

Minutes
Court Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

The Court Committee Meeting was held Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium (teleconference). The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Council Chairwoman Pat Phillips, Council Members Andre Campbell, Mayo C. Phillips, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Court Committee Chairwoman Pat Phillips, Council Member, Mayo C. Phillips, City Clerk Felicia Sawyer, Judge Dan Barker.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Council Chairwoman Phillips called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

Prayer was given by Council Chairwoman Phillips.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Committee Chairwoman Phillips stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the Court Committee meeting for April 6, 2021.

3. Re:

(a) Departmental Overview

(b) Budget

Council Chairwoman Phillips recognized Judge Dan Barker. Judge Barker thanked the committee for allowing him to speak today. Barker stated how proud he was of how court has proceeded since the pandemic. Things are beginning to open up a little more but court will proceed with caution. Social distancing and proper precautions are still in place per Chief Justice Beatty. Bond hearings are being conducted through teleconference. Traffic court will begin on April 27th. Court has adjusted from the separation from the Police Department and the officers now know their boundaries with Judge Sawyer.

Recording capabilities and televised bond hearings should be made available for anyone that may request them. This will also be made available for the victims involved in the cases.

Council Member Mayo C. Phillips thanked Judge Barker for his service. Judge Barker stated Court serves a lot of citizens and everyone must be treated fairly and adjustments have been made from the past.

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4. Adjournment:

Council Member Mayo C. Phillips made a motion to adjourn.

Pat Phillips
Mayor Pro Tem / Court Committee Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Felicia J. Sawyer, City Clerk