



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
May 2, 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:**

**Marion Lloyd, Deputy Administrator  
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney  
Angel Howell, Interim Clerk to Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman**

**On the 18th day of April, 2016, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:30 pm.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Moment of silence observed**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 18, 2016 (RS)**

**Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on May 2, 2016 be approved as written. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Senator J. Matthews Jr. Senator J. Matthews Jr began by making an opening statement, "there is an opportunity in Orangeburg County that would add value." The Senate passed the Port Enhancement Zone Bill which is in the Ways and Means Committee, They will have their hearing on Wednesday. Senator requested someone from the County to be present when the bill is presented.**

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The next item of topic was the issues with the roads. The Economic Development Commission is looking to find ways to take care of roads in the County. Chairman Wright advised Senator to specify the primary roads that applies to economic development.

The Senator then presented a check in the amount of three hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars, which would be used in part for the match and The Gateway to Orangeburg County project.

Chairman Wright thanked Senator for his leadership and commitment.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith gave a speech on "Older Sixty-Five (65) American." The Theme for 2016 is "Blaze a Trail." After the speech Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith concluded by saying, "Happy Older American Month."

Chairman Wright closed public comment and began the first item on agenda.

**1. PRESENTATION BY DR. WILLIAM (BILL) MOLNAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LSCOG**

Chairman Wright yielded to Dr. William (Bill) Molnar. Dr. William (Bill) Molnar began by saying, The Workforce Development enrolled one hundred and thirty-two participant in the Yellow Program to help them find jobs and thirty-two job training program contracts. The COG pays for the employees first ten weeks of the individual work time; afterwards the company would then pick up the remaining time of their employment. The goal would be to get young and older people jobs in Orangeburg County.

Dr. William Molnar discussed the eligibility of the program for the seniors and what program serves them the best. In addition, group dinning meals for the Council on Aging for the first quarter served sixty three hundred meals provided to two hundred and thirty clients. One hundred and fifty-five caregivers in Orangeburg County provided one hundred and sixty three thousand dollars' worth of care.

In the area of Transit, LSCOG contracts with the County for technical assistance. LSCOG helping the County with the annual grant for the 5311 fund and will assist with moving the calls from Aiken County to Orangeburg County by opening up a call center at Orangeburg Transit. The COG will work with Mr. Young as long as it takes to ensure the call system works as best as it possibly can.

In the area of Planning and Transportation, 28 million dollars transportation projects are currently programmed in Orangeburg County through the Guide Share Program. The advisory committee is Administrator Young, Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith and Sinkler Boone; the biggest project is I95 interchange at 301 at 17.2 million dollars. The US 301 and 267 intersection improvements are under way and moving forward with the design. Chairman Ravenell stated he is glad to hear progress is being made on the project for US 301 and 267 intersection.

The Hazard Mitigation plan update is near completion. In regards to the planning progress COG is actively involved in the progress of eastern Orangeburg County that would include: Santee, Elloree, Holly Hill, Vance, Bowman and Eutawville. Also, two million dollars are also going towards OCTech to design a new facility for the nursing program. On June 9, 2016 the COG board will have a meeting at the County.

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Chairman Wright appreciated the report and requested a copy. Council commended Dr. William Molnar on a job well done. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith asked Dr. Molnar would he be in attendance at the State House on Thursday for the "Old Americans Day." Rhonda and Mary Beth will be in attendance in Dr. Molnar absents.

Chairman Wright thanked Dr. Molnar for coming out.

**2. ORDINANCE THIRD READING**

**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 for a summary from the Deputy Administrator Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd began by saying the Orangeburg County- Branchville Sports Complex is under construction and needs to grant easement to South Carolina Electric and Gas to provide electricity to the site in Mr. Wimberly's district.

Chairman Wright requested a motion on agenda item two (2). Councilman Wimberly made a motion that agenda item two (2) be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

**3. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE WEST**

Chairman Wright yielded to Deputy Administrator Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd stated that The West Edisto Sewer System is owned by the County. The system is maintained by DPU. This ordinance will bring West Edisto Sewer System rates in line with DPU's rates.

Chairman Wright asked if anyone had any question, hearing none he proceed for a motion on second reading.

Chairman Wright requested a motion on agenda item three (3). Councilman Owens made a motion that agenda item three (3) be approved. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

**4. ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVERSION AND EXTENSION OF A 1996 FEE IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES ARRANGEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH**

**CAROLINA AND THE OKONITE COMPANY, INC. AND OTHER  
MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Chairman Wright yielded to Deputy Attorney Jerrod Anderson. Mr. Anderson stated items four (4) and five (5) are related. In summary, Okonite is seeking an extension of the two present fee agreements for an additional ten years. Okonite is requesting for a title transfer agreement to a non-title transfer agreement.

Councilman Ravenell stated, "it is a blessing to have a company as Okonite being around as long as it has been in Orangeburg County."

Chairman Wright requested a motion on agenda for item four (4) and five (5). Councilman Livingston made a motion that agenda item four (4) and five (5) be approved. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance for items four (4) and five (5) explained by the attorney. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

**5. ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVERSION AND EXTENSION OF A 2001 FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES ARRANGEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE OKONITE COMPANY, INC. AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Item five (5) was discussed in item four (4).

**6. AN OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL**

**AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY WITH TMS# 0236-00-08-019**

Chairman Wright yielded to Deputy Administrator Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd gave a summary for the authorization to purchase approximately seventeen acre property. The purpose is to add tourism related facility for the local arts.

Chairman Wright requested a motion on agenda for item six (6). Councilman Wimberly made a motion that agenda item six (6) be approved. Councilman Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

**7. PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION**

Chairman Wright yielded to Mr. Richard. Mr. Richard gave a summary of the resolution for The Planning Commission from April 13<sup>th</sup> for a request from JJ&J Enterprises to rezone the property at 818 Dawson St. Eutawville, South Carolina from FA to CG for the operation

of the funeral home. After meeting with The Planning Commission, the recommendation was to modify the request to be rezoned to RC Community. Mayor Johnson and one other citizen called to speak in favor.

Chairman Wright requested a motion on agenda for item seven (7). Councilman Wimberly made a motion that agenda item seven (7) be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

**8. ORDINANCE FIRST 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 # 0357-09-01-013.000 & 0357-09-01-031.000 FROM FA (FOREST AND AGRICULTURE) TO RUAL COMMUNITY AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Chairman Wright requested a motion on agenda for item eight (8). Councilman Owens made a motion that agenda item eight (8) be approved. Vice-Chairperson Cooper-Smith seconded the motion to pass the ordinance for first reading. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

**9. ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION WITH SANTEE COOPER FOR THE LEASE OF INDIAN BLUFF RECREATION AREA**

Chairman Wright yield to Deputy Administrator Lloyd. Deputy Administrator yield to D'Anne Haydel. D'Anne Haydel stated currently the County is working with Santee Cooper to make this a long term lease for the Indian Bluff Recreation Area; there will be a board meeting held in June, as an interim they are requesting a one-year lease until the lease expires.

Chairman Wright requested a motion on agenda for item nine (9). Councilman Ravenell made a motion that agenda item nine (9) be approved. Councilman Livingston seconded the motion to pass the one-year extension. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

**10. APPOINTMENT**

**A.) AT-LARGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVOCATE SEAT ON THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HOUSING CONSORTIUM TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC)**

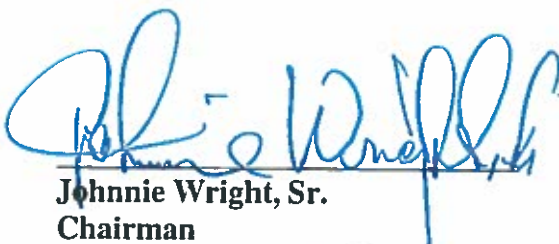
Chairman Wright requested a motion on agenda for item ten (10). Councilman Wimberly made a motion that agenda item ten (10) be carried further for investigation. Vice Chairwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

Councilman Wimberly mention to keep Councilman Clyde Livingston in prayer.

**11. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Wright asked for a motion for adjournment. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the Orangeburg County Council regular session of May 2, 2016 be adjourned. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

**12. ADJOURNMENT**



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



**Interim Clerk to Council**  
**Orangeburg County Council**