

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of the BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 18, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr. presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL MAYOR

Mayor Pro Tem Williams read the certification from the Barnwell County Board of Canvassers for the City of Barnwell Special Mayor Election held March 12, 2019. The declared winner was Marcus A. Rivera for the position of Mayor. Councilman Dozier made a motion to certify the election results. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney, Thomas Boulware, administered the oath of office to Marcus Rivera. He stated that Mr. Rivera was the fifth mayor of the City of Barnwell in almost 80 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams turned the gavel over to Mayor Rivera.

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APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR THE BARNWELL CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Boulware excused himself from the meeting for this discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Williams explained that Mr. Boulware has been the City attorney for almost 50 years. He will start drawing his state retirement and will no longer be a city employee. The Council needs to vote to appoint him as City attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to appoint Thomas Boulware to serve as City attorney at the pleasure of Council effective March 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer