

**CHAPIN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday August 12, 2021
3:00 p.m.**

Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor David W. Knight, Mayor Pro Tempore Al Koon, Council Member Kay Hollis, Council Member Mike Clonts, and Council Member Leland Teal

Staff Present: Finance Director Laura Culler, Public Affairs Director Nicholle Burroughs, and Town Clerk Shannon Bowers

Call to Order: Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Mayor Knight then determined there was a quorum and acknowledged the appropriate notifications in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

New Business

REQUEST FOR ACTION: Authorizing the Mayor to sign SCDOT contract for the exit 91 road enhancement project under 2021 FY Budget: Local Hospitality Tax Expenditure:

Mayor Knight explained that Town Code authorizes the Mayor to sign contracts for amounts up to \$50,000. Any contract amount above that needs Council approval. This contract will add mast arm traffic signals, boring, and conduit as a part of the SCDOT bridge project and surrounding area. This will cover the intersection to the new bridge and the exit getting off of the interstate, for a total of approximately 8 arms. The projected cost for this is \$272,000. The deadline for signing the contract is August 13, 2021. Director Culler stated this project was budgeted for in the 2021 budget and there are funds in the Hospitality Tax account to cover this. Director Burroughs noted this would not cover pedestrian lighting. A separate funding source will need to be explored when that part of the project is reached.

Member Teal made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the SCDOT contract for the exit 91 road enhancement project under 2021 FY Budget: Local Hospitality Tax Expenditure. Mayor Pro Tem Koon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment: Member Clonts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Teal seconded the motion.

As a part of the discussion, before the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned, he commented on the following:

- Town Hall COVID-19 protocols: he and the staff are working on revisiting in regards to town hall opening to the public
- Open carry law: Effective August 15, Chief Zeigler stated they have had correspondence with SLED and the department is up to date on protocols regarding this new law
- American Rescue Plan: The town has not received funds because State law makers have not requested them from the Federal government. Mayor Walker of Irmo is hosting a Zoom call for area mayors to discuss and show their support in requesting the funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: September 7, 2021