



City Council Special Meeting

Meeting Minutes – City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

August 25, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

2:45 PM

Philip Cromer, Mayor

Members of Council in attendance - Philip Cromer, Neil Lipsitz, Michael McFee (Virtually), Mitch Mitchell, Josh Scallate.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of Council.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussions regarding contractual agreements.

Councilman Lipsitz made a motion to go into Executive Session and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Lipsitz made a motion to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. MATTERS ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Lipsitz made a motion and seconded by Councilman Scallate to authorize Mayor Cromer to take such action and execute such documents as are necessary to retain Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA to investigate and provide legal advice regarding the inadvertent production of sensitive and/or personal identifying information produced on July 29, 2025, in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

All were in favor, motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following addressed Council with their comments and concerns regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) release dated July 29, 2025.

Autumn Hollis, 708 Center Drive East

VI. ADJOURN

4:31 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

All were in favor, motion carried.

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approved: September 9, 2025
Traci Guldner

