

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING and BUDGET WORKSHOP of
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 9, 2021– 5:00 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met for a Budget Workshop with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, and Jimbo Moody

Council Members Absent: Alicia Davis

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The news media was notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the workshop to order. Councilmember Dozier led with a prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel salary. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FY2022

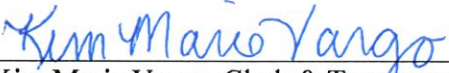
City Administrator McEwen and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed preliminary budget information for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, for the General Fund. The preliminary budget did not include any rate increases. This is a reassessment year, so tax revenues can only be increased by certain criteria. Information from the County must be obtained before the millage rate can be set. The MASC has issued new class rates for business licenses based on updated IRS classifications. Business license rates will be recalculated to ensure revenue neutrality. Although the State budget has not been approved yet, a 1% increase in retirement

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expenditures has been added. Revenue from the State to help offset this increase has also been budgeted. Budgeted capital expenditures include the purchase of two new police vehicles.

The first reading of the budget ordinance will be at the next Council meeting.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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