



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL RETREAT

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC
29936

Thursday, January 25, 2024
MINUTES

9:30AM - 4:30PM

Officials Present: Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, and Councilman Coy Garbade
Absent: Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins and Councilman John Kemp.

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Danny Lucas and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Call to Order:

Chairman Sauls called the Council Retreat to order. The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was noted for the record 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.*

Invocation was given and Pledge to the Flag was recited. Chairman Sauls and Administrator Fulghum gave opening remarks and that was followed with breakfast. Mr. Fulghum, Chairman Sauls and Council discussed the listed following topics below:

- Discussion of Ordinances:
 - Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Personnel Policy
 - Standard Operating Procedures – Detention Center
 - Procurement
 - Tax Collection Agreement
 - Council Administration
 - Elected and Appointed Officials Salaries
 - Animal Control
 - Noise / Nuisance
 - Board of Assessment Appeals
 - Allendale Hampton Jasper Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 - Jasper County Rural Water System Board
 - Former Economic Development Alliance (with Beaufort County only)
- Kim Burgess – ARPA Funding Priorities and Expenditures

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 – County Administrator, County Attorney and Clerk to Council

Council decided unanimously to go into Executive Session

Motion to return to Open Session: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Action coming out of Executive Session:

Motion to approve that there be an increase in the County Administrator, County Attorney and Clerk to Council salaries due to their receiving a wonderful evaluation this year and they had not had one in 6 years. Move at this time that Mr. Fulghum be given a 24.5% salary increase, Mr. Tedder be given a 22% increase and Ms. Giles be given a 8% increase: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Council agreed unanimously to move forward on the agenda:

Ms. Holt was present as Chairman Sauls discussed the County Social Media efforts in regard to HR and hiring of new personnel. Chairman Sauls directed Mr. Fulghum and Ms. Holt to work on this.

Chief Wells discussed, reviewed, and provided an EMS personnel update for Tillman and Grays locations. He reviewed and discussed qualifications of personnel and overviewed 2023 personnel staffing and social media efforts of that department. Chief Wells also provided an AED update.

Motion to amend the prior motion on the percentages to reflect that Mr. Fulghum be given 14, Mr. Tedder be given a 18% and Ms. Giles given a 6% increase: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

The meeting moved forward with discussion of the items below at this time:

County Project Updates and Policy Updates:

- Andrew Fulghum – Economic Development Projects and Interface with Auditor and Treasurer

- Andrew Fulghum - Capital Improvement Project and Investment Plan
 - Andrew Fulghum – Departmental Reporting
 - David Tedder – Update on River’s Reach
 - Danny Lucas – Affordable Housing
 - Moratorium Update
- Presentation and Discussion - Annual Comprehensive Financial Report FY Ended June 30, 2023, The Baird Audit Group, LLC
 - Potential Referenda

Adjourn:

There was no need to return to the Executive Session for this meeting. For additional information on this meeting please visit our website for the E-Packet or for the video go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCIIA

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



Barbara B. Clark
Vice Chairwoman