



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
April 4, 2016
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
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clyde B. 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 4th day of April, 2016, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:37 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**February 16, 2016 (SS)
March 21, 2016 (SS)**

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the minutes of the special sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on February 16th, 2016 and March 21st, 2016 be approved as written. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

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OTHER MATTERS

NONE

1. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE BY AND BETWEEN THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY CITY INDUSTRIAL PARK COMMISSION (“OCCIP”) AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT BULLDOG, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE “COMPANY”) PERTAINING TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY OCCIP; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY BY THE OCCIP TO THE COMPANY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation of agenda item number 1 (one). County Administrator, Harold Young, yielded to the Deputy County Attorney for Economic Development, Jerrod Anderson. Attorney Anderson advised that the name prospect, under the code name Project Bulldog, is a company called IPS Orangeburg LLC. Attorney Anderson advised that IPS Orangeburg LLC is a distribution company that is contracting through OCCIP (Orangeburg County City Industrial Park Commission) for the purchase of 11.68 acres in the Orangeburg County City Industrial Park. Attorney Anderson advised that the purchase price is \$150,000 which is approximately \$12,700 per acre. Attorney Anderson advised that the prospect has promised to invest at least \$3.5 million in construction as well as the creation of five new jobs.

Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions. Chairman Wright opened the floor for public hearing. No individual came forward to comment on agenda item number one (1). Chairman Wright closed the floor for public hearing on agenda item number one (1).

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number one (1). Councilman Owens motioned that agenda item number one (1) be approved in third reading. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

2. ORDINANCE THIRD 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 THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS # 0338-07-03-006.00 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY DISTRICT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator, Harold Young, for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that agenda item number two (2) is a request from Patricia L. Brown to rezone the property at 421 Catamount Road in Orangeburg County.

Administrator Young advised that the Planning Commission has found that this request fits in the Comprehensive Plan. Administrator Young advised that the Commission is requesting a change in zoning from Residential General District to Rural Community District.

Chairman Wright advised that Council has heard the explanation of the Administrator. Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number two (2). Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that agenda item number two (2) be approved in third reading. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

3. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO GRANT AN EASEMENT TO SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY REGARDING TMS# 0191-07-13-009.000, A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY UPON WHICH A STRUCTURE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY-BRANCHVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX" IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

Chairman Wright asked Administrator Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that the easement will be able to provide needed infrastructure for the Orangeburg County-Branchville Sports Complex.

Chairman Wright advised that Council has heard the explanation of the Administrator. Chairman Wright asked for questions. Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberly.

Councilman Wimberly inquired about the process for passing this easement by ordinance. Chairman Wright recognized Deputy Attorney Jerrod Anderson. Attorney Anderson advised that since the subject matter involves the rights to property it is appropriate that it be passed by ordinance and three readings.

After some discussion of the easement, Councilman Wimberly, councilman from that district, motioned that agenda item number three (3) be approved in first reading. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

4. RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Councilman Owens motioned that agenda item number four (4) be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

5. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WEEK OF APRIL 10TH-16TH, 2016 AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that agenda item number five (5) be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised the public that during the holidays telecommunicators are working hard to keep us safe. Administrator Young advised that some of the Orangeburg County Public Safety Telecommunicators are in the audience. Administrator Young asked those individuals to stand and be recognized. (Applause).

Chairman Wright thanked the dispatchers for the job that they do and the commitment that they have to the County. Chairman Wright advised that their job is very important and the Council appreciates everything that they do for Orangeburg County.

6. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright yielded to Committee Chairman Ravenell for a report from the Public Works Committee. Chairman Ravenell advised that the committee met on this date, April 4, 2016, at 4:00 pm to discuss Cranebrake Court (OC-3377), Ninety-Six and Babe Road, and County Road Projects. Chairman Ravenell advised that the Committee took no action and they do not have recommendations for the body at this time. Chairman Ravenell advised that the committee had discussion and received it as information.

Chairman Wright thanked the committee for all their hard work.

7. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright asked for a motion for executive session. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the Council move into executive to discuss agenda items eight-a and eight-b (8A & 8B). Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

FOIA EXEMPTION S.C. CODE §30-4-70(a)(2)(DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS) AND S.C. CODE §30-4-70(a)(5)(DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

A) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ON PROJECT M15-II

FOIA EXEMPTION S.C.CODE §30-4-70(a)(2)(RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING CLAIM AND OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE)

B) SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION V. [10 SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES, INCLUDING] ORANGEBURG COUNTY, IN THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the Governor has proclaimed April as Zero-Tolerance for Litter Month. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that this is placing extra emphasis on litter control. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that in some towns police officers are picking up litter.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens advised that he wants to concur with Councilwoman Cooper-Smith comments on litter. Councilman Owens advised that we all should be involved in the picking up of litter. Councilman Owens advised that he requests that the Magistrate not be lenient in the sentencing of litter cases because ticketing for litter is one way to make individuals aware of the consequences for littering. Councilman Owens advised that picking up litter is going to make Orangeburg County look better.

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that litter is very detrimental to the environment and creates a dirty environment where children play. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that litter not only hurts the environment it hurts people as well.

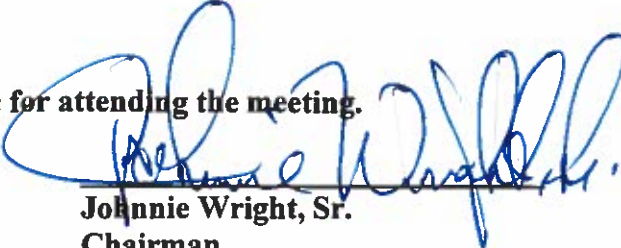
Chairman Wright thanked the members for their comments.

9. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Ravenell motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of April 4, 2016 stand adjourned. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-1).

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright thanked the public for attending the meeting.



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



**Interim
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council**