



**SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 WEST EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock, Councilwoman LaShonda NeSmith-Jackson, and Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilwoman Lethonia Barnes

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; and Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk

MEDIA PRESENT

Notices of this special meeting of City Council were provided to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda informing them of the date, location and time of the meeting.

Mr. Chris Day with The Post and Courier was present for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ervin called the March 31, 2023 special meeting of Florence City Council to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

HEARING FOR REMOVAL OF HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to defer this item until the April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting of Florence City Council and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously on the motion. The hearing is deferred until the April meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to discuss this in Executive Session and Councilman McCall seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously on the motion. The appointment of City Attorney will be discussed in Executive Session.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council entered into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. for a personnel matter.

Council resumed open session at 10:25 a.m. and took action on the following:

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

Councilman McCall made a motion to move forward with negotiations for the new city attorney position in accordance with discussions in Executive Session with the law firm Haynsworth Sinkler and Boyd and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion.


ADJOURN

Without objection, the March 31, 2023 Special meeting of City Council was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Dated this 10th day of April 2023.



Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk



Teresa Myers Erwin, Mayor