



**MOUNT PLEASANT TOWN COUNCIL
Special Council Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018
12:00 p.m. – Committee Meeting Room
3rd Floor - Mount Pleasant Municipal Complex
100 Ann Edwards Lane, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Mayor Haynie called the Special Town Council Meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Mr. Bustos, Ms. Landing, Ms. Whitley, Mr. Owens, Mr. Cunnane and Mr. Brimmer were all present. Mr. O'Rourke and Mr. Santos were absent. Mayor Haynie said this meeting is primarily for Council to review and be briefed on security measures for school safety.

II. Public Comment

Mayor Haynie asked if anyone would like to speak. There being no one, the public comment period was closed.

III. Executive session for the purpose of discussing the Mount Pleasant Police Department's involvement in school security and readiness

Mayor Haynie stated the next item is executive session for the purpose of discussing the Mount Pleasant Police Department's involvement in school security and readiness. Mayor Haynie said

there is information that involves law enforcement resources, tactics, responses, and this information needs to be discussed in order to keep our schools safe. Mayor Haynie said items that are not tactical will be discussed in the public session. Mayor Haynie asked if there is a motion to go into executive session to discuss the item published.

Mr. Owens moved as stated, seconded by Mr. Bustos. All present voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 12:38 p.m. Mayor Haynie reconvened the meeting at 1:36 p.m. stating no votes had been taken.

IV. Post Executive Session

Committee may take action on any item listed on an executive session agenda or discussed in an executive session during a properly noticed meeting.

Ms. Whitley moved to augment the Police Department's budget in order to enhance school security as discussed in executive session, seconded by Mr. Cunnane. All present voted in favor.

V. Discussion concerning authorizing staff to explore an automatic aid and operational agreement for the 41 corridor and the new Wando River bridge between the Mount Pleasant Fire Department and the Charleston Fire Department

Mr. Cunnane stated there was no Fire Committee meeting scheduled for this month and the Charleston Fire Department is opening a new station on the other side of the Highway 41 bridge. He said this morning from the back portion of Dunes West he completed a Google Maps search and compared the response time from there and from Paul Foster Road. From Paul Foster Road, it is a twenty minute response time, and the new fire station that the City of Charleston is opening is an 11 minute response time. He said the closest

professional fire crew should respond. Mr. Cunnane said this is to authorize staff to begin pursuing an agreement. He said he spoke to the Legal Department and these agreements are easy to establish as there are many in place already. Mr. Cunnane said he wanted to get this moving as soon as possible so as not to wait twenty minutes for the Mount Pleasant department to respond when there is a station much closer.

Mayor Haynie asked if a motion was needed or if any Council Members had any comments, deferring to the Chair of the Fire Committee first. Mr. Brimmer said he thinks it is a great idea and he is happy to have staff working on it in preparation for a Fire Committee meeting next month. Mr. Brimmer said he does have some questions, but it could possibly be ready for full Council in April if that is suitable to Mr. Cunnane. Mr. Cunnane responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Haynie asked if a motion is needed. Mr. DeMoura said he understands the intent and staff will be ready for the Fire Committee meeting in August.

Mayor Haynie thanked Mr. Cunnane for bringing this to the attention of Council.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Barrett
Clerk of Council
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