

The regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

Council Present: Katie Guinn Jimmy Jones Russell Brazell Danny Catoe
 Brant Tomlinson Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

Staff Present: Danny Templar Gerald Blanchard Lauren Reeder Ryan Monaghan
 Jeremy Morrow Will Glover Matthew Bullard John DuBose
 Craig Hudson George Marthers

Members of the press and public were present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the newspapers, TV and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads and posted on the website.

Chairwoman Guinn called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Pastor Javin Proctor with Bethel Worship Center in Camden gave the invocation and Chairwoman Guinn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Theresa Allen is a resident of HUD Trinity Apartments and informed Council about their issues with poor office management and possible HUD violations.

Mr. Matthew Hutchinson gave an overview of the freedom of speech and stated he had been publicly slandered by a member of Council. Hutchinson asked for Brazell to resign from his position.

Mr. Tom Webb provided a national economic update to Council and asked for Council to not spend more money.

Mr. Eric Leagones stated the first amendment does protect our right of free speech, but the public needs to respect what is being said about our children and their parents.

Mr. Jeff Maddox stated he has looked more into the maintenance of a recreational maintenance.

Mr. David Dabney stated he has been called negative names for having a differing opinion and believes he cannot honestly stand before Council and to state how he truly feels about matters.

Ms. Mary Brandenberger stated the new sports complex is not for the children, but for folks who can afford it and to make money from it. Brandenberger also stated Council should be listening to their voters.

Ms. Amanda Stephens stated several quotes to Council.

Ms. Vicki Moniz stated she attended the budget workshop and she needed we need election reform to include removing digital machines and go back to one-day paper form.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. motioned to approve the adoption of agenda and seconded by Councilman Russell Brazell.

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. made an amendment to the agenda to allowing four presentations as a one-time exception. Councilman Danny Catoe second the motion.

In Favor: Katie Guinn Jimmy Jones Russell Brazell Danny Catoe

Brant Tomlinson Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

Motion as amended.

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. motioned to approve the adoption of agenda and seconded by Councilman Russell Brazell.

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PUBLIC PRESENTATION

KC Trails – Bob Giangiorgi and Tom Sliker gave an overview and update on KC Trails. Giangiorgi recommended Council utilize in optimizing opportunities with growing our trails within the County.

Recognition of Outstanding Student Athlete Tylin Drakeford – Brian Mayes stated he was here to present good news with the recognition of Tylin Drakeford. Drakeford received the 2022-2023 Grind Out Award for being an outstanding student athlete with the Boys and Girls Club.

Camden Burial Grounds Event – Doug Bostick, CEO with The South Carolina Battleground Trust gave an update on the April Burial Event at The Camden Battleground.

Marshcat Compaction Services – Brian Elender gave a brief presentation of MarshCat Compaction Service who compacts rollbacks at convenience centers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. motioned to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023 and seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

In Favor: Katie Guinn Jimmy Jones Danny Catoe Russell Brazell
 Brant Tomlinson Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Fighter Protective Clothing

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. made a motion to award the fire fighter protective clothing to Crew Boss in the amount of \$51,462 with a second by Councilman Danny Catoe.

In Favor: Katie Guinn Jimmy Jones Russell Brazell Danny Catoe
 Brant Tomlinson Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

Finance Committee Update

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson updated Council and the public on where the committee is with the budget process, radio amount, and recreation complex.

COUNCIL BRIEFINGS

Councilman Brant Tomlinson

Mr. Tomlinson thanked the public for coming out tonight and stated we need to use the word love more within our community. Tomlinson also thanked Wanda Swann for the Spring Pick-Up.

Councilman Danny Catoe

Mr. Catoe stated Kershaw County has a lot to offer and our community has a lot more to offer especially for our children, the next generation. Catoe stated it is time for positivity and thanked Council and Administration.

Councilman Russell Brazell

Mr. Brazell thanked Councilman Catoe for his report. Brazell apologized for his action at the last minute and will do better moving forward. Brazell stated he is here for every member of our community.

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Mr. Tucker asked representatives from Trinity Apartments to also speak at City of Camden Council Meeting. Tucker thanked Pastor Proctor for the prayer that set the tone for our meeting. Tucker thanked Brazell for his apology and for being the man he was raised to be. Tucker stated family is off limits and thanked Reeder for her service as Interim Clerk to Council.

Councilman Derek Shoemake

Mr. Shoemake stated Town of Elgin elected Kristy Bradley as a new Town Councilwoman. Shoemake also stated he participated in the Spring Litter Pick-Up event last weekend.

Vice Chairman Jimmy Jones

Mr. Jimmy Jones stated he has enjoyed serving with members of Council. Jones stated respect goes a longer way when there is action instead of words. Jones also read a letter to the editor from a concerned citizen.

Chairwoman Guinn

Mrs. Guinn thanked Councilman Brazell for his apology. Guinn stated moving forward if there is no documentation for a vote, the vote will not go through. Guinn thanked Reeder for serving as the Interim Clerk to Council. Guinn stated she will host an Elgin Town Hall Event on April 5th regarding recreation needs in the West Wateree area.

Administrator

No report.

Legal

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. made a motion to go into executive session to receive an attorney-client privileged briefing and legal advice on a potential legal claim as well as legal advice on contractual matters related thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

In Favor:	Katie Guinn	Jimmy Jones	Russell Brazell	Danny Catoe
	Brant Tomlinson	Sammie Tucker, Jr.	Derek Shoemake	

Councilman Russell Brazell made a motion to come out of executive session with a second from Councilman Danny Catoe.

In Favor:	Katie Guinn	Jimmy Jones	Russell Brazell	Danny Catoe
	Brant Tomlinson	Sammie Tucker, Jr.	Derek Shoemake	

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Russell Brazell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. second the motion.

In Favor:

Katie Guinn
Brant Tomlinson

Jimmy Jones
Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Russell Brazell
Derek Shoemake

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council