

Ricky Waring, Mayor

*Council Members:*

Bob Jackson  
Walter Bailey  
Aaron Brown  
Terry Jenkins  
Kima Garten-Schmidt  
William McIntosh



*Town Administrator*  
Rebecca Vance

*Town Clerk*  
Beth Messervy

*Town Attorney*  
G.W. Parker

**Town of Summerville**  
**SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ricky Waring called the Special Called Council meeting to order at 10:00am on Saturday, June 19, 2021. The meeting was held in Council Chambers on the third floor of the annex building at 200 South Main Street.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Mayor Waring, Councilmembers Terry Jenkins, Bill McIntosh, Aaron Brown, Bob Jackson, and Walter Bailey. Councilmember Kima Garten-Schmidt called in via phone to attend the meeting electronically. A quorum was met. Staff was also present. Public and press were duly notified.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters related to the Town Administrator. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Jackson voting in opposition. Mr. Jackson stated that he voted in opposition because he did not think it was right to call a meeting on a Saturday morning when there was no time to get all of the facts regarding the agenda items.

Council entered into Executive Session at 10:01am.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 10:46am. Town Attorney GW Parker stated that Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters related to the Town Administrator; he stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to terminate the contract with the Town Administrator without cause effective immediately in accordance with the terms of the contract entered into between the Administrator and the Town dated January 31, 2020, Paragraph V. Termination, Section B.

The motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Jackson voting in opposition.

Mr. McIntosh asked Town Attorney GW Parker to explain the Town's ordinance regarding termination of the Town Administrator. Mr. Parker stated that according to Section 2-212 of the Town of Summerville's code of ordinances, each Councilmember voting for termination of the Town Administrator must state his or her reason behind their vote.

Mr. McIntosh stated that he voted for Mr. Bailey's motion to terminate without cause because he believes that the Town Administrator was not a good fit for this Council.

Mr. Brown stated that he voted for termination because there was a dichotomy between the Administrator and Mayor/Council as to who was in charge of the Town.

Mayor Waring stated that he voted for termination because he believed that the Town Administrator had the Town going in a different direction than the Mayor and Council wanted to go in.

Mr. Bailey stated that he voted for termination because there was a poor fit between the Administrator and Mayor/Council.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he agreed with Mr. Bailey and that he believed there was a fundamental and philosophical difference between the Town Administrator and the Mayor/Council in dealings with daily interactions with Council and staff.

Mr. Jenkins stated for the record that Ms. Garten-Schmidt was unreachable by phone, but that the majority of the Council had voted to terminate the contract, so Council could continue with the meeting. Mr. Parker stated that Ms. Garten-Schmidt's vote could be added to the minutes when the minutes were amended at the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:51am.

Respectfully submitted:

APPROVED:

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Beth Messervy, Town Clerk

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Ricky Waring, Mayor

\*\*NOTE: While Ms. Garten-Schmidt was unable to be reached via phone once Council reconvened after Executive Session, she later stated in writing that her vote was in opposition to the motion to terminate the Town Administrator.

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