

Special-Called Pickens County Council Meeting

April 8, 2024

6:00 PM

County Council met in special-called session, in the Main Conference Room of the County Administration Facility, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Final agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on April 5, 2024.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Alex Saitta, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Chris Lollis
C. Claiborne Linvill
Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting of April 8, 2024, to order and welcomed those in attendance. Vice Chairman Roy Costner led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 302 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ORDINANCE RELATED TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS, ALONG WITH MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to constitute first reading of this Ordinance. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis. After much discussion between Council, the motion carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 639 ADOPTING A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR TOWNHOMES, TO PROVIDE FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF NINETY DAYS HERETO BY FURTHER RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to constitute second reading of this Ordinance. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis.

- After much discussion between Council, Councilman Henry Wilson amended the motion to remove “RV Power Connections” from the Ordinance. The amended motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Councilman Alex Saitta discussed that the Moratorium includes apartments, townhomes (duplexes and triplexes), and RV Parks.
- Vice Chairman Roy Costner stated yes, that is where we are now.
- After more discussion, the original motion, as amended, carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a):

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a). Chairman Bowers further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

Contractual – Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Proposed Contractual Update on Project Hydro & Project Lift
 - Motion was made by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill, and seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson. The motion carried unanimously (5-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Contractual – Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Proposed Contractual Update on Project Hydro & Project Lift – **No Action Taken**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Council adjourned the meeting to move to the Budget Work Session. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis, and carried unanimously (4-0). Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill and Councilman Henry Wilson were absent from the room during the vote. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council