



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
February 6, 2017
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
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 6th day of February 2017, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:33 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 17, 2017 (RS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

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OTHER MATTERS

Rosa Kennerly-Dance from The Great Branch Community Center thanked County Council for their support over the years but came to express concern about needing more recreation in that area. The Great Branch Community Center is about ten (10) miles west of Orangeburg and many of the young people in that area do not have transportation to come to Orangeburg for some of the services that are available in Orangeburg. The Great Branch Community Center has the facilities and the space. They would like to have a program during the summer months when the children are out of school. They are trying to put together recreation for arts and crafts, have the book mobile to come and have someone to help them pay for some of these services. Mrs. Kennerly-Dance advised she would be prepared to bring before Council a proposal with the amount of money and personnel who would be willing to work in those positions.

Patti Padgett thanked County Council for responding to her calls. She wanted to make sure Council had received the list of concerns from the local residence about the Yonder Field Project. She also shared with Council about a meeting she, her husband, her aunt, and her uncle had on December 29, 2016 with the president of Yonder Field along with Ms. White's father and her brother at Ms. White's request to explain to them what to expect from the Yonder Field project. The local residence asked County Council to help assist them with getting their questions answered, scheduling a meeting with Sheriff Ravenell, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Director, Fire Services Coordinator, Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness, and the Highway Patrol so these agencies could give them their strategic emergency plan for what would occur in their neighborhood over these events to protect them. The residence also asked Council to help them set up a meeting with the Orangeburg County Development Commission.

Chairman Wright yielded to the County Administrator. Administrator Young advised the questions and concerns had been given to Ms. White and awaiting her response to those questions. The Yonder Field is being scheduled for a Public Hearing but it is in the process.

Chairman Wright advised the citizens he understood their concerns but asked that everyone be patient with the process.

Gregg Adams from the Providence Community 2371 Antioch Road came before Council to request to have Orangeburg broadband service extended to his home along with several of his neighbors.

Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised there are funds appropriated in the fourth penny for the extension of broadband in your area and once those funds become available that area will be a target location for broadband.

Chairman Wright closed the public comments session at 5:50 p.m. and began the first item on the agenda.

1. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS

PROJECT SPRINGFIELD, AS SPONSOR, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson to give a brief summary of the ordinance. Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised there are two (2) ordinance up for third reading and public hearing, the first is to approve a fee agreement concerning the prospect by the name of Springfield Solar, LLC and the second involves placing the expansion in a joint county industrial park. It is a solar farm, it will be located outside the town limits of Springfield. The prospect promises of a minimum investment of \$10,000,000.00, which would consist of solar panels and related equipment. They are also seeking a thirty (30) year term and a 60% SSRC (Special Source Revenue Credit).

Chairman Wright open the floor for public hearing questions. There were none.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading on both items one (1) and two (2). Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

2. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING

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 SPRINGFIELD, LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading on both items one (1) and two (2). Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

3. 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 HUSQVARNA CONSUMER OUTDOOR PRODUCTS N.A., INC., LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Chairman Wright read the ordinance entirely. Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

4. PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION

THE CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM GREATER FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH TO REZONE THE PROPERTY 203 DORCHESTER STREET, ORANGEBURG, SC, TAX MAP# 0173-15-09-001.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL) DISTRICT TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL)

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on January 11, 2017 for the consideration of a request from Greater Faith Baptist Church to rezone the property 203 Dorchester Street from RG (Residential General) to CG (Commercial General for the purpose of a digital sign. The Planning Commission voted unanimously recommending approval of the request.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the resolution. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

5. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS# 0173-15-09-001.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL).

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading by title only. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

6. PROCUREMENT

a. FY17-0201 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL "TRAILER MOUNTED PUMP" UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised this was a request for proposal from the utilities department to be able to handle the day to day activities of the Goodby's Waste Water Plant. The proposal was prepared and advertise in the T&D and SCBO newspaper, there was one proposal received by Xylem Dewatering Solutions aba Godwin Pumps in the amount of \$21,097.30, which is the recommendation of the Utility Department Staff and has been submitted for Council approval or disapproval.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the proposal for FY17-0201 Trailer Mounted Pump as discussed. Councilman Clyde Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

9. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

1. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

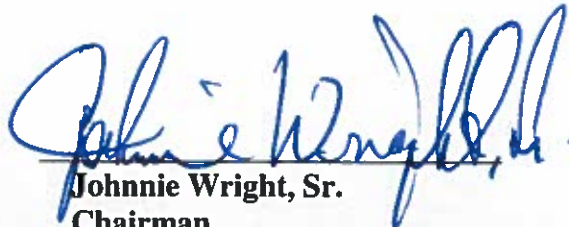
2. PROJECT PILLAR

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 THE AREA SERVED BY THE PUBLIC BODY)

11. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of February 6, 2017 stand adjourned. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

12. ADJOURNMENT



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



**Connie N. Porter
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council**