

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
KINGSTREE TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 29, 2015 - 6:30 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
FRANK H. MCGILL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Ricky Burrows, Mayor

Luester McCullough, 1st District
C. Allen Smith, 2nd District
Darren Tisdale, 3rd District

Monica Murdaugh, 4th District
C .M. (Bubba) Hammet, Jr., 5th District
Andrea R. Kelly, 6th District

**OFFICIALS
PRESENT**

Merianne Cowley, Finance Director
Eric Williams, Police Chief

Leonard R. Lowery, Municipal Clerk
Ernie Jarrett, Municipal Attorney

- 1. CALLED TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION** Councilwoman Murdaugh
- 3. CONFIRMATION THAT FOIA REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET**
The Municipal Clerk informed Council that FOIA requirements were met by notifying The News and Morning News of the meeting.
- 4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 29, 2015**
 - *Councilwoman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda.*
 - *Seconded by Councilwoman Kelly.*
 - *The motion carried unanimously.*
- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (1)**
 - *Councilwoman Murdaugh made a motion for Council to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.*
 - *Seconded by Councilwoman Kelly.*
 - *The motion carried unanimously.*

 - *Councilwoman Murdaugh made a motion for Council to come out of executive session.*

- *Seconded by Councilwoman Kelly.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

6. ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION


No action was taken by Council while in executive session. Municipal Attorney Jarrett clarified for the record that the purpose of the executive session was for Council to discuss the appointment of an interim Town Manager.

- *Councilman Hammet made a motion to name Merianne Cowley as the Acting Town Manager for 30 days at her current salary, effective immediately.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman McCullough.*
- *A rollcall vote was taken. Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Murdaugh, Councilwoman Kelly, and Mayor Burrows voted in opposition to the motion.*
- *The motion did not carry.*

- *Councilwoman Murdaugh made a motion to name Merianne Cowley Interim Town Manager for the duration of the search for a new Town Manager having the same compensation rate as the former Town Manager.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Kelly.*
- *A rollcall vote was taken. Councilwoman McCullough, Councilman Tisdale, and Councilman Hammet voted in opposition to the motion.*
- *The motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT

- *Councilwoman Murdaugh made a motion to adjourn.*
- *Councilwoman Kelly seconded the motion.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*



Leonard Lowery, Municipal Clerk



Darren Tisdale, Mayor