

Aiken City Council Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

March 27, 2017

Present: Mayor Osbon, Councilmembers Dewar, Diggs, Ebner, Homoki, Merry, and Price.

Others Present: John Klimm, Stuart Bedenbaugh, Gary Smith, John McMichael, and Courtney Pope.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Osbon called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M. He announced that the Aiken City Council needs to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70-(a)(2) to discuss negotiations incident to a proposed contractual arrangement and proposed sale or purchase of property and to receive legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim. Specifically, City Council will discuss:

1. A legal briefing from the City Solicitor regarding the Pontoon v. City of Aiken lawsuit.
2. A legal briefing from the City Attorney regarding the City of Aiken v. Tennis Lady, Inc. lawsuits.
3. A discussion of a proposed contractual arrangement for the purchase or sale of real estate.

After the Executive Session Council will hold a Work Session to discuss 1. Public Safety Personnel – Retirees, 2. Richland Avenue W. Improvements from Vacluse Road to Gregg Avenue, and 3. Update on Downtown Redevelopment Citizens Advisory Team.

Councilman Ebner moved, seconded by Councilwoman Diggs, that Council go into executive session to discuss matters regarding Pontoon vs. City of Aiken lawsuit, City of Aiken vs. Tennis Lady, Inc. lawsuit, and discussion regarding proposed contract for sale or purchase of property. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council went into executive session at 5:07 P.M.

After discussion Council returned to the Council Chambers at 6:23 P.M.

Councilman Homoki moved, seconded by Councilwoman Diggs, that Council come out of executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner announced that Mayor Osbon had recused himself and did not participate in the portion of the Executive Session regarding the downtown redevelopment and stated that Council will now hold a work session on three items announced earlier. The worksession began at 6:26 p.m.