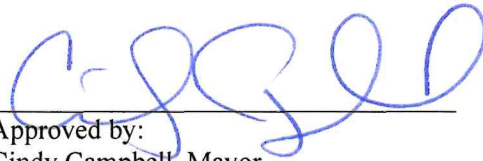
The swearing-in ceremony concluded with the formal induction of Chief Steven Jonas, marking a significant moment for the Town of South. The event proceeded smoothly with warm congratulations from attendees and refreshments provided for the celebration.

V. Adjournment of Council Meeting:

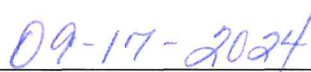
The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, voted to adjourn the meeting **at 6:09 PM**. Motion carried with unanimous vote of council.



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.

For the Facebook Live video please use the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qbyyeucWg&t=29s> PT 1
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voGbF357MAA> PT 2.

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.