

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 15th, 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
Clyde Livingston**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 15th day of June, 2015, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:30 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**June 1, 2015
March 30, 2015
March 16, 2015
March 2, 2015**

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the above meetings of the Orangeburg County Council as written. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OTHER MATTERS NONE

1. ORDINANCE THIRD 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 asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. County Administrator Young advised that the County owns a small portion of the sewer system west of the Edisto River. Administrator Young advised that this ordinance would allow the County to transfer this portion of sewer system to the City of Orangeburg and DPU. This would benefit the citizens located west of the Edisto River.

Chairman Wright advised that the Council has heard the explanation from the Administrator. Chairman Wright asked for questions from Council. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion. Councilman Clyde Livingston, the Councilman from that district, motioned that the ordinance be approved at third reading. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

2. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD 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 opened the floor for public hearing on agenda item number two (2). No comments. Chairman Wright closed the floor for public hearing on agenda item number two (2).

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from the County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that this is an easement to prepare a railroad spur that is necessary to connect to the Norfolk Southern railway. Administrator Young yielded to

Deputy County Attorney for Economic Development, Jerrod Anderson. Mr. Anderson advised that there have been no changes since second reading.

Chairman Wright asked the Council for questions. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance at third reading. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the ordinance be approved in third reading. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

3. ORDINANCE THIRD 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 for an explanation from County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that this ordinance is an amendment to the County procurement ordinance to allow the towns and municipalities that received Capital Project Sales Tax monies to utilize their own procurement codes to fund their individual projects.

Chairman Wright asked for questions from the Council. No questions. Councilman Ravenell motioned that the ordinance be approved at third reading. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

4. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

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 County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. County Administrator Young advised that this ordinance would allow the effected neighborhood to have a zoning classification that actually reflects the current circumstances of the

neighborhood. The community requested the classification of Rural Community instead of Residential General which was approved by the Planning Commission.

Chairman Wright asked the Council for questions. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve this ordinance at second reading. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the ordinance be approved in second reading. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion Carried. (7-0-0).

5. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

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 explained that this ordinance is for the regular county budget. Chairman Wright opened the floor for public hearing on agenda item number five (5). No comments. Chairman Wright closed the floor for public hearing on agenda item number five (5).

Chairman Wright asked for questions from the Council. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the budget ordinance. Councilman Owens motioned that the ordinance be approved in second reading. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

6. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

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 advised that this ordinance is part of the budget process as it relates to public and special education needs. Chairman Wright opened the floor for public hearing on agenda item number six (6). No comments. Chairman Wright closed the floor for public hearing on agenda item number six (6).

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance at second reading. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the ordinance be approved at second reading. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

7. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANBEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, INCREASING THE TELEPHONE E-911 SUBSCRIBER FEE FROM .92 TO .99 CENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that the County is required to provide 911 service and as a part of providing that service the County has to stay abreast of new updates needed to provide the service. Administrator Young advised that the County needs to move to what is called third generation 911 service. Administrator Young advised that the County now operates on a second generation 911 service which allows citizens to call into the 911 center. However, the next generation allows citizens to text with the 911 service center. Administrator Young advised that 911 wire line subscriber fee has not changed for 19 years. Administrator Young advised that the ordinance would provide for a .07 cent increase which is the first increase in 19 years.

Chairman Wright asked for questions from Council. Councilman Clyde Livingston asked if there was any surplus in this particular fund. Administrator Young advised that there was no surplus in this fund. Administrator Young advised that some monies are reimbursable from the state for equipment upgrades however, the County does not receive any reimbursement for years in which equipment upgrades are not made. Administrator Young advised that the state has been increasing the reimbursement percentage unlike the Local Government Fund.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance at first reading. Councilman Owens motioned that the ordinance be approved at first reading. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motioned. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

8. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NACO STEPPING UP INITIATIVE

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the resolution be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

Chairman Wright recognized Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked the County Administrator, Harold Young how the County will be identifying individuals within the County Detention Center who have mental illnesses. Administrator Young advised that the County has been working with the county mental health department to identify individuals with mental illnesses. Administrator Young advised that unfortunately it is often caretakers who are not providing individuals with the necessary medications to remain stable in community which compromises their ability to function which is one reason why this resolution is needed. Administrator Young advised that when the individual's ability to function is compromised this can lead to episodes which require the involvement of the community, hospital facilities, and the detention center because it can be a first instinct to contact the Sheriff's Department rather than a mental health provider. Thus the detention center is required to handle a situation where the individual in question is not a hard core criminal but an individual who is in need of mental health services. Administrator Young advised that the resolution is one way the County can ensure that individuals receive the mental health treatment that is necessary so they do not end up at the detention center which is not the place they need to be.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that some members of the Council attended a training on mental health issues a few weeks ago. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked if mental health had a list that can be consulted to determine if individuals have mental health issues. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked what happens if an individual does not have a history or record of mental illness. County Administrator Harold Young advised that when individuals are checked into the Detention Center the individual will meet with a nurse who utilizes a screening tool which includes listing medications which can lead to understanding an individual's condition. Administrator Young advised that these individuals need mental health services more than they need to be put in jail.

Chairman Wright asked for additional questions. No additional questions.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME, ATTENDANCE, AND LEAVE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberly, Chairman of the Administrative Committee. Chairman Wimberly advised that the committee was scheduled to meet today, June 15, 2015. However, due to lack of a quorum the committee has nothing to report at this time.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE A VENDOR FOR FIVE YEAR TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC PLAN (FY 2016-2021)

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that the County's technology landscape has evolved over time. Administrator Young advised that due to the age of certain systems, change of technology, and IT having to support a variety of platforms the County needs to come up with a systematic approach to address its IT infrastructure moving forward. Administrator Young advised that the County put together an RFP (Request for Proposals) for the Information Technology Five (5) Year Strategic Plan. Administrator Young advised that this RFP was advertised in SCBO and the Times and Democrat with the intention of securing an IT professional who understands that Orangeburg County desires to assess its IT environment as well as future goals and the purchasing of software and hardware equipment. Administrator Young advised that the five year IT plan will be the road map that the County will utilize when purchasing software and hardware upgrades. Administrator Young advised that there were a total of six proposals and the evaluation team has recommended that Elert Associates of Stillwater, Minnesota be accepted in the amount of \$59,500.00.

Chairman Wright asked for questions from Council. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to uphold the recommendation of the County Administrator, Harold Young and the evaluation team by accepting the bid of Elert Associates of Stillwater, Minnesota. Councilman Owens motioned that the Council uphold the recommendation of the County Administrator, Harold Young and the evaluation team by accepting the bid of Elert Associates of Stillwater, Minnesota. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

11. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright asked for a motion that the Council enter into executive session to discuss an economic development update and a legal briefing regarding Orangeburg County v. John and Kathryn Williamson. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the Council enter into executive session to discuss an economic development update and a legal briefing regarding Orangeburg County v. John and Kathryn Williamson. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

**B) LEGAL BRIEFING REGARDING ORANGEBURG COUNTY V. JOHN
AND KATHRYN WILLIAMSON**

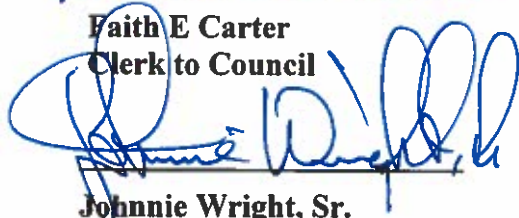
13. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright asked for a motion that the Orangeburg County Council stand adjourned. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of June 15, 2015 be adjourned. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

14. ADJOURNMENT



**Faith E Carter
Clerk to Council**



**Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman, County Council**