

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Chris Lollis
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson
C. Claiborne Linvill

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Attorney

The Committee of the Whole met in Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, July 17, 2023. All members of the committee were in attendance with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

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SEWER CAPACITY - Log No. 214

- Administrator Ken Roper stated this is regarding a Sewer Capacity Study that Council has provided funding for this year. He stated as we go into that service, we have two partners with us in our intergovernmental agreement for sewer capacity which are the Town of Central and City of Liberty. He stated Andy Blondeau, City of Clemson Administrator, approached him asking about potential for the City of Clemson to join in with some type of sewer arrangement. Mr. Roper stated the Central and Liberty have passed resolutions stating they believe it will be a good idea if we leave it into a joint study.
- Mr. Blondeau went into discussion with Council on why he would like to join in on the study. He stated he is asking for permission to see if Council will let help pay for the study and City of Clemson join in.
 - After some discussion between Council, Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion allow the City of Clemson into the sewer capacity study. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).

2023 ATAX FUNDING APPLICATIONS – Log No. 211

- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - City of Pickens Request for Independence Day Spectacular
 - Total calculation cost for County to approach but not exceed \$30,000
 - City of Pickens spent less than \$20,000
 - Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to allocate \$7,000 of ATAX Funding to the City of Pickens and reimburse the County \$30,000 regarding the Independence Day Spectacular Event. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson. Discussion included:

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- Councilwoman Linvill stated the City of Pickens did not submit a formal application like all of the other organizations. She stated she realizes this is different but all Council has received was a memo and she is wondering where the \$7,000 is coming from.
- Discussion on invoicing the Trump Campaign for the expenses
- Chairman Chris Bowers amended the original motion, stating he would like to bill the campaign to see if they will help pay any expenses of the \$30,000 and \$7,000 before allocating the ATAX money. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill. Discussion included:
 - Councilman Alex Saitta went into discussion on why he opposes this amendment and original motion.
 - Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill stated she feels it is important for this Council to set a precedent that when it comes to Pickens County, we have some obligations to understand that there will be police and EMS expenses, and we would like for them to cover it because some campaigns have. She stated she realizes it may not get paid because a contract wasn't met, and that is a whole other issue.
- Seeing no other discussion on the amendment, the motion failed (1-5), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill in favor.
- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made an amended motion, stating he would like the City of Pickens to fill out an application to be turned into the ATAX Committee and the \$7,000 to be contingent on the application. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and approved unanimously (6-0).
- After more discussion, Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to amend the total from \$7,000 to \$10,100 of ATAX Funding for the City of Pickens for life safety. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta. After some discussion, the motion carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.
- Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.

UDSO – Log No. 141

- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Comments from Public Meetings: Administrator Roper went into great detail on the following concerns/comments from the Public Meetings that have been held:
 - Increase Open Space Requirements
 - Concern about Increased Traffic with Increased Development
 - Concern about Impact to the Roads with Increased Development
 - Concern about Storm Water Issues related to Increased Development/Tree and Waterway Protections
 - Annexation

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- Concern about Quality of Home Construction
- Attainable Housing
- Increased Trash
- Impact on Schools
- Hector Perez, Senior Manager of DTA Finance, gave Council a brief overview of a nexus study.

❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**

COUNCIL RULES – Log No. 215

- Council and Staff had detailed discussion that was included, but not limited to:
 - Discussion of Councilwoman Linvill’s request, *Alternative Attendance by a member*
 - Councilwoman Linvill went into discussion on her proposed changes for Council consideration regarding Alternative Attendance by a Member.
 - Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a motion to amend the bylaws to allow alternative attendance. Councilman Henry Wilson seconded the motion. Discussion included:
 - SCAC Rules on Alternative Attendance
 - Capable of Technology at County Administration Building
 - Excuses as to why Council Members are missing the meetings
 - Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Chris Lollis opposed.
- Discussion of Vice Chairman Costner’s request, *Rule 2, 2.1, section D*
 - Vice Chairman Costner made a motion to remove the following from Rule 2.1, Section D: “*No officer can serve more than two consecutive two-year terms in a particular office.*” Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson. Discussion included:
 - Councilman Saitta went into discussion on why he will not be voting in favor.
 - The motion carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.
- Discussion on Rule 2, County Officers, *Succession of the Office*
 - Attorney Les Hendricks went into discussion on this Rule.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to eliminate Section D in Rule 2.1. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion make language for all three positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Vice Chair Pro-Tem) be in the events of their vacancy, the position will be replaced by an election of Council. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.
 - The original motion carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

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ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.