

**Special called City Council Meeting  
August 21, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Perry and City Council met for a special called meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. Agendas were posted and sent to media on August 16, 2023.

Council Members in attendance:

Mayor Fletcher Perry  
Council Member Jimmy Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Council Member Lois Porter  
Council Member Robert Nealy  
Council Member Isaiah Scipio

Staff:

City Attorney, Daniel Huges

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Council Member Isaiah Scipio gave the Invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:**

>>Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and unanimously approved to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

- a. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING SAME AS ALLOWED BY S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70 (A)(1) and S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2).
- b. TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL MATTER FOR WORK PERFORMED AT JAYCEE PARK AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING SAME AS ALLOWED BY S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2).

**RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION:**

>>Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously approved to reconvene in public session.

**ACTION AS IT RELATES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Perry stated there would be (3) items as a result of executive session.

- a) A 60 Day Severance Package for Administrator, Charlene Carter:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Robert Nealy and seconded by Council Member Lois Porter to approve a severance for Ms. Carter. Council Member Robert Nealy, Council Member Lois Porter and Council Member Jimmy Davis voted in favor, Mayor Perry and Council Member Isaiah Scipio opposed. Motion carried in favor of severance.

Mayor Perry informed Council that this motion would include rescinding Resolution 2023-14 and approving Resolution No. 2023-15. The Mayor explained that if approved, Jimmy Davis would go back on as ex officio Commissioner in place of CWS employee Drew Langston. Mayor Perry provided that some members of the Joint Water Authority thought it may be a conflict of interest, therefore asked that Mr. Davis be on the commission. Both Council Member Lois Porter and Council Member Isaiah Scipio concurred, all members voted in favor of the stated motion and Council Member Jimmy Davis recused himself from the vote. Motion carried.

**Administrative update and discussion:** Mayor Perry stated with the Administrator being absent, there would be no Administrative update.

>>Council Member Robert Nealy stated he would like to discuss Item E- FY 24 City Budget. Mr. Nealy stated it was his understanding that the Council budgeted for (4) Tahoe vehicles in the FY 23/24 police budget and a purchase order was issued for (3) Silverado trucks without the approval of Council or the Administrator.

>>Lieutenant Chris Griffin with the police department explained that staff has had several conversations with the dealership regarding orders for the Tahoe's. And it was determined it could be up to a year; However, the dealership informed the department they had (3) Chevrolet Silverado Police Pursuit Vehicles that had been ordered by the Department of Natural Resources, and those were open for sale. Therefore, the decision was made to move forward with the trucks. Lieutenant Griffin also stated it was his understanding that the police department was given a budget amount, but not a specific type of vehicle.

When Council questioned the amount of funds spent, Lieutenant Griffin stated the vehicles are under budget, and there are still funds to purchase the equipment that is needed for each police vehicle.

>>Council Member Lois Porter stated she thought the Administrator should have been informed by the department that changes were being made.

>>Council Member Isaiah Scipio stated that he did not think this conversation was appropriate, and he thanked the police department for their hard work.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Perry moved to the next item.

**CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 30-4-70.**

- a. City Council will enter executive session to discuss expansion and provision of City Services and to discuss and receive legal advice regarding personnel matters.

>>Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purpose.

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:**

>>Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously approved to reconvene in public session. No action was taken because of the ex-Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis, seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and unanimously approved to adjourn. Council stood adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor Fletcher Perry