



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED**

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022
MINUTES**

Officials Present: Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Vice Chairman Dr. Curtis Brantley
Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins and Councilman John Kemp. Absent: Councilman L. Martin Sauls.

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda H. Simmons,
County Attorney David Tedder, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Also Present: Ray Jones, Ryan Romano and Mike Pitts

Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at 10AM. Chairwoman Clark asked the Clerk to Council to read the Report of Compliance to the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Simmons, Clerk to Council 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 Councilman Kemp and Councilman Adkins gave the invocation.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Discussion:

A: Andrew Fulghum: *County Green Space Sales Tax: Discussion about new legislation and options.*

Mr. Fulghum noted that Beaufort County had moved forward with doing this and that staff wanted to bring this to Council in case they wanted to put this on a Referendum, which would have to be processed over to Voter Registration by 07.15.2022. Mr. Fulghum and Mr. Tedder discussed the innerworkings and details of this new legislation and the options that were before the County Council. After some discussion Chairwoman Clark asked what direction Council wanted to go.

Motion to move forward: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

Chairwoman Clark said that they wanted Mr. Fulghum to look at the different lengths of time available but not to necessarily follow what Beaufort County chose to do but rather to do what was best for Jasper County. Mr. Fulghum said he and Mr. Tedder would try to sharpen the estimates and ask to proceed with a first reading on 07.18.2022. Mr. Tedder said they would probably need to have two special meetings to meet the deadlines and time constraints.

The information below was read for the executive session.

Motion to go into executive session: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

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:

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements 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 - Exit 3; Election Matters

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 from executive session.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous
The motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Simmons
Clerk to Council



Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman