



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 22, 2020
5 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Harry Harvey gave roll call. Council Members David Ford, Kristy L. Dennis, Joe Money, Jr., and Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin were present. City Manager Janice Galloway and City Attorney Albert Palmour were absent.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIAL DANA W. MOSLEY: City Attorney Albert Palmour officiated the swearing-in of Council Member Dana Windle Mosley. Council Member Mosley was elected in the City of Summerville Special Municipal Election on June 9, 2020, for Council Seat #2. Council Member Mosley signed her Oath of Office, and it becomes part of these minutes.

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if any changes are needed to the meeting agenda. With no changes requested, Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr., and carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed visitors and online attendees to the special called meeting. Mayor Harvey asked visitors to introduce themselves and offered them the opportunity to ask questions or address concerns.

CHARLIE BENNETT: Mr. Bennett stated he heard through the grapevine the two recently purchased buildings could not be put at the Depot. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "One will go over there, and the other one will be put at the water treatment plant to store carbon in."

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Janice Galloway reported a balance of \$2,585,464.45 in the operating account as of Friday, June 19, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - OPEN: Mayor Harvey opened the public hearing for questions or comments from visitors concerning the FY 2020-2021 Budget.

LLOYD "BUDDY" WINDLE: Mr. Windle questioned why citizens have to pay for water they cannot use. Mayor Harvey explained the city would incur expenses due to digging wells and running the lines from the wells to the distribution plant. Mayor Harvey noted the city is looking into grants and loans, but money is needed now to begin the process as soon as possible. Mayor Harvey explained it could take between six and nine months to have clean water. Mr. Windle commented the city needs taxes. Mayor Harvey explained it would take at least two years to bring taxes back, and there needs to be a remedy for the water situation as soon as possible.

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PUBLIC HEARING CONT

DEE WINDLE: Mr. Windle asked if it is known who was contaminating the water. Mayor Harvey responded, stating we do not know or have proof, but we are still looking into it.

CHARLIE BENNETT: Mr. Bennett asked, shouldn't the city have a fund set aside for emergencies. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes, we should have." Mr. Bennett questioned the timeline of six to nine months before the residents have clean water.

Mayor Harvey explained the city is currently looking into filters at the water treatment plant as a temporary solution that could be installed within a couple of months, but it would not be a permanent solution due to maintenance and cost. Mayor Harvey stated the wells are a much more permanent solution. City Manager Janice Galloway reported the well water tested clear of PFOS, and the results from the chemical analysis should be in by this week. City Manager Galloway explained a 16-inch pipe would be installed from the well to the water treatment plant for distribution. City Manager Galloway reported the preliminary report shows the temporary pump is pumping the maximum of 700 gallons per minute. However, it will still need to be developed into a permanent well, and the cost will be around one million dollars to do so. City Manager Galloway explained the engineers have applied for grants, but the grants probably will not be available until September.

Mr. Bennett asked if the filters can be cleaned or if they will need to be replaced each time. Mayor Harvey requested City Manager Galloway to provide more information on the operation of the filters. City Manager Galloway explained the media from the current filters will be replaced with granular activated carbon, but it is unknown how often the carbon will need to be changed out due to lack of experience using the carbon. City Manager Galloway noted each time the media is replaced, and it will be around \$100,000 each time. Mr. Bennett asked how often the filters will last before they need to be replaced. City Manager Galloway stated, "We don't know, but hopefully at least six to nine months at least."

PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED: Mayor Harvey asked for additional comments, questions, or concerns from visitors, online attendees, or council members. No questions or concerns were addressed. Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing for the FY 2020-2021 budget.

SECOND READING - FY 2020-2021 BUDGET: Mayor Harvey read the Ordinance to adopt the FY 2020-2021 budget to become effective July 1, 2020. Mayor Harvey reviewed the proposed revenues and expenditures of \$17,587,741.83 for the general fund, confiscated drug fund, hotel/motel fund, water & sewer fund, SPLOST, and gas fund. Mayor Harvey noted the fee schedule would include the increase in water and sewer rates. Mayor Harvey asked for comments or questions from the Council. The Council addressed no comments or questions. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin made a motion to adopt the FY 2020-2021 budget. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion. The budget passed 3 to 2, with Council Member Dana W. Mosley and Council Member Joe Money, Jr. voting in opposition. A copy of the Budget Ordinance is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

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GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance to amend the Gas Supply Contract and the Supplemental Contract between the Gas Authority and the City of Summerville.

PUBLIC HEARING - OPEN: Mayor Harvey opened the public hearing for questions, concerns, and comments regarding the Gas Supply Contract.

CHARLIE BENNETT: Mr. Bennett asked if the contract means the gas would cost the residents more. Mayor Harvey stated, "It might." Mayor Harvey explained the contract gives the Municipal Gas Authority (MGAG) the ability to negotiate rates on the city's behalf to try to keep the rates as low as possible due to the volume that is purchased. Mr. Bennett asked if the city had a negotiator on staff. Mayor Harvey stated, "No." City Attorney Albert Palmour explained the Municipal Gas Authority is comprised of 159 members, including the City of Summerville, and the Ordinance gives MGAG the authority to negotiate on behalf of all the members and purchase gas at a lower rate than the city could. City Attorney Palmour noted the city has the option to get out of the contract at certain times during the contract term.

Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if the contract is for thirty years. City Attorney Palmour stated, "It extends the contract for a period of thirty years, with the option to get out of the contract along the way."

PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED: Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing.

SECOND READING - GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey conducted the second reading of the Gas Supply Contract and Supplemental Contract Ordinance between the Gas Authority and the City of Summerville. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the Gas Supply Contract and Supplemental Contract Ordinance between the Gas Authority and the City of Summerville. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford, and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Harvey stated an Executive Session is needed to discuss possible litigation. Council Member David Ford made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr, and carried unanimously. The regular meeting was closed at 5:41 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED: Mayor Harvey closed the Executive Session and opened the regular meeting at 6:22 p.m. Mayor Harvey noted no action was taken during the Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey offered the opportunity for visitors and guests to address concerns. No concerns were addressed.

Council Member David Ford welcomed newly elected Council Member Dana W. Mosley.

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ADJOURN: With all business concluded, Council Member Kristy L. Dennis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK