



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL RETREAT

Hardeeville Recreation Center
285 John Smith Road, Hardeeville, SC. 29927

May 23, 2022
Minutes

Officials Present: Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Vice Chairman Dr. Curtis Brantley Councilman L. Martin Sauls, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, and Councilman John Kemp. Councilman Sauls was present for a portion of the retreat, however, had to leave early due to a previous commitment.

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda H. Simmons, County Attorney David Tedder (via phone), Kimberly Burgess, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at 8:30AM. Chairwoman Clark asked the Clerk to Council to read the Report of Compliance to the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Simmons read the Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act as follows: *In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification.*

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley and Councilman Adkins gave the invocation. Without objection the agenda was approved, and the workshop began with the presentation of the FY2023 Budget by Kimberly Burgess. Ms. Burgess reviewed information pertaining to the FY2023 Budget with Council.

A Presentation was made for Council by Chris Johnson of Gignilliat, Savitz and Bettis, LLC for information relating to avoiding individual liability and was titled as "Avoiding Individual Liability for Official Acts".

Ms. Kimberly Burgess discussed Financial Policies with Council. A presentation was made by Mark Simmons and Azad Khan of Parker Poe Consulting relating to Economic Development and titled as "Economic Development 101". The Potential Referenda Items for 2024 was also discussed by staff and Council.

Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(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 – Salaries of elected officials, performance evaluations – County Administrator, County Attorney, Clerk to Council

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements

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and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – Lyle Sumek Associates, Inc.

(5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body – Project Madison; Project Crab

ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES BASED ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion to return to regular session: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley
Second: Councilman Adkins
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

There were no motions coming from Executive Session.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley
Second: Councilman Adkins
Vote: Unanimous
The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Simmons
Clerk to Council



Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman