

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
June 25, 2012
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-Smith, 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 Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to approve minutes of June 18, 2012 with corrections, if any. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AGENDA ITEMS

NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OTHER MATTERS

NO COMMENTS

Motion made by Councilman Clyde Livingston, seconded by Councilman Wimberly, to amend the agenda so items 1 and 2 be placed at the end of the agenda and move items 3 and four up. Chairman Wright clarified item 1 would now become item 3 and item 2 would become item 4. The motion passed.

1. ORDINANCE – THIRD AND FINAL READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A RADIO EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE TRANSACTION WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC.

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Clark, County Administrator, to give a summary on this item for the benefit of anyone in the audience who had not been in attendance at previous meetings. Mr. Clark stated there have not been any changes in the ordinance between second and third reading. The purpose of the ordinance is to authorize a lease-purchase transaction with Motorola for purchasing radios and emergency communications consoles as approved by Council in the meeting of May 21, 2012. The particulars of the financing is the County contributing \$300,000 from the CPST Project 131 toward the cost of equipment, the balance to be financed in the amount of \$1,419,345.85.

Motion made by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to give final third reading approval to the ordinance. Motion passed.

2. AUTHORIZATION OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A “COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AGREEMENT (LEASE)” WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. REGARDING SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT

Chairman Wright called on Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark stated all that is needed on this item is for Council to vote authorization to go forward with this Agreement. It is related to Item 1 just approved by Council. The Agreement sets forth various terms, such as the scope of work, warranty periods, and other conditions and installations to be performed under the Agreement.

Motion made by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens, authorizing Orangeburg County to Enter into a “Communications Systems Agreement (Lease)” with Motorola Solutions, Inc. Regarding Software and Equipment. Motion passed.

Councilman Clyde Livingston asked the Chairman about his observation that an Executive Session is scheduled on the agenda. He wanted to know if it would be necessary for Council to come back into session to approve anything that is going to be discussed in the Executive Session. Chairman Wright stated he did not think so and Mr. Clark stated the Executive session would only be an update on pending issues.

Councilman Clyde Livingston stated that being the case, prior to voting for an Executive Session, he would like to move that after the Executive Session Council

recess, to be called back into session, at the Chairman's discretion, sometime before June 30, 2012. Councilman Owens seconded the motion made by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Chairman Wright reiterated the motion that after the Executive Session this meeting be recessed and reconvened between now and June 30, 2012, at the discretion of the Chairman. Motion passed.

Chairman Wright stated there was to be a Public Hearing on the previous budget ordinance when they were items 1 and 2, and even though there will not be a final reading of those ordinances, a Public Hearing legally has to be held as advertised on June 25, 2012.

Chairman Wright opened a Public Hearing for the two FY 2012-2013 budget ordinances (items 1 and 2) as advertised. No comments were made by those in attendance. Chairman Wright closed the Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith addressed the Chairman, indicating it was her understanding the reason Council was to reconvene was because Council needed to know more about what the Legislature was going to do regarding local government funding. Councilman Clyde Livingston stated Councilwoman Cooper-Smith was correct, and he was incorrect; but it is his opinion it would be very difficult to craft a budget not knowing how much the County would be receiving from one of its largest sources of revenue, the local government fund received from the State; the County needed to give the Legislature time to see if they can get their house in order so the County would know how much money they had to operate with.

3. VOTE FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright requested a motion for item 5. Motion to adjourn for an Executive Session to receive updates on economic development matters made by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed.

4. VOTE FOR A RECESS

Motion by Councilman Clyde Livingston, seconded by Councilman Ravenell to adjourn for a recess. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed, to be reconvened at Chairman's discretion before June 30, 2012.

Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman