

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2010
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., Chairman
Janie Cooper, Vice Chairman
Clyde B. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Bill Clark, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to approve minutes of January 19, 2010 with corrections, if any. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA MATTERS

Three citizens, Jeanette Jeffrey, Deloris Frazier and Joy Barnes spoke in favor of keeping the convenience sites open on Sunday, with Ms. Barnes presenting a proposal of her own that would save 12 hours a week at each site.

Two citizens, Charles Butler, Willie Johnson, spoke in favor of closing the sites on Sunday. Mr. Butler stated a Sunday closing would allow workers an opportunity to be with their families and attend church.

Chairman Wright indicated at this point one of the things he neglected to do when he asked for comments on agenda items only, was to clarify there is to be a public hearing on the convenience site issue later during the regular portion of the meeting, but since it seems to have already started, to continue. It was the consensus of opinion to make the discussion legal by formally opening the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Ravenell Owens to formally open the public hearing to hear input from the public about changing the hours of operation of the Orangeburg County Solid Waste Convenience Sites so that the sites are not open on Sundays, and to accept all previous comments made during the Public Comments section of the meeting into the formal public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OTHER MATTERS NONE

Continuing the public hearing, Mr. Willie Johnson, Empire Estates, stated he had done a survey and visited all the sites. He stated the short Sunday hours are not convenient to most people and present a danger to employees working at the sites in the dark during the winter months.

Councilwoman Cooper indicated she did not know Mr. John Wolfe, but the County Administrator sent an e-mail to Council members from Mr. Wolfe who had a proposal also, not exactly like Ms. Barnes' proposal, but somewhat similar. She indicated she didn't want to be out of order, and if she was out of order to be stopped, at which point Chairman Wright conferred with Councilwoman Cooper.

Chairman Wright stated Council had listened to what everyone had to say and will try to look at the issue later during Council's retreat, look at the numbers and do a little better study. He stated these are tough budget times coming up and no matter what is done, somebody is not going to like it, and Council is not going to be able to satisfy everybody. He wants to make sure this is understood; however, Council will take its time and will not act on this issue right now. It will be looked at and perhaps come up with some alternatives later on.

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens to carry the convenience site issue forward. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE SITES – Carried forward.**
- 3. RESOLUTION – HONORING INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK**

Resolution read by Chairman Wright.

Motion made to adopt resolution by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper. Motion unanimously approved.

4. REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright asked Councilman Ravenell, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, to give a report on the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier today.

Councilman Ravenell reported the Committee met regarding Bethany Road. The Committee makes the recommendation to accept the road into the County Road Maintenance System and simultaneously discontinue maintenance of the road at the request of the property owner.

Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Wimberly to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

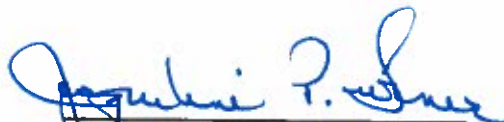
Councilman Ravenell reported the Committee met regarding Commercial Boulevard after receiving a written request from property owners for the County to cease maintenance on a portion of the only accessible portion of the property on both sides of the road, allowing the owners to cordon off the road at each end of the stretch.

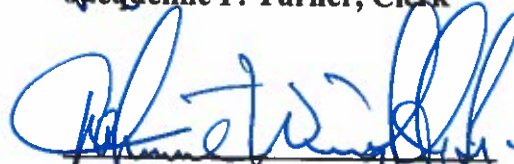
Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Wimberly to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to abandon maintenance on a portion of Commercial Boulevard at the request of the property owners. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn for an executive session to discuss a contractual agreement and economic development made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.


Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk


Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman