



**Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Tuesday, February 8, 2022 - Held at 5:00 p.m.**  
**County Administration Building -- Third Floor**  
**County Administration Conference Room**  
**13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC**

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*Social Distancing Is Required At All of County Council's Meetings,  
And Seating Is On A First Come First Serve Basis.*

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** James T. McCain; Chairman; James R. Byrd, Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, James R. Byrd; Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney; and Carlton B. Washington.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gary Mixon, Mary Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Karen Hyatt, Major Randy Stewart, and Joe Perry.

**MEDIA:** Shelbie Goulding - The Item Newspaper

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Of County Council, the Honorable James T. McCain, Jr., called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION** - Council member, the Honorable Vivian Fleming McGhaney, gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Chairman McCain called for a motion to approve the agenda.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the agenda as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (1) Discussion and Review Of Draft Redistricting Plan Options For Sumter County Council And To Take Appropriate Actions As Necessary. (This Item Is Also Listed Under Old Business On Council's Regular Meeting Agenda - Ordinance 22-971).

Council members reviewed the proposed draft for the Redistricting Voting Lines for Sumter County Council as of February 7, 2022. Council members recognized that there was still work that needed to be done to address several issues and concerns of a few of the Council members. Therefore, it was suggested that the Clerk to Council would coordinate a meeting between Council representatives for Districts One, Two, Three, and Five. Councilman Baten stated that he was pleased with how District #7 was arranged.

However, if there were any changes, he would look at those changes once the other Council members were completed with their concerns.

It was also noted that the Redistricting Map dated February 7, 2022, would be used for second reading along with the ordinance prepared by the County Attorney, Johnathan Bryan.

**ACTION:** Received As information.

- (2) **Executive Session:** It Is Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss Matters Relating To Projects That Will Require The Purchase Of Real Property And May Be Included In The Potential *Capital Projects Sale Tax Ordinance* And Take Actions After The Executive Session As Necessary. Also, it May Be Necessary to Discuss Other Items Appropriate for Executive Session and Take Necessary Actions Thereafter in Open Session.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to enter executive session to discuss matters relating to projects that will require the purchase of real property and may be included in the Potential Capital Projects Sales Tax Ordinance.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session as stated by the Chairman.

After executive session, Council re-entered open session upon motion by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council.

Chairman McCain stated that there was no action to be taken at this time after the executive session.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- (1) None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman McCain asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to enter adjourn the special meeting at 5:54 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted**

*Mary W. Blanding*

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Clerk to County Council

Approved: February 22, 2022