

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman (absent)
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, September 18, 2023. All members of the committee, except Chairman Chris Bowers, with Vice Chairman Roy Costner presiding. Vice Chairman Roy Costner led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Roy Costner called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

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REASSESSMENT – Log No. 221

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner stated he requested this item to be on the agenda at the previous Council meeting, which in result was sent to the Consent agenda to be discussed in Committee of the Whole. He stated the reason he made the motion to start the process on pushing back reassessment for one year is that it is revenue neutral for us and comes in a time we have no control over.
- Administrator Roper, Finance Director Ralph Guarino and Assessor Laura Yates went into detailed discussion on delaying the implementation of this reassessment.
- Council and Staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Discussion on payment schedule
 - Discussion on historical precedent and reasoning
 - Discussion on 2024 being an election year
 - Discussion on tax bill letter that explains everything to citizens
- ❖ After much more discussion between Council, Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to move this out of Committee for First Reading in Title Only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried (4-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

UDSO – Log No. 141

- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Overview of Council and Staff Discussion on the UDSO from previous Committee Meeting
 - Community Impact
 - Real Cost

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- Preservation & Conservation
 - Housing
 - Traffic
 - Infrastructure
 - Timeline of UDSO Review Process of Council Work Sessions, Meetings, etc.
 - Moratorium is set to expire on October 3, 2023
 - Detailed discussion on land use decision matrix draft map
 - Presentation of Pickens County map by parcels by acreage category and residential units by parcel
- ❖ Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to leave the common roads out of the ordinance and discussion for the time being until discussed at a future date. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried (5-0).
- ❖ Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to extend the moratorium for 90 days. Motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Vice Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill and carried unanimously (5-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.