

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
March 7, 2022
5:30 PM**



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.
Johnny Ravenell
Janie Cooper-Smith
Kenneth McCaster
Joseph Garvin
Deloris Frazier logged on at 5:42 p.m.**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Willie B. Owens

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

On the 7th day of March 2022, Chairman Wright called to order the regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:33 p.m. with a roll call due to having a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 22, 2022 RS

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Kenneth McCaster made the motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Councilman Joseph Garvin. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

**Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith – Yay**

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Third Reading

- 1. An Ordinance to Amend the Orangeburg County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28 Public Services, Article III Policy Manual, to Add Provisions Regarding Commercial Driveways and Flowable Fill.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Garvin. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

**Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith – Yay**

Ordinance Second Reading

- 2. The Consideration of A Request From Red Pill Partners, LLC To Rezone Property On Old State Rd. (US 176), TMS# 0338-00-01-078.000, Holly Hill, SC 29059 from “FA (Forest Agricultural) District” to “RG (Residential General) District” for The Purpose of a Residential Development.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Kenneth McCaster second the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

**Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith – Yay**

- 3. An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Intergovernmental Agreement To Exchange Real Estate And Harvest Lumber By And Between Orangeburg County And The Orangeburg Consolidated School District Pertaining To Certain Real Property; Authorizing The Exchange Of Such Real Property By The County; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Kenneth McCaster second the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay

Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith – Yay
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

- 4. An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Orangeburg County, South Carolina And A Company Known To The County At This Time As Project Stallion With Respect To Certain Economic Development Property In The County, Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject To Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes, Including The Provision Of Certain Special Source Credits; The Execution And Delivery Of A Special Source Credit Agreement By And Between Orangeburg County And The Company; And Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Joseph Garvin made the motion. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith second the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith – Yay
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Could not hear vote.

Ordinance First Reading

- 5. An Ordinance Authorizing The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park In Conjunction With Calhoun County, Such Industrial/Business Park To Be Geographically Located In Calhoun And Orangeburg Counties And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended; To Provide For A Written Agreement With Calhoun County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Garvin. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay

Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

Ordinance First Reading Only

- 6. Termination of Emergency Ordinance Number 2022-02-07-08 Requiring Use of Face Coverings in County Buildings and Vehicles in Certain Situations.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading only. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kenneth McCaster. Motion carried. (5-1-0)

Roll Call Vote

**Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Nay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay**

RESOLUTIONS

- 7. Honoring National Women’s History Month.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion and Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

**Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay**

- 8. A Resolution To Authorize An Application To The United States Department Of Agriculture For Rural Development Grant Funding Provided By The Rural Utilities Service Of United States Department Of Agriculture To Expand Broadband Infrastructure In Orangeburg County.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Kenneth McCaster made the motion and Councilman Joseph Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

**Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay**

Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay
 Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TAX AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the Orangeburg County Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee met on February 22, 2022, for their regular quarterly meeting. The following funding recommendations were made by the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee:

- Grand American Association is requesting funding for rent \$12,000.00 payment, the light bill, advertising, and insurance for the event to keep the event in Orangeburg
- Ellore Heritage Museum is requesting funds for advertising, \$15,000.00 printing and mailing their newsletter, hosting different programs, insurance, and necessary repairs to keep the museum open.

Total Funds Requested:	\$27,000.00
Funds Available for Disbursement:	\$106,840.68
Difference for Funds to Remain on Hand:	\$79,840.68

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the recommendation of the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion to accept all the recommendations. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
 Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
 Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
 Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
 Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay
 Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

UPDATE

Public Works Committee

Chairman Wright yielded to the Public Works Committee Chairperson Councilman Johnny Ravenell to give an update. Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised that the Public Works Committee met to discuss discontinuing maintenance on Lambert Rd and a portion of Hannah Dr. the Public Works Committee approved unanimously to recommend abandoning maintenance on Lambert Rd and a portion of Hannah Dr. Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised abandoning maintenance does not take it out of the system they will have to go through another court action to take the road out of the system.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the recommendation of the Public Works Committee. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for the executive session and entertained a motion to go into the executive session. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier made the motion. Councilman Kenneth McCaster seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith – Yay
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier – Yay

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Contractual Matters – Orangeburg County Court House
Legal Basis - FOIA Exemption S.C. Code 30-4 70(A)(2) (Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Agreement)

- 2) Economic Development Update
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)
 - Project Stallion
 - Project EA
 - Project Aurora
 - Project Pizza

VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

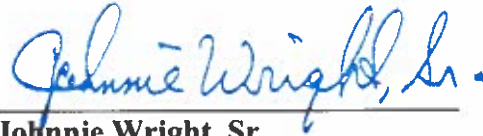
Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of March 7, 2022, stands adjourned. Councilman Kenneth McCaster seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith – Yay
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier – Yay

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council