

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL**

January 20, 2015

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, Vice Chairman
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clyde Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Angel Howell, Interim Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wright called to order a regular session of Orangeburg County Council on January 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 5, 2015

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2015. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Jeanette Jeffrey stated she had two questions and thanked the Council for allowing her to speak. Mrs. Jeffrey asked about agenda items number 4 and 5. In

reference to agenda items #4 and #5, she wanted to know the exact location of the property. County Administrator Harold Young advised that the location of both properties were the same. Mrs. Jeffrey asked what commercial business would be in that location and Mr. Young stated he did not have that many details because the request was in lieu of surrounding businesses. Mrs. Jeffrey wanted to make sure a bar was not going to open there and Mr. Young advised this was not the case.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **OTHER MATTERS** **None**

1. PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Chairman Wright read the proclamation in its entirety.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. Councilman Owens motioned to pass the proclamation as read, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Motion passed. (6-0)

Councilman Owens and Councilman Ravenell thanked the school boards, expressing their gratitude and appreciation for school board members. Chairman Wright asked that any school board members stand and be recognized as they present the proclamation. Consolidated School District Five Superintendent Cynthia Wilson stood to accept the proclamation.

2. PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

Chairman Wright read the proclamation in its entirety.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. Councilman Ravenell made a motion to pass the proclamation as read, seconded by Councilman Wimberly. Motion Carried.

3. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, BY AND BETWEEN DORCHESTOR COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DATED AS OF MAY 17, 2010, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY OF WABCO HOLDINGS, INC AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young to provide a brief summary. Mr. Young stated that the resolution is part of normal operations of a

multi county industrial jurisdictional park. He yielded the floor to the Attorney for Economic Development, Jerrod Anderson. Mr. Anderson stated that a business wants to locate in the industrial park and a prior agreement stated any expansion of the park must be approved by resolution.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. A motion was made by Councilman Heyward Livingston to pass the resolution as read and explained, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried. (6-0)

4. PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMISSION RESOLUTION TO COUNCIL RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 743 NORTH RD. TAX MAP #0143-20-04-004.000

Chairman Wright asked that County Administrator Harold Young give a brief summary. Mr. Young stated the planning commission met on December 10, 2014 to discuss a request from Mr. James Gunthry to rezone the mentioned property and to change the property from Residential General to Commercial General. The request is compatible with the comprehensive plan of the County and is adjacent to existing commercial properties. With no oppositions to this request, the request was approved.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked the size of the lot and Mr. Young informed him of the correct size.

A motion was made by Councilman Heyward Livingston to accept the recommendation of the planning commission, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (6-0)

5. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

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 DESTINATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP NUMBER #0143-20-04-004.000 FROM RESIDENTIAL GENERAL (RG) TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG)

Chairman Wright asked if there were any questions or statements. Mr. Young mentioned as stated in the ordinance, once council approves the request, it will take three readings for the approval.

Councilman Ravenell asked what could go in that location, Mr. Young stated that any proposed storefront would have to abide by commercial general guidelines. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith stated that this rezoning option would suit the area, and if there was any concern, residents would take action. Councilman Wimberly stated that once the property is rezoned, it is final. This reason is why Councilman Wimberly stated he is extremely cautious when rezoning without a purpose. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked if any situation has arisen once a property has been rezoned such as the property not following guidelines. Mr. Young advised that businesses allowed on the property would have to follow the commercial general guidelines. Councilman Heyward Livingston stated that County Council should follow the recommendations because public notice was given and reviewed by the planning commission. Councilman Owens stated that the decision should be consistent throughout. (6-0)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith and seconded by Councilman Owens to pass the ordinance for first reading. Motion carried.

6. PROCUREMENT

a) APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDED VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chairman Wright recommended County Administrator Harold Young. Mr. Young stated that Emergency Services has received a grant to replace a vehicle in the department and since the vehicle chosen is on state contract, the amount must be approved by County Council.

Councilman Wimberly asked what type of vehicle was being replaced, and Administrator Young informed him it was an SVU and is 100% grant funded. Councilman Owens asked how long the vehicle has been used and would the replacement be the same size. Mr. Young advised that the initial vehicle has been utilized for quite some time and the replacement would be larger, to accommodate.

A motion was made by Councilman Wimberly and seconded by Councilman Owens to pass the procurement recommendation for the grant funded vehicle for emergency services. Motion Carried. (6-0)

7. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion moved by Councilman Owens to amend the agenda, and seconded by Councilman Ravenell Motion Carried.

Councilman Owens recognized Dr. Jim Harvey for his commitment and hard work to Consolidated School District Five. Councilman Ravenell asked about the handling of excess vehicles and County Administrator Young informed him that those of excess are sent to an auction within 30 days. Mr. Young announced the bonding process for Capital Penny Sales Tax has been finished, noting that contact with towns will occur. Chairman Wright recognized the troop of Boy Scouts that attended the meeting and thanked them from coming.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION


- (1) Economic Development Update**
- (2) Legal Briefing**
- (3) Contractual Matter**

9. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

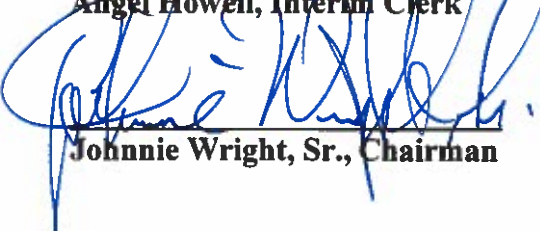
Motion moved by Councilman Ravenell to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.



Angel Howell, Interim Clerk



Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman