



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 3, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Committee Meeting Room
301 University Ridge
Greenville, South Carolina

Council Members

Mr. Dan Tripp, *Chairman, District 28*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *Vice-Chairwoman, District 24*
Mr. Butch Kirven, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 27*
Mr. Joey Russo, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Benton Blount, *District 19*
Mr. Stephen Shaw, *District 20*
Mr. Chris Harrison, *District 21*
Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, *District 22*
Mr. Alan Mitchell, *District 23*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Rick Bradley, *District 26*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online, at 301 University Ridge, Greenville, and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Chris Antley, *County Attorney*
Dean Campbell, *Deputy County Attorney*
Andrew Price, *Assistant County Attorney*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*

Terrence Galloway, *Information Systems*
Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*
Tee Coker, *Assistant County Administrator*
Hesha Gamble, *Assistant County Administrator*
Ted Lambrecht, *Assistant County Administrator*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Dan Tripp

Invocation

Vice Chairman Liz Seman

Item (3)

Approval of Minutes

- a. **November 5, 2024 – Regular Committee Meeting**
- b. **November 19, 2024 – Special Committee Meeting**

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024 – Regular Committee Meeting and the November 19, 2024 – Special Committee Meeting.

Motion carried.

Item (4)

Executive Session (Personnel Matter)

Action: Vice Chairman Seman moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee regulated by the County Council, or the appointment of a person or persons to a public body.

Motion carried and Council entered Executive Session at 5:03 p.m.

Reconvene

County Attorney Chris Antley reported County Council out of Executive Session at 5:25 p.m. and no action was taken during the session.

Item (5)

County Administrator Employment Contract

Action: Vice Chairman Seman moved to authorize the Chairman of County Council to execute an employment contract with the County Administrator, Joseph Kernell, the terms of which were reviewed and discussed with County Council during Executive Session.

Action: Chairman Tripp moved to amend the motion to include the language, “Council shall review the County Administrator’s performance by June 30, 2025, and that any recommendations for pay increases be submitted with that report to the Committee of the Whole.”

Motion to amend carried.

Vice Chairman Seman stated that language should go under Section 7: Performance Evaluation.

Councilor Shaw stated the original contract stated, “the County Administrator shall inform Council of his intentions.” He stated the timing was six months out, as to whether the administrator wanted the job or not.

County Administrator Joe Kernell stated the contract required him to give a three month notice (90 days) should he decide to leave.

Councilor Shaw stated he wanted to include that in the new contract.

Vice Chairman Seman stated it was already in the contract under Section 3(d).

Councilor Shaw stated that was not the contract Mr. Kernell was currently under.

Mr. Kernell stated if the item in question was approved, he would be under an extension of the same contract with all the terms and conditions being the same.

Councilor Shaw stated the extension specifically withdrew and replaced that provision.

Chairman Tripp stated he was looking at the current contract and it contained that provision.

Action: Vice Chairman Seman moved to approve the motion as amended.

Motion carried.

Item (6) **Adjournment**

Action: Vice Chairman Seman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council