

MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 1ST, 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.
Harry Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Janie Cooper-Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clyde Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harold Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Faith E Carter, Clerk to Council

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 1st day of June, 2015, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:34 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 18th, 2015

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council held on May 18th, 2015 as written. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Jeanette Jefferies was recognized by Chairman Wright. Ms. Jefferies took the podium and asked for clarification of agenda item number six which was a request for rezoning from RG (Residential General District) to RC (Rural Community District). Chairman Wright

asked for an explanation from County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised Ms. Jefferies that the area in consideration is an area off of Orangewood Drive and does not affect the area where Ms. Jefferies currently resides. Ms. Jefferies asked Administrator Young for clarification of the meaning of Residential General District to Rural Community District. Administrator Young advised that the affected area has a mixture of single family homes and single wide mobile homes. A citizen had asked to place a single wide mobile home on a property located in that area but that request was denied due to the zoning description of that area. Administrator Young advised that the whole neighborhood would need to be rezoned in for homeowners in the affected area to place mobile homes on their property in that area. In this case, the entire neighborhood requested that the whole area be rezoned to accommodate this practice. Ms. Jefferies asked if this rezoning would place the homeowners in a new tax bracket. Administrator Young advised that this rezoning would not place the residents in a new tax bracket.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:**OTHER MATTERS**

A citizen of Ziegler Street was recognized by Chairman Wright. The citizen took the podium and explained that he resides in Council District Number 6; Councilman Clyde Livingston's district. The citizen advised that his street was a very small community and he was present to convey the safety concerns that the citizens have with the Pit Stop Pub. The citizen advised that over the last two years the community has had to endure gunfire, open-air drug use, and loitering. The citizen advised that he understands that Sheriff's Office has challenges with maintaining a large rural county however, the response times for these incidents are not what they could be. Due to the delay in these response times evidence after an incident has been removed and witnesses have been carted away from the scene. The citizen advised that Ziegler Street is a small street, however there are approximately five to six families who reside there with young children. The citizen advised that it is a sad state of affairs that they have to crawl on the floor at 3:00 am on Saturday evenings to get to their young children because there is shooting at the club next door. The citizen advised that when they have asked for assistance they have been met with apathy at best and incompetence at worst. The citizen advised that the families have reached out to the proprietor of the establishment several times, contacted county officials, and attended community meetings however, the situation has gotten progressively worse.

Chairman Wright asked for the name of the establishment. The citizen advised that it was the Pit Stop Pub at the corner of Bamberg Rd./Hwy 301 and Ziegler Street.

Councilman Owens asked for the name of the owner of the establishment. The citizen advised that his name is Alan (surname unknown). Alan is the proprietor. The citizen is unsure if he is the owner. The citizen advised that the families purchased their homes with first time home buyer loans which means that the home has to be occupied for a number years. This makes it impossible for the families in the area to simply move. The citizen advised that the business model of the pub has changed in the last three years and since the business model has changed crime has skyrocketed in that area. The citizen advised that he wanted to bring this to the attention of the Council because the street does not have the foot

print of other areas in an attempt to get nuisance areas shut down. The citizen advised that the families of Ziegler Street do have a real, real serious problem with safety and security.

Chairman Wright asked if the citizen has spoken with Sheriff Leroy Ravenell. The citizen advised that he has not had the opportunity to speak with Sheriff Ravenell personally but he has been communicating with Ms. McPhearson (Victim Advocate) and with Chief Kenzie. However, the citizen advised that they were all very helpful but he was advised that they were limited in their resources. The citizen advised that he understands the need for due process however, when the community does make a 911 call they are never followed up with or contacted. The officers have been dealing with the club owners but not the actual complainant. The citizen advised that if the Times and Democrat police plodders for the last two years are reviewed there may be five or six shooting incidences, however in the last eight months the community has experienced one shooting per weekend for the last eight months. We are talking about individuals who are paying mortgages.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked if there was an organized community group. The citizen advised that there is not an organized group in the neighborhood. The citizen advised that they have worked with the citizens group of the Edisto Drive community, however the problems on the drive are more concerned with prostitution, burglaries, etc.; where our problems in our community deal more with those Saturday nights at the Pit Stop Pub.

Councilman Owens advised that he sees this problem as a public nuisance and regardless of where you live you should not have to put up with public nuisance. The citizen advised that he agreed. Councilman Owens advised the citizen to organize his community and develop a petition. Councilman Owens advised the citizen to take that petition to the Sheriff and explain the situation. Councilman Owens stated that he was certain that the Sheriff would do something about the problem.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised the citizen that he can organize a community group outside of Ziegler Street; the bigger the better. The citizen advised that he agreed that Ziegler Street does need a community group and that was an excellent future plan. The citizen advised that he has personally seen two people get shot at that location but there is not reference in the newspaper because the victims do not want police interaction so their friends take them to the emergency room.

Councilman Ravenell advised that he would like the citizen to see the County Administrator, Mr. Harold Young after this meeting and for Mr. Young to arrange a meeting with the Sheriff for the citizen. Councilman Ravenell advised that he would like the citizen to stay after the meeting so the Council can ensure that the meeting is scheduled.

Ms. Butler of Fox Run Planation was recognized by Chairman Wright. Ms. Butler took the podium and explained that she had previously spoken with Administrator Harold Young, his assistant, and Chairman Wright about her situation with the Auditor's Office. Ms. Butler advised that when she attempted to pay taxes on her 2015 Avalon there was an individual working in the Auditor's Office who was disrespectful and unprofessional. Ms. Butler advised that when she attempted to find out how to speak with Mr. Cleckley or whomever she needed to speak with to have the matter handled she was given the run around. Ms. Butler advised that when she spoke with Administrator Young, Mr. Young

advised her that there were some concerns that he was working on with the Auditor's Office. Ms. Butler advised that she then spoke with Mr. Young's assistant who directed her back to Mr. Cleckley. Ms. Butler advised that Mr. Cleckley has been out sick and she understands that he is sick. Ms. Butler advised that each person she spoke with directed her back to Mr. Cleckley and she needed to know who to speak with when she was having a problem with the person that Mr. Cleckley left in charge. Ms. Butler advised that she asked the supervisor to accept the letter that she received from the Toyota Dealership and the supervisor advised that she could not accept the letter. Ms. Butler asked the supervisor why she could not accept the letter when the letter stated to contact the dealership if she had questions. Ms. Butler advised that another customer came in behind her and the supervisor took the time to assist him. Ms. Butler advised that she is a tax paying citizen just like the other customer; so she did not understand what the problem was. Ms. Butler advised that this process did not have to be so long with people returning phone calls. Ms. Butler advised that she then contacted the County Council Office and asked who the Chairman was and that she would like to speak with him. Ms. Butler advised that it took a long time to get in touch with the Chairman. Ms. Butler advised that she spoke with his secretary or whoever in the office and she stated that he would be back in touch with her. Ms. Butler advised that she explained that the Chairman had not been back in touch with her. Ms. Butler asked for the assistant because she needed help with this matter so late fees would not be added to her bills. Ms. Butler advised that when he called the Councilman's Office again she said, No, Ma'am, he has your information and he wants to handle this. Ms. Butler advised that she stated she would call back at a specific time and if Chairman Wright had not returned her phone call then she would need the assistant to step in. Ms. Butler advised that Chairman Wright did call her back however, he gave her the same step to follow which was talk to Mr. Cleckley. Ms. Butler advised that if she is having a problem with Mr. Cleckley's office and Mr. Cleckley is out sick then the answer should not be call Mr. Cleckley.

Ms. Butler advised that there should be a plan in place to handle problems when they come in the Auditor's Office other than her calling Mr. Cleckley. Ms. Butler advised that when she was able to get in touch with Mr. Cleckley it was time after – when she got in touch with Chairman Wright it was time after. Ms. Butler advised that she made a point to call everyday so it would be documented that there is a concern for her; the citizen. Ms. Butler advised that she would like to know from the Council what plan is in place when the citizen has a problem and the problem is with the person who is left in charge because calling Mr. Cleckley is not the answer. Ms. Butler advised that she is still waiting on a call from Mr. Cleckley today. Ms. Butler advised that she was supposed to pay her taxes on April 30th and it is now June 1st. Ms. Butler advised that she was able to have her matter resolved because she is persistent and determined but what about the citizen who is not? Ms. Butler advised that she had gone down to the tax office three or four times to give again the same amount of money and she does not understand the problem. Ms. Butler advised that she is a professional and the employee at the Auditor's Office is a professional. Ms. Butler has asked for a meeting with her so the employee can explain to her what the problem is. Ms. Butler stated that the employee is her elder and she is going to respect her but the employee needs to respect her as a professional.

Chairman Wright advised that Mr. Cleckley is an elected official just like the members of County Council. Chairman Wright advised that Mr. Cleckley's employees are under him because he is elected to the people just like the Council is elected to the people. Chairman Wright advised that the Council cannot dictate what goes on in the offices of other elected officials. Chairman Wright yielded to County Attorney, D'Anne Haydel.

County Attorney D'Anne Haydel advised that the State of South Carolina has made it very clear that countywide elected officials are in charge of their offices and that County Council has absolutely no supervision or control over them. Ms. Haydel advised that the County has asked elected officials to opt into the County Employee Handbook so the same standards would apply to those employees, however, she is unsure of the status of the Auditor's Office as it relates to the handbook at this time. Ms. Haydel advised that the court ruling that established this principle was a case from an auditor's office, not the Orangeburg County Auditor's Office, but from another Auditor's Office. A countywide elected official has wide berth to determine how they are going to run their office and Council is not allowed to interfere with that.

Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Haydel. Chairman Wright advised that the Clerk to Council did her job by passing on the information. Chairman Wright advised that he was out with medical issues at the time so he could not call Ms. Butler. Chairman Wright advised that when he was well enough, he did call Ms. Butler. Chairman Wright advised that most people will go ahead and pay the tax then file an appeal. If the appeal is in their favor, then the County will pay them back with interest. Chairman Wright advised that he did explain this to Ms. Butler previously but it is her responsibility to pay the tax. Ms. Butler advised that she did understand.

Councilman Wimberly asked about Ms. Butler's tax bill. Ms. Butler advised that due to scratches on the vehicle she had a detailed appraisal conducted. Ms. Butler advised that what Mr. Cleckley had explained to her was that she needed a more detailed statement than the letter she had provided previously. Ms. Butler advised that the supervisor said nothing to her except that she could not accept the letter.

Councilman Wimberly asked if she was attempting to get a high mileage discount. Ms. Butler advised that the supervisor did not take the time to tell her what was right and what was wrong. Ms. Butler advised that the supervisor was unprofessional and that is why she went to Mr. Young's office to begin with.

After some further discussion, Chairman Wright advised that he did not have another answer for Ms. Butler other than Mr. Cleckley is in charge of his office and she must speak with him. Chairman Wright recognized County Attorney D'Anne Haydel.

County Attorney D'Anne Haydel advised that the only advice she can give if a citizen is disgruntled with a countywide elected official is to vote in the election.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked County Administrator Harold Young if there was verbiage in the County Employee Handbook that requires county employees to ensure that the citizen is respected at all times. County Administrator Harold Young advised that he spoke to that situation and he did speak to Ms. Butler personally. Administrator Young advised he was heavily involved in the budget processes and referred Ms. Butler to the Senior Deputy Administrator

Marion Lloyd to work with Ms. Butler one and one. Administrator Young advised that Mr. Lloyd was the best person to help Ms. Butler with this specific problem as his area of expertise is taxation.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that she did understand the steps the Administrator took, however she had read complaints about the Auditor's Office and something needs to be done about the professionalism in that office. County Administrator Harold Young advised that he did personally speak with Mr. Cleckley about that specific issue and it is his understanding that Mr. Cleckley did have a discussion with that employee. Administrator Young advised that he feels that Mr. Cleckley was going to handle that from his stand point.

Ms. Butler advised that Mr. Cleckley did call her back and she did go back down to the tax office. However, when she went back to the tax office it was a problem. Ms. Butler advised that she contacted Mr. Cleckley while she was still in the office and placed the employee on the telephone with Mr. Cleckley however, she had been assured that it would not be a problem. Ms. Butler advised that she contacted Mr. Cleckley as she was leaving the office and he advised her to get a detailed statement from the dealership and that is what she did. Ms. Butler advised that she was still waiting on Mr. Wright's office to call her back and she made a point to call everyday so it would be documented that she called. Ms. Butler advised that there is a paper trail that she called. Ms. Butler advised that she has a problem with the timeframe that it took for individuals to get back with her. Ms. Butler advised that if there is a problem she should not be dealing with the problem a whole month later – the problem should be rectified; someone should be able to get back with her. Ms. Butler advised that everyone gave her the same message. Ms. Butler advised that when she spoke with Mr. Young he stated he would get back with her. The individual in his office called her back but each person stated the same thing – talk with Mr. Cleckley. Ms. Butler advised that her question is, Mr. Cleckley is out sick. Ms. Butler advised that she did get the matter rectified today but she is still waiting on Mr. Cleckley to call her back. Ms. Butler advised that she incurred a late fee of \$75.00 in the process from the Highway Department.

Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Butler for her comments and advised the County will strive to ensure that this does not happen to anyone else.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens suggested to Ms. Butler that she write a detailed letter describing her experiences to Mr. Cleckley. Councilman Owens advised that if they caused Ms. Butler to pay a \$75.00 late fee he would like to know if there is any way to refund the late fee. Ms. Butler advised that the Highway Department did give her a letter to apply for a refund. Councilman Owens advised that he and the Council were sorry that Ms. Butler had encountered that type of behavior.

Arnold Ray the Chairman of Executive Committee of the John W. Stroman Center was recognized by Chairman Wright. Mr. Ray took the podium and thanked County Administrator Harold Young for attending their last meeting. Mr. Ray advised that Mr. Young did bring a spirit of peace to the last meeting. Mr. Ray advised that the Center has had false accusations about what has been happening in regards to mismanagement and money being stolen by Mr. Stroman. Mr. Ray advised that the defamation of John W. Stroman does not make sense. Mr. Ray advised that most of the people of the panel are

familiar with Mr. Stroman. Mr. Ray advised that they have two ladies at the center, the Frazier sisters...

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Ray to please specifically state his concern.

Mr. Ray thanked County Administrator Young for coming to the meeting and providing some direction. Mr. Ray requested that the other members of Council attend the meetings. Mr. Ray advised that the Center was open to an investigation but if the members of Council come to the meetings to please identify themselves; as a professional courtesy.

Ms. Jeanette Jefferies was recognized by Chairman Wright. Ms. Jefferies took the podium and stated that she spoke with Kayla at Animal Control. Ms. Jefferies stated that Kayla was very nice and professional. Ms. Jefferies stated that her neighbor's dog was getting loose. This dog has been killing her cats and terrorizing her grandchildren. Ms. Jefferies stated that she will not let her son or ex-husband shoot the dog. Ms. Jefferies stated that she was advised the reason that Animal Control could not send an officer out to deal with the dog today, or tomorrow, or toward the end of the week or maybe next week was because they were all cleaning the cages at the shelter. Ms. Jefferies asked Councilman Owens if he was the one spearheading a program to find work for inmates. Ms. Jefferies asked why the inmates could not clean the cages at the shelter so the officer can do their jobs.

