

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
May 16, 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**
- Clyde B. Livingston**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 16th day of May 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

May 2, 2016 (RS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. There was an error on the minutes regarding the date being listed as May 16th instead of May 2nd, Council stated it is a matter of correcting the date. Chairman Wright asked all in favor by saying yeh, Motions carried. (7-0-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

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OTHER MATTERS

NONE

1. PRESENTATION BY CENTRAL SC ALLIANCE

Chairman Wright yielded to Mr. Mike and Ms. Melissa. Mr. Mike gave a brief summary on where Central SC Alliance stand on a regional standpoint as well as Orangeburg County over the last year. To begin, Mike started out by congratulating Husqvarna on their big announcement; afterwards he yielded to Melissa who then proceeded through the power point presentation on Central SC. Central SC is the oldest alliance within the State of South Carolina and do more than any other alliances. Central SC services would consist of marketing all around the world, project management, research response, request for details and consulting. Orangeburg County joined Central SC Alliance (CSCA) in 2004 within the time frame has announced a capital investment of \$853,262,183 along with the announcement of 2,150 new jobs. From 2015-present the announcements of Inbra Industries, The Okonite Company, GKN Aerospace, Bimbo Bakeries, IPS Packaging and Husqvarna have announced a capital investment of \$153,157,183 as well as 198 new jobs. Since January 2015, 24 request for information on the behalf of Orangeburg County and have currently 20 active projects submitted to the county and its property since 2015.

Central SC Alliance has had 31 announcement within the regions since 2015; 10 new announcements and 21 expansion projects with USA being the top 20% with having the vast majority being manufacturing. From 2015-present there was a capital investment of \$756,357,183 and 1,570 new jobs throughout the region and since 1994 there was \$11,049,630,130 in capital investment and 64,242 new jobs. Collectively the region represent 20% of Landmass, Counties, GDP (Gross Domestic Product), Population and labor force.

In 2015, Central SC traveled over 100,000 miles, attended over 30 missions, events and visited seven countries. Mike stated, "He has committed to the board that they would be in Europe twice a year for the next three years as they continue to work in those areas." Upcoming events presented is a seminar being held in Europe in October. Mike then proceeded with the PowerPoint slides showing pictures of the recap of the Euro Mission trip in April 2016; they visited five countries, six cities within seven days.

Central SC Alliance has a lead generation firm they have been working with for the last five years. They are calling around the SC and Euro zones on their behalf to setup conference calls. They were able to meet with over 134 companies and have spoken with thousands of companies and were successful with meeting with C level executives. Mike then presented marketing promotional material for advertisement both locally and regionally. Moving forward Mr. Mike began by stating they would be creating a global webinar that would allow them to beam there presentation around the world, launch assistance, targeting automotive and aerospace suppliers. Creating product and workforce preparations are two areas they continue to focus on. Mike thanked the county by stating, "it's a privilege and a honor to represent this county, I applaud your vision and dedication and continued stamina to staying with it and getting done what needs to be done to succeed and the success you'd share." Mike then yield to Chairman Wright for questions. Chairman Wright asked if anyone had any questions or concerns for Mike and Melissa. Councilman Owens asked, "How does the labor force compare to the other parts of SC?" Mr. Mike said they have partnered with technical colleges to make sure the skills needed are out there in working with these companies. This

is in addition to Ready SC program that would work with companies to create an initial workforce that would include finding people, training and helping the company to hire. Councilman Clyde Livingston asked, if there were any information that was not presented in the power point. Mr. Mike stated he would email the presentation to the council.

Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Mike and Ms. Melissa for coming out and to have a safe trip back.

2. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE WEST EDISTO WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young. Mr. Young stated that this would allow the rates of the West Edisto Wastewater system to be in line with DPU rates.

Chairman Wright asked if anyone had any questions. Councilman Clyde Livingston motion first to pass the third reading for the Ordinance Amending the wastewater rates for the West Edisto Wastewater System. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

3. ORDINANCE SECOND 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 Anderson. Mr. Anderson stated items three (3) and four (4) are related. Item three (3) involves the 1996 Fee in Lieu and item four (4) involves 2001 Fee in Lieu. Okonite is seeking an extension of the two present fee agreements for an additional ten years; there has been no changes since second reading.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion that item three (3) and four (4). Councilman Owens made a motion to vote on items three (3) and four (4) at the same time. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

4. ORDINANCE SECOND 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 four (4) is related with item three (3).

Chairman Wright asked for a motion that item three (3) and four (4). Councilman Owens made a motion to vote on items three (3) and four (4) at the same time. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

5. 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 THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS # 0357-09-01-013.000 & 0357-09-01-031.000 FROM FA (FOREST AND AGRICULTURE) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY) AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young. Mr. Young stated JJ&J Enterprise is requesting the rezoning of property 1818 Dawson St. Eutawville, South Carolina, with the changes from Forest and Agriculture structure to Rural Community. Ordinance was approved by the voting board; it has been presented for approval to council.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item five (5). Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that agenda item five (5) be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

6. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, 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 stated item six (6) and item seven (7) are related to the budget. Chairman yielded to Administrator Young. Mr. Young stated item six (6) and seven (7) are the first part of the overall budget process.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item six (6) and item seven (7). Councilman Ravenell motioned that agenda item six (6) and item seven (7) be approved. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

7. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, 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

Item seven (7) is related with item six (6).

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item six (6) and item seven (7). Councilman Ravenell motioned that agenda item six (6) and item seven (7) be approved. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

8. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 AND TITLE 4, CHAPTERS 1 AND 29 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND COMPANY FOR NOW KNOWN AS PROJECT CHIPS; THE APPLICATION OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS; AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Chairman Wright stated items eight (8) and nine (9) are related. Chairman Wright yielded to Deputy Attorney Anderson. Mr. Anderson stated the prospect requested to remain confidential and is promising to invest 32.6 million dollars in capital investment and 15 jobs within the five year invested term. They are requesting a thirty year term SSRC for years 1-3 at 30% and 25% for years 4-10.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item eight (8) and item nine (9). Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that agenda item eight (8) and item nine (9) be approved. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

9. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EXISTING AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OR TO BE HEREAFTER OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT CHIPS, LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS

10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF THE SPRINGFIELD MILITARY MUSEUM TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY MILITARY MUSEUM, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Afterwards, Chairman Wright asked for a motion for the passing of the resolution as read.

Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that item ten (10) be approved. Councilman Clyde Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

11. APPOINTMENT

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

Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith asked County Administrator Young has all counties voted on Ms. Langston or only Orangeburg County. Mr. Young said that the board recommended Ms. Langston. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith stated, "It's unfair to vote on an individual who we do not know anything about." Councilman Livingston made a comment this individual is taking the place of an existing person from the same organization.

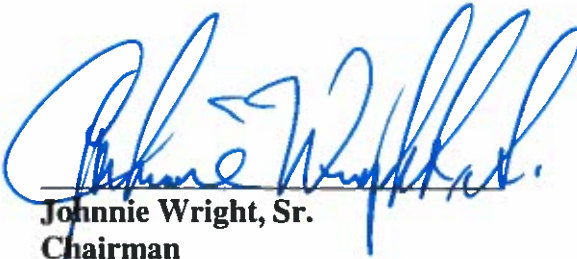
Chairman Wright asked for a motion on item eleven (11). Councilman Wimberly motion to accept the nomination of recommendation by the committee. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-1-0-0).

12. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Owen motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of May 16, 2016 stand adjourned. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright stated he is glad to have Councilman Clyde Livingston back. He asked that we continue to keep him in our prayers as Councilman Clyde Livingston continue to heal. Councilman Clyde Livingston said, "thank you to Orangeburg County Council and staff for keeping him informed of what was going on."



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council



Interim Clerk to Council
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