

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 15, 2023 – 4:30 pm**

**MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812**

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Workshop with Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw and Councilmembers Ryan Bragg, Alicia Davis, James Moody and Ron Still. Mayor Rivera attended via phone.

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The press was notified but no members were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw called the meeting to order. Councilmember Davis led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council led the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CIVILITY PLEDGE

Administrator McEwen gave Council a copy of the Civility Pledge and asked that they consider adopting a resolution to have Council say it at every meeting and to also invite the public to say it with them. The Municipal Association of SC has created this pledge to help restore civility in local government as contentious city council meetings and personal attacks on social media have grown over the years.

STATUS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND UPDATE OF CURRENT CONTRACTS

Administrator McEwen provided a worksheet on the current status of capital improvement projects. Some of the projects are already funded by existing funds or grants and others will be considered when and if additional funding is available.

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ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

Administrator McEwen provided a copy of “How to Conduct Effective Meetings”, an informative publication from the Municipal Association of SC. She also reminded Council that City Council meetings are a business meeting of the Council, and the public should only speak during the public comment section or when they are invited to speak.

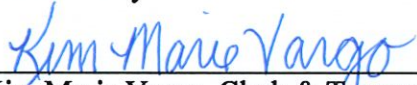
REVIEW OF CITY INCOME AND EXPENSES

Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed the financial reports for the first five months of the current fiscal year and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

ADJOURN

Some of the Council had to leave early so it was decided to discuss the Council’s immediate concerns, short-term goals, and long -term goals at the next workshop. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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