



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
March 6, 2017
5:30 P.M.**



Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Janie Cooper-Smith
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Clyde B. Livingston**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 6th day of March 2017, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:35 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**February 21, 2017 (RS)
February 27, 2017 (SS)**

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

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OTHER MATTERS

Patricia Pardue came before County Council to ask Council to consider the amount of noise that will come from the crowd at the concerts at Yonder Field because their community would be able to hear the noise inside their homes. Ms. Pardue advised Council that their community had already experienced some trespassing, some property damage, lost time from work, lost sleep, anxiety, and expenses they would not normally have and the venue has not open yet.

Deloris Frazer expressed to Council, the Times and Democrat stated there may be a closing of Demark Technical College and she would like for the elected officials to go on record in support to keep Demark Technical College open, because the people in Demark needed that school.

Country McArthur expressed his concern about the Yonder Field security and for those who will carry weapons.

Bruce Wiles expressed to County Council to his concern about the Yonder Field generator and the noise it will make.

Pam McArthur expressed to County Council her disapproval of the Yonder Field project.

Chairman Wright closed the public comments session at 6:06 p.m. and began the first item on the agenda.

1. ORDINANCE FOR THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EXISTING AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OR TO BE HEREAFTER OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY HUSQVARNA CONSUMER OUTDOOR PRODUCTS N.A., INC., LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Wright read the ordinance entirely. Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

2. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS # 0173-15-09-001.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL DISTRICT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on January 11, 2017 to consider this request from Greater Faith Baptist Church to rezone the property 203 Dorchester Street from RG (Residential General) to CG (Commercial General) for the purpose of a digital sign. The Planning Commission voted unanimously recommending approval of the request.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

3. RESOLUTION HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Chairman Wright yield to Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith to read the resolution in it's entirety. Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

4. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Wimberly. Councilman Wimberly advised at the public meeting in an haste to try to help the citizens of Orangeburg County he used a word called moratorium and he really do not like that word. Councilman Wimberly advised, it is really a bad word when it comes to advancement, growth, or making Orangeburg County better. There are rules and regulations that can handled these issues without using the word moratorium or creating a moratorium on anything.

Chairman Wright thanked Councilman Wimberly for clarifying. Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment. Administrator Young advised with working with County Council and staff they have come up with a proposal of an emergency ordinance to protect the property and citizens as outlined in the Orangeburg County Ordinance section 2-84 changing County Ordinance Appendix A, section 2.3 Table 1, Sector 62: Health Care and Social Assistance categories to SE (Special Exception) where currently listed as P (Permitted) in the FA district and directing County staff to prepare recommendations for conditions of such special exception, to present to the Planning Commission and County Council. Further that zoning approval for such uses be held until such regulations can be submitted and approved through the legal process. As per section 2-84 of the County Ordinance, this ordinance takes effect sixty one days thereafter. Also changing County Ordinance Appendix A, Section 2.3 Table 1, Sector 711 performing arts, spectator sports & related industries to C (Conditional Use) where currently listed a P (Permitted Use) in CG and RC districts and directing County staff to prepare recommendations for conditions of such conditional use, to present to the Planning Commission and County Council. Further that zoning approval for such uses be held until such regulations can be submitted and approved through the legal process. As per Section 2-84 of the County Ordinance, this ordinance takes effect upon a two thirds vote of members present and expires sixty one days thereafter.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the proposed zoning ordinance amendment. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Chairman Wright asked for a call vote to pass the proposed zoning ordinance amendment by show of hands. Chairman Johnnie Wright, Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith, Councilman Johnny Ravenell, Councilman Willie Owens, Councilman Clyde Livingston, Councilman Heyward Livingston, and Councilman Harry Wimberly all showed their hand to approve. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

5. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TAX AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the recommendation of the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. LEGAL BRIEFING

SECTION 30-4-70. 2) DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, THE RECEIPT OF 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.

b. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- 1. PROJECT COLUMBUS**
- 2. PROJECT BLUE LAKE**
- 3. PROJECT SHAMROCK**
- 4. PROJECT PILLAR**

S.C. CODE §30-4-70(A)(5) (DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE PUBLIC BODY)

8. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

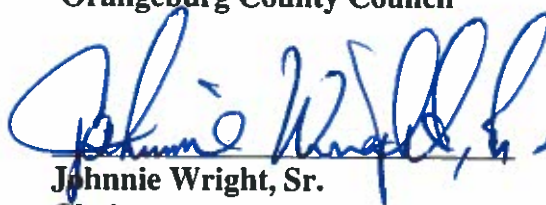
Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of March 6, 2017 stand adjourned. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council