

**CITY OF LAURENS  
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL CENTER  
250 WEST LAURENS STREET, LAURENS, SC 29360  
JUNE 3, 2024  
5:30PM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Nathan Senn, Councilor Johnnie Bolt, Councilor Cassandra Campbell, Councilor Sara Latimore, Councilor Martin Lowry, Councilor Marian Miller, Councilor Alicia Sullivan, City Administrator Eric Delgado, IT Director Colby Rice, Fire Chief Neil Roberts, Fire Captain William Gonzalez, and City Clerk Leslie Mattison

**THE MEDIA WAS NOTIFIED BY AN EMAILED AGENDA.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order with Councilor Sullivan giving the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of the June 3, 2024 Special Called Meeting Agenda** - A motion was made by Councilor Campbell and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 6-24-1: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement modifying the service territory for the Laurens Fire Department with Laurens County** – Mayor Senn began by stating that it is customary for the city’s ISO rating to be reviewed. He explained that an ISO rating is a “fire score” that helps determine how well-equipped a fire department is to put out fires in a community and how prepared the area is for fires overall. Insurance companies use the score to help set home insurance rates. The city is fortunate enough to have an ISO 1 rating. To maintain this rating, the city must maintain certain standards. Mayor Senn and Chief Roberts explained to council that the City’s Fire Department may provide fire services outside of its municipal boundaries by contract. By expanding the covered territory where the city’s fire protection services are provided to an area down Highway 76 including Templeton Road will assist in maintaining this rating.

Councilor Sullivan stated to Mayor Senn that “the way the ordinance is written is like it omits the legal counsel, like the legal counsel only reviews it after you make the agreement decision. So,

will you be acting on behalf of that?" Mayor Senn stated "no, in fact the reason this ordinance is an ordinance is because Mr. Flynn from Pope Flynn Law Firm recommended it. I am acting as executive on behalf of the city and I want to do that with the authorization of council. I am not going to do that without the advice of legal counsel. The only reason that I am involved in the first place is because our fire chief is saying this is the way that y'all can help us keep the ISO rating." Councilor Sullivan stated that "she sees on Section Two, Part B that he will review it, but the ordinance reads like it will just be you." Mayor Senn stated that "I will technically be the one taking the lead as the negotiator but just to be frank with you, it seems like everybody's on the same page here. There has to be someone to sign the agreement when we come to it."

A motion was made by Councilor Bolt and seconded by Councilor Campbell to approve Ordinance 6-24-1. After some discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilor Bolt and seconded by Councilor Latimore to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

  
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**NATHAN SENN, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**LESLIE MATTISON, CITY CLERK**