Councilman Owens thanked Ms. Jefferies for her suggestion. Ms. Jefferies stated that it would be a good reason to put them to work and it would also help them get their sentences reduced. Ms. Jefferies stated Kayla was very nice, cordial, and extremely polite but she did not like hearing that an officer is being paid to clean pens when they are supposed to be out doing their jobs. Ms. Jefferies stated that she does not think it is in their job description to clean cages.

Chairman Wright advised Ms. Jefferies to follow up the County Administrator and thanked her for her comments.

Chairman Wright asked for further public comment. No additional comments. Chairman Wright closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

1. PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TAX AND TOURISM COMMITTEE
 - A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM HOLLY HILL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
 - B. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
 - C. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM RAYLRODE DAZE FESTIVUL
 - D. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM ORANGEBURG

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- E. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM DOWNTOWN ORANGEBURG REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION**
- F. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY FAIR – CAROLINA BIKE FESTIVAL**
- G. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM SPORTSMAN AUCTION**
- H. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY FAIR**
- I. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY – SANTEE AQUATIC CENTER**

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that presentations were made to the Tax and Tourism Committee. Administrator Young advised that detailed information was provided in the agenda packet that the Council received. Administrator Young advised that two requestors were asked to reapply and provided more information to the committee. Administrator Young advised that some of the requests are less than the original requested amount. Administrator Young advised that the following was approved by the committee: Holly Hill Christmas Festival in the amount of \$4,000; South Carolina State University for Coach Buddy Pough TV and Radio Show of \$25,000; Rayrode Daze Festival as annually approved \$4,465.00; the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce for the AKC World Coon Hunt, Marketing, Visitors Guide Website, and Carolina Living Magazine \$20,460.00; and Downtown Orangeburg Revitalization Association for advertising, Orangeburg Downtown Farmers Market, and the Only in Orangeburg Website of \$11,500.00. Administrator Young advised that there were two carry overs for additional information which were the Orangeburg County Fairgrounds Carolina Bike Festival and the Sportsman Auction for the Fairgrounds. The Orangeburg County Fair was approved in the amount of \$10,000.00 for advertising and the County of Orangeburg was approved for \$17,497.25 for promoting the Orangeburg County Santee Aquatic Center. The total amount of recommended funding is \$92,922.25 with an available for disbursement amount of \$150,386.09.

Chairman Wright advised that the Council has now heard that explanation by the Administrator of the recommendations of the Tax and Tourism Committee. Chairman Wright asked for questions from Council.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked where the downtown farmer's market was located. County Administrator Harold Young advised that it was located in front of the church on the square.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberley. Councilman Wimberley asked if the organizations that appear before the Tax and Tourism Committee are required to have some form of organizational structure. Councilman Wimberley advised that he had never heard of the Sportsman Auction. County Administrator Young advised this was one reason why the auction was not funded by the committee. Administrator Young advised that this auction has taken place in Barnwell in the past. Administrator Young advised that the committee had concerns because the funding request was for advertisement but traditionally when an individual pays an auction fee the cost of advertising is included in that fee therefore, without that additional information, the committee chose to deny that request. Councilman Wimberley advised that, to him, an auction is a business. Administrator Young advised that the committee had the same perception of the issue.

Administrator Young advised that the fairgrounds viewed the request as making the fairgrounds viable to the community however, the committee did not see it that way. The fair was saying that they had signed a commitment to that group to host them at the fairgrounds for the next five years. The fair itself was wanting to advertise that not the auction company itself. Councilman Wimberley advised that the Council wants to promote the county but it is not be profit for an individual.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens motioned that the Council approve the recommendations of the Tax and Tourism Committee. The motioned was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

2. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A WASTEWATER SYSTEM TRANSFER AGREEMENT TRANSFERRING THE WEST EDISTO WASTEWATER SYSTEM FROM THE COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG TO THE CITY OF ORANGEBURG.

Chairman Wright opened the floor for public comment on agenda item number two. No comments. Chairman Wright closed the floor for public comment on agenda item number two.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the ordinance be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberley. Councilman Wimberly asked County Attorney D'Anne Haydel if everything that was discussed in executive session has

been done. County Attorney D'Anne Haydel advised that everything that Council told her about the executive session has been done.

Chairman Wright asked for a vote on the above motion made by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

3. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE RAILROAD SPUR EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND INBRA HOLDINGS, LLC; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from County Administrator Harold Young. County Administrator Harold Young advised that this is a transfer of an easement for this particular industry where the County has to own the spur. Administrator Young yielded to the Deputy County Attorney for Economic Development, Mr. Jerrod Anderson.

Deputy County Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised that the county owns the dirt but is granting construction and maintenance of the spur per the request of INBRA Holdings. Mr. Anderson advised that this is part of the inducement agreement and anytime county real estate is dealt with it must be approved by Council in three readings.

Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Anderson. Chairman Wright asked for motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Owens motioned that the ordinance be approved. Seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

4. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE REGARDING MUNICIPAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY PROCEEDS FROM A CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that this is an ordinance that would allow municipalities that receive monies from the Capital Project Sales Tax to utilize their own procurement codes. Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the ordinance be approved. Seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

5. PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS

- A. THE CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM PORSCHE GAFFNEY TO REZONE PARCELS AT ORANGEWOOD DRIVE FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY DISTRICT).**

- B. THE CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM ROBERT L. CALDWELL TO REZONE 714 BOLTIN AVE., NORTH, S.C. FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL DISTRICT).**

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that Porsche Gaffney initially requested to place a single wide mobile home in that area which is not allowed based on the current designation. Administrator Young advised that upon further review by the Planning Commission it was discovered that there were single wide mobile homes already in that area prior to the current designation which had been grandfathered in. Administrator Young advised that if the whole community felt that it wanted to re-zone then the new Rural Community District would allow for the placement of a single wide mobile home. Administrator Young advised that the proper documentation was submitted to the Planning Commission for a review of that area. The whole area requested to be re-zoned Rural Community. The Planning Commission considered the request on May 13th, 2015 and approved that request to re-zone that area to Rural Community District.

After some discussion and guidance from County Attorney D'Anne Haydel on how to combine agenda items 5-A, 5-B, and 6 it was decided that the motions would be made separately for each item.

Councilman Wimberly motioned that the Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission on agenda item 5-A. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens asked for clarification on 5-A. Councilman Owens asked if the re-zoning would now allow for double wide, single wide mobile homes and single family homes. County Administrator Harold Young advised that this was correct. The Orangewood Drive community would now allow single wide, double wide mobile homes and single family homes. Administrator Young advised that the whole community had requested the change.

Chairman Wright asked for a vote on the previously stated motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item 5-B. Councilman Harry Wimberley motioned that the Council uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission as it relates to agenda item 5-B. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

An unknown and unrecognized person in the audience asked for clarification of agenda item 5-B. Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Harold Young advised that on the 13th of May, 2015 the Planning Commission disapproved the request for re-zoning for the property located at 714 Boltin Ave. The County Council can either accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission or they can choose to send it back to the Planning Commission for further review or to make another determination. In this case the Council has chosen to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission meaning that the Council has chosen to deny the request for re-zoning.

