

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Trey Whitehurst
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson
Ensley Feemster

Staff in Attendance:

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

The Committee of the Whole met in Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. All members of the committee were in attendance with Vice Chairman Roy Costner presiding the beginning of the meeting, with the exception of Chairman Chris Bowers. Mr. Bowers joined the meeting late. Councilman Trey Whitehurst 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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Fire Fee Revenue Structure – Log No. 190

- Council and Billy Gibson, Emergency Services Director, had detailed discussion regarding a proposal from the Emergency Services Board. Mr. Gibson provided Council with a spreadsheet on the summary of the revenue by moving to a “per square foot” based fee. The Emergency Services recommends the 16 cent/ft² plan with a \$3,100 minimum for Commercial establishments.
 - Concerns that Council discussed about the Fire Fee Revenue Structure:
 - Companies on Fee-In-Lieu
 - Universal fee
 - Different options of fees
 - Fire services throughout the county

- ❖ **Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to recommend refunding the difference to tax payers who paid more than \$1800 on their commercial fire fee and for Council to continue discussion on fire fee revenue structure for the next budget year. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (5-0), with Chairman Bowers absent during this vote in the meeting.**

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Council Redistricting – Log No. 194

- Council and Administrator Roper, Jimmy Threatt (GIS Director) and Amy Sams (Director of Registration and Elections) had detailed discussion regarding two proposal of drafted maps regarding Council redistricting in Pickens County.
 - Questions regarding pricincts in Pickens County
 - Different opinions and reasons from Council for redistricting

- ❖ **Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to recommend first reading in title only of an ordinance to move forward with the Option 2 Draft Map. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (5-0), with Chairman Bowers absent during this vote in the meeting.**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.