

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 3, 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:

**Janie Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairman
Clyde b. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

OTHERS ABSENT:

D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Janie Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Ravenell to approve minutes of October 15, 2012, November 5, 2012, November 20, 2012, and November 27, 2012 with corrections, if any. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS NO COMMENTS

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Vice Chairman Cooper-Smith announced Chairman Wright would not be present at the meeting. Vice Chairman Cooper-Smith presided over the meeting.

1. ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY,

SOUTH CAROLINA (“THE COUNTY”) AND ALBEMARLE CORPORATION, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE “COMPANY”), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN MANUFACTURING AND RELATED FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”); (2) CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; (3) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Prior to the public hearing being opened, Mrs. Cooper-Smith requested County Administrator Young to explain, for the benefit of those not familiar with the ordinance, the purpose of the ordinance. Mr. Young explained the company is looking to add to its existing facility and take advantage of certain source credits and reap benefits from using a multi-county industrial park.

Public Hearing opened. No comments were received from the public. Public Hearing closed.

Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston, to approve second reading of the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND 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 ALBEMARLE CORPORATION PROPERTY LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Cooper-Smith asked County Administrator Young for comments. Mr. Young indicated the ordinance was self- explanatory, but if further clarification was needed, County Attorney Anderson would be able to answer any questions.

Public Hearing opened. No comments forthcoming from the public. Public hearing closed.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Owens to approve second reading of the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

3. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND PROJECT SUNRISE; AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT IN FAVOR OF PROJECT SUNRISE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Vice Chairman Cooper-Smith requested Administrator Young to address this ordinance. Mr. Young indicated the company is requesting a fee-in-lieu tax and incentive agreement, as well as special source revenue credits for an anticipated expansion of the company and an increased work force.

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston to approve first reading of the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

4. RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO STATE THE COMMITMENT OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT SUNRISE; TO PROVIDE THE GENERAL TERMS OF THE FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT; TO IDENTIFY PROJECT SUNRISE FOR PURPOSES OF THE FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT; TO STATE THE COMMITMENT OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO PLACE PROJECT SUNRISE IN A MULTI-COUNTY PARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Vice Chairman Cooper-Smith asked Mr. Young to explain the resolution. Mr. Young stated this was a standard resolution authorizing the company to take advantage of benefits allowed with the use of multi-county industrial park commitments.

Motion by Councilman Clyde Livingston, seconded by Councilman Wimberly, to adopt resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT – ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

1. BROADBAND EQUIPMENT – W. METTS ENGINEERING –

Administrator Young stated Orangeburg County received a stimulus grant from USDA to install broadband connections in rural communities; after one year of construction, the County is coming close to serving its customers. He is

recommending Council accept the low bid received from EnfoPoint Solutions, LLC, Brentwood, Tennessee, the lone company to submit a bid, in the amount of \$90,973.16. Robert Richardson, engineer with W. Metts, stated the equipment has to be shipped to Orangeburg and installed, then they can start to service customers.

Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston to accept the low bid submitted by EnfoPoint Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$90,973.16. Motion passed unanimously.

2; BID #-0-110-09 – ORANGEBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE –

Administrator Young stated the Orangeburg County Transportation Committee, using “C” funds, has approved paving 1.87 miles of roads identified as Baronet Lane, Cumberland Court, Houser Street, Lucky Leaf Street, Readmon Street, Rivers Street and Sand Street. The low bid of \$244,022.25 was submitted by BES Construction LLC, Walterboro, Sc. Mr. Young is recommending Council approve the low bid received.

Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens, to accept the road paving bid of \$244,022.25 submitted by BES Construction, Walterboro, Sc. Motion passed unanimously.

3. DATA MANAGEMENT, INC. – TELCLOCK EQUIPMENT

Administrator Young stated currently employees of Orangeburg County use paper time sheets to record hours worked. Software has been identified that would automate this process and save time and money. Presently a Public Works Department employee has to go to each camp to deliver and pick up time sheets. The proposed software will eliminate this and save the County money in the process. The cost of the software is \$27,120.39, of which \$15,000 has already been earmarked in the Information Technology Department to be used for the purchase of the software. It is his recommendation County Council approve the purchase of the software.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Wimberly approving the purchase of the software. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Cooper-Smith stated there were special guests present from the Lower Savannah Council of Governments, to present awards to other special guests who were also present, as well as to Orangeburg County Council. Ms. Connie Shade, Executive Director, LSCOG, then awarded plaques to Bowman Mayor Marion Glenn, Santee Mayor Donnie Hilliard, Eutawville May Jean Akers and Vance Mayor Michael Aiken, and to the Town of Elloree. Council accepted a plaque from the National Association of Development Organizations, which recognized the Eastern Orangeburg County Sustainability study hosted by Orangeburg County, as one of the most innovative projects in the nation.

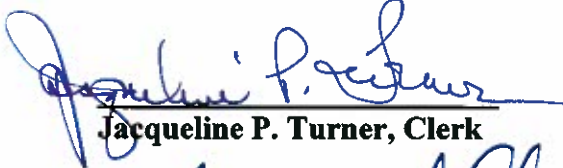
Vice Chairman Cooper-Smith spoke about receiving an anonymous letter, stating, "we are professional enough to talk to anybody .. we are willing to discuss any item that you would like to discuss with us. Come forth and say what you have to say. Give us your name. You don't have to write to us anonymously."

6. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT


Motion for adjournment made by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Ravenell for an executive session to discuss an economic development matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk



Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman