

**Special Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:00 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting streamed live on City's Facebook page

WELCOME: Mayor Kimberly Williams

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Elvira Johnson-Holley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Kimberly Williams; Carl Culpepper, III; Geneva S. Jackson; Ashley Morgan; Ricky Foster; James Anderson; Elvira Johnson-Holley

Council Not Present: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding a Vacancy in the Streets & Roads Department and Employee Salaries.

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ricky Foster

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval to increase two Streets & Roads employees pay rate. *pay rate not included in minutes & only at request to be provided publicly**

2. Discussion and Possible Vote on Committee Realignments and Assignments

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: James Anderson

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for the following three changes:

1. *work sessions at 6pm before every regularly scheduled council meeting*
2. *monthly meeting of committees to be scheduled with committee members based on the committee members availability.*
3. *newly structured committees as follows:*

A.)Development / Zoning- (Elvira, Geneva, Kim)

- Economic development
- Grant opportunity / management
- Planning & development
- Zoning
- Social Services
- Transportation
- Board of Zoning appeals
- Architectural Development

B.)Public Service / Safety- (Carl, Ricky, Kim)

- Police Department
- Fire department
- Sanitation
- Streets & Roads
- City Maintenance
- Clerk of Court
- Judicial
- Partnership with CPW

C.)Administration / Recreation- (Ashley, James, Kim)

- Library
- Finance & budget oversight
- Business license

- Hospitality & other tax
- Documentation control
- Parks & Recreation
- Special events
- Web site & social media

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

***Kim Williams(Mayor)-** Will reach out to Tripp to verify closing of old KFC building; appreciates everyone's participation in meeting.

***Carl Culpepper, III-** agreed that two employees of Streets & Roads need a raise; they have been a blessing & vital party of the city; there will need to an additional person by next year, if not sooner, so that infrastructure won't suffer.

***Ashley Morgan-** better to not hire a part-time for Streets & Roads & split potential part-time salary between two current employees; met with North Augusta council member that offered to let city council come to see how they operate; May 2nd scheduled for vendors, food trucks & live music.

***Elvira Johnson-Holley-** training in grant writing for the committee would be beneficial for future.

***Geneva Jackson-** verified that increase of Streets & Roads was based on previously determined pay range classification; suggested alternates be used in the case the committee may not be available for meetings; encourages participation/volunteers in ARTS/DOT upcoming projects so that city may have traffic concerns addressed.

***James Anderson-** agreed that two employees of Streets & Roads need a raise; part-time position is still needed; designated time/date for committee meetings should be a guideline.

***Ricky Foster-** American Legion in city closed & donated \$3500.00 to be used for park benches; would like to see something in park with a plaque acknowledging donation.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Geneva S. Jackson

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

Supporting materials attached:


City Clerk Signature/Date


Mayor/Date