

**Minutes of the
Simpsonville City Council
Business Meeting
April 12, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

City Council Chambers – 118 N.E. Main Street

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Curtis

COUNCIL PRESENT – Councilmember Gooch, Councilmember Graham, Councilmember Hulehan, Councilmember Braswell, Councilmember Cummings, Councilmember Lockaby, Mayor Curtis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mayor Curtis - We have the need for an executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee in the police department and the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.
- Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2nd by Councilmember Hulehan to go into Executive Session for the purpose Mayor Curtis stated.
Amended motion by Councilmember Graham with a 2nd by Councilmember Lockaby for the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege only.
Roll call vote taken, motion failed. Yes = 3, No = 4. Councilmember Gooch, Councilmember Hulehan, Councilmember Cummings and Mayor Curtis voting No.
Roll call vote taken on main motion to go into Executive Session. Motion carried. Yes = 4, No = 3. Councilmember Graham, Councilmember Braswell, and Councilmember Lockaby voting No.
- Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2nd by Councilmember Hulehan to return from Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Back in session– No action taken, no vote taken.
Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2nd by Councilmember Hulehan to ratify the action that we took at our last council meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016, and that Police Chief Keith Grounell be placed on suspension, without pay, for a period of thirty days beginning April 2, 2016. Roll call vote taken, motion carried. Yes = 4, No= 3. Councilmember Graham, Councilmember Braswell, Councilmember Lockaby voting No.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion by Councilmember Graham with a 2nd by Councilmember Gooch to approve minutes from March 8, 2016 and March 22, 2016. Motion carried with vote of Yes = 6, No = 1. Councilmember Lockaby voting No.
- Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2nd by Councilmember Hulehan to approve the minutes from April 4, 2016.
Motion by Councilmember Lockaby with a 2nd by Councilmember Graham to call for the question. Motion carried unanimously.
Roll call vote taken on main motion, motion carried. Yes = 4, No = 3. Councilmember Graham, Councilmember Braswell, and Councilmember Lockaby voting No.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Jessica Owens – 102 Appomattox Drive - Frustration

COUNCIL COMMENTS

BUSINESS

a. *Matters Referred by the Planning Commission*

- Motion by Councilmember Graham with a 2nd by Councilmembers Braswell to approve SP-2016-05, Harrison Bridge Center ID, Major Change. Motion carried unanimously.

b. *Matters Referred by the Committee of the Whole*

- Motion by Councilmember Graham with a 2nd by Councilmember Cummings to approve Police Department to sale surplus vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2nd by Councilmember Hulehan to authorize David Dyrhaug, City Administrator to establish a separate bank account for revenue received from use of the Simpsonville Arts Center for the purpose of funding future improvements and projects pertaining to the Arts Center and that this be done retroactive to July 1, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Councilmember Cummings with a 2nd by Councilmember Graham to authorize David Dyrhaug, City Administrator to enter into the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for Recreational Funding with Greenville County. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Councilmember Hulehan with a 2nd by Councilmember Gooch that the City Council authorize the establishment of a project team whose charge will be to complete a study to determine the feasibility of converting the historic Simpsonville Elementary School into a fully functioning Arts Center by the year 2020. Roll call vote taken, motion carried. Yes = 4, No = 3. Councilmember Graham, Councilmember Braswell and Councilmember Lockaby voting No.
- Motion by Councilmember Hulehan with a 2nd by Councilmember Graham that City Council authorize Tiffany Cherry, Community Relations Specialist, to work together with Joshua Stephens of the Modern Woodmen of America, Fire Chief Wesley Williams (or his designee), and other community partners, local businesses, and individual citizens to create a fundraising plan to purchase this inflatable fire safety house.

Amended motion by Councilmember Braswell with a 2nd by Councilmember Lockaby for City Council to authorize David Dyrhaug, City Administrator (or his designee) to work with Joshua Stephens of the Modern Woodmen of America, Fire Chief Wesley Williams (or his designee), and other community partners, local businesses, and individual citizens to create a fundraising plan to purchase this inflatable fire safety house. Roll call vote taken, motion carried. Yes = 5, No = 2. Councilmember Gooch and Councilmember Hulehan voting No.

Vote on motion as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

- Councilmember Gooch requested the item of State Accreditation be moved to next business meeting. Objection by Councilmember Lockaby.
Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2nd by Councilmember Hulehan to table State Accreditation to the next business meeting. Roll call vote taken, motion carried. Yes = 4, No = 3. Councilmember Graham, Councilmember Braswell and Councilmember Lockaby voting No.

c. *Old Business*

- Motion by Councilmember Hulehan with a 2nd by Councilmember Cummings for City Council to accept the retirement of Leslie H. Sharff as Assistant Municipal Court Judge as of May 2, 2016, and that the position be declared vacant as of May 2, 2016. Motion carried. Yes = 6, No = 1. Councilmember Graham voting No.
- Motion by Councilmember Hulehan with a 2nd by Councilmember Gooch for the City Council to authorize David Dyrhaug, City Administrator to secure proposals from private contractors for trash collection services. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2nd by Councilmember Graham for the City Council to authorize David Dyrhaug, City Administrator to immediately terminate the Public Works transfer station project. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilmember Graham requested the item of Administrator's Duties (Sec. 2-164) be removed from the agenda.
- Motion by Councilmember Graham to resend the suspension of the Police Chief. Point of order by Councilmember Gooch. Motion was ruled out of order.
- Motion by Councilmember Graham with a 2nd by Councilmember Lockaby that City Council extend an invitation to MASC and ACOG to have (5) training sessions in 2016 to include Councilmembers, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, HR Director with (2) sessions being specific to the Freedom of Information Act.
Motion by Councilmember Braswell with a 2nd by Councilmember Graham to call for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.
Vote of the main motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Councilmember Braswell with a 2nd by Councilmember Graham to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.