

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
March 11, 2024 – 5:15 pm**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Still presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ron Still, Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw, Councilmembers Louis Claytor, Alicia Davis, Wanda Highsmith, and Jana Myers

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Marie Vargo, and Police Chief Michael Butts

The People Sentinel was notified but no one from the press was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Still called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Claytor made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-02 “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING  
CONSENT TO SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST, LLC’S APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE FOR CABLE  
OR VIDEO SERVICE AND SETTING FRANCHISE FEE”**

Councilmember Highsmith made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-03 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL TO ADD SECTION (a)(8) DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE”**

Councilmember Claytor made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Myers and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Highsmith made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF GHD WORK AUTHORIZATIONS 12635018 AND 12635012 FOR EXISTING PROJECTS -SCAT PARK PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN AND ELEVATED WATER TANK**

Administrator McEwen presented GHD work orders for approval-SCAT Park Pump Station and Force Main \$986,817 and Elevated Water Tank \$115,651. Councilmember Claytor made a motion to approve the work orders. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX- DISCUSSION OF NEEDS**

Council discussed their ideals for projects that will be added to the referendum for the Capital Project Sales Tax. Since the list has to be given to the County in May, Administrator McEwen asked Council to send her a list of their projects and priorities to be discussed at a special called meeting.

**COUNCIL SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM GOALS-ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Council discussed their short term and long term goals for the City.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Claytor made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss updates to the positions and salaries of the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Myers and unanimously approved.

Mayor Still declared the Council was out of executive session.

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw made a motion to accept the Administrator’s recommendation to allow the removal of one position in the police department and to make the necessary salary changes for officers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved.

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ADJOURN

Councilmember Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo  
Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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