



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
June 5, 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**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clyde B. Livingston

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 5th day of June 2017, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:37 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 15, 2017

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. (6-0-0).

Councilman Wimberly made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item 2b for a Public Works Report. Chairman Wright entertained a second motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OTHER MATTERS

Harvey Elwood Executive Producer of New Perspectives Media-93.7FM came before County Council to give a report on the outstanding attendance of the event they hosted at the Orangeburg County Fairgrounds on June 3rd he thanked Council for their support with the community event.

Dr. Abe Salama a retired professor from South Carolina State University came before County Council to express his strong disapproval for two items, the first was for the new SC State University crosswalk he advised Council it was a waste of money because students who own cars would not use the crosswalk and the construction of the bridge was taking the students back into danger because the student still had to walk to reach the bridge and the second item was about the County considering a business license fee.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith advised Dr. Salama that she was one of the Council members that invested into the bridge and she does not regret the money she invested. There had been a fatal fatalities and accidents, there will be new freshman students and homecoming games at the University for years to come. The bridge is not a waste of money, you cannot put a value on a life. Everyone's intension who invested in the SC State crosswalk were to save lives and that is what it will do. It is too hazardous for students to cross a four lane busy highway going to the University.

Councilman Willie Owens advised he appropriated seven hundred thousand dollars of Capitol Penny Sales tax funds for that bridge. The students are going to have a little inconvenience to walk down to the bridge for safety sake. Councilman Owens advised he had three children and not one of them were cheap as five million dollars, he believe they are worth a whole lot more, he believe without a doubt they did the right thing by putting up the cross walk for the students and the visitors who want to go back and forth from South Carolina State University.

Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised if that bridge saved one life, he didn't care if it was one hundred million dollars it was well worth it and he believe the money was well spent.

Chairman Wright closed the public comments at 5:43 p.m. and began the first item on the agenda.

1. PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION

THE CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM EUGENE ALFRED CASLEY, JR. TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 2192 WHITTAKER PARKWAY, ORANGEBURG, SC, TAX MAP# 0182-14-05-001.000 FROM RS (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) DISTRICT TO RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL)

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on March 10, 2017, to consider this request to rezone the property at 2192 Whitaker Parkway from RS (Residential Single Family) to RG (Residential General). To allow for a double wide manufactured home. The area is largely

vacant and a mix of manufactured and stick built homes. The citizens adjacent to the property submitted petition in support of the request and there was no opposition to the request. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

2. 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# 0182-14-05-001.000 FROM RS (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) DISTRICT TO RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL)

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety. 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 Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

2b. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Chairman Wright yielded to the Chairman of the Public Works Committee Councilman Johnny Ravenell to give his report. Councilman Ravenell advised that the Public Works Committee met at 4:00 p.m. for two (2) items on the agenda, the first was