6. 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 DESIGNATION FOR REAL PROPERTY FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY DISTRICT) DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP NUMBER: 0183-00-04-011.000, 0183-00-04-010.000, 0183-04-009.000, 0183-00-04-008.000, 0183-00-04-007.000, 0183-00-04-006.000, 0183-00-04-005.000, 0183-00-04-012.000, 0183-00-04-013.000, 0183-00-04-014.000, 0183-00-04-023.000, 0183-00-04-016.000, 0183-00-04-004.000.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance at first reading by title only. Councilman Owens motioned to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

7. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, FOR ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUDGET FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE

COUNTY MAY LEVY A TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES IN SUFFICIENT TAXES TO PAY FOR THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY MATURING DURING THE FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING TO THE COUNTY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

Chairman Wright advised that the county does this every year for budget purposes. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

8. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, FOR ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, AND FOR OTHER PUBLIC AND SPECIAL EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES TO THE COUNTY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens asked if these particular items are mandates by the state requiring that the county fund them. Chairman Wright advised that this was correct. Councilman Owens asked if this was the case even though the county is looking a short fall of county money from the state. Chairman Wright advised that this was correct. Councilman Owens advised that wished to establish this because they are a great deal of entities that are seeking funding from the county this year and it is going to be difficult to fulfill all of those requests for funding.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned to approve the ordinance. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

9. AGREEMENTS

1) EXTENSION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SANTEE COOPER REGARDING THE INDIAN BLUFF RECREATION AREA

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from the County Administrator, Mr. Harold Young. Administrator Harold Young advised that at the beginning of the agreement the lease was a long term lease however, in recent years Santee-Cooper has been renewing the lease on a yearly basis.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberly. Councilman Wimberly asked if the lease was only good for one year. Administrator Young advised that the lease is only good for one year. Councilman Wimberley advised that they needed to start re-negotiating tomorrow.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Councilman Wimberly motioned that the agreement be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Ravenell. Councilman Ravenell advised that the County has a great deal of investment in this area and proposed to have more investment in the future. Councilman Ravenell asked if there is anything that can be done to have a long term agreement established such as five or ten years.

County Administrator Harold Young advised that he believes the County is safe in terms of Indian Bluff because it satisfies Santee-Coopers EPA permit from the federal government to meet their community involvement requirement for the dam. Administrator Young advised that in order for them to have that permit renewed they needed to maintain a certain level of community involvement. Administrator Young advised that he believes it will always be Indian Bluff but the expanse of the property is so large that it may become necessary at some point for Santee-Cooper to retract part of the property which is why they are on a yearly renewal cycle.

Councilman Ravenell advised that he understands this however, with the future plans of expanding area and the expense of taxpayer monies on the property he would hate to see that the County has a short term lease having spent that money and someone would snatch the rug out from under the County without a leg to stand on. Administrator Young advised that the area that the County would spend the money on would be safe. It is the area that is the residual area; the area to the right of Indian Bluff Rd. that is the residual wooded area that could possibly be cut. Administrator Young advised that the area where all of the amenities are he is fairly certain that this part of the recreation area is safe. Councilman Ravenell advised that this is fine, however, he would prefer to be safe rather than sorry.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberly. Councilman Wimberly asked how many acres are part of the recreation area that are covered by the lease. County Administrator Harold Young and Senior Deputy Administrator Marion Lloyd advised that they would have to check the exact number and inform Council at a later date. Councilman Wimberley advised that there had been discussion of campsites and the County has been leasing that property for twenty-eight years. Councilman Wimberley advised that the County should sent a letter back requesting a longer term lease. Councilman Wimberley advised that there is a shortage of campsites on the lake and they would be filled every weekend.

Chairman Wright recognized County Attorney D'Anne Haydel. Ms. Haydel advised the legal department has been concerned about this issue for the last four years. Ms. Haydel advised that the legal department attempted to renegotiate the legal right after the one year

extension and the legal department was advised that it was too early so the next year the legal department waited for six months. Ms. Haydel advised that they were told again that it was too early to renegotiate. Ms. Haydel advised that the legal department then attempted to renegotiate two months prior to the expiration of the lease extension and the department was told it was too late. Ms. Haydel advised that it would be helpful is for someone other than a county employee to discuss how the County could get onto the long-term track as it relates to this lease.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens asked if the County owned any part of the area (Indian Bluff Recreation). County Administrator Harold Young responded that the area is leased. Councilman Wimberley advised that the County built on it but does not own it. Councilman Wimberley advised that this is something that the County needs to address.

Chairman Wright advised that a motion has been made to approve the agreement. The motion was put to a vote. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

10. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright asked for a motion that the Council move into executive session for an economic development update. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the Council move into executive session for an economic development update. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

Councilman Comments:

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Ravenell. Councilman Ravenell advised that the County is now into the third round of Capital Penny Projects and he is mostly concerned about the road project. Councilman Ravenell asked County Administrator Harold Young where the county was on the road projects. Administrator Young advised that this could be clarified in the budget session that is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

Councilman Ravenell expressed concern about the intersection at Highway 301 and 267, which is located four miles out of Santee coming toward Orangeburg, there have been a number of traffic accidents. Councilman Ravenell advised that his business has been involved in towing for four accidents at the intersection and most of the accidents that occur are serve accidents. Councilman Ravenell advised several people have been air lifted from accidents and one individual had died on the scene of an accident at this intersection. Councilman Ravenell advised that there is not even a caution light at the intersection. Councilman Ravenell advised that he has contacted everyone that he knows on the state level to the State Transportation Commissioner. Councilman Ravenell advised that he is assuming that something is being done but he has not heard anything about it. Councilman Ravenell advised that the State Legislative Delegation know about it and he is hoping that there is something that the County can do. Councilman Ravenell advised that anytime that people are having that many accidents in one location and people are losing their lives then

something should be done. Councilman Ravenell advised that he is trying to reassure the citizen but it is a state thing it is not a county thing.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberley. Councilman Wimberley advised that a letter would be drafted, signed by the Council, and sent to Columbia addressing this issue.

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that there is a TAC committee meeting and it is Orangeburg's turn to host the meeting. Administrator Young advised that the Transportation Committee for Lower Savannah is where these types of requests are made to be placed on the state list.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that a new member of the media is present at the meeting tonight. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith introduced Princess Williams who was newly hired by the Times and Democrat to cover local government. Councilman Cooper-Smith advised that Ms. Williams is a native of Jasper County and a recent graduate of Claflin University.

Chairman Wright thanked the public for attending the meeting and advised that the Community Character for the month of June is Caring.

Chairman Wright recognized Porsche Branch. Ms. Branch is a student at South Carolina State University. Ms. Branch thanked the Council for their ongoing support of South Carolina State University. Ms. Branch advised that she would like to give special thanks to Councilman Clyde Livingston (absent) and Councilman Owens. Ms. Branch advised that she is a student social worker and very involved in the community. Ms. Branch advised that she just wished to thank the Council and all the citizens of Orangeburg County.

Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Branch for her comments and advised that it is a team effort. Chairman Wright advised that we must all work together no matter where you come from or how you look. Chairman Wright advised that if you live in Orangeburg County then this is your county and we should be caring about it. Chairman Wright advised that South Carolina State University is our school so we care about it also.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

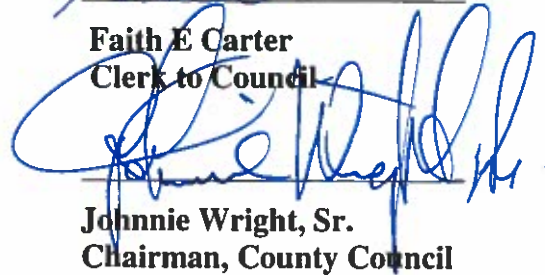
12. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright asked for a motion that the meeting of the County Council be adjourned. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith moved that the meeting of the County Council be adjourned. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

13. ADJOURNMENT



Faith E Carter
Clerk to Council



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman, County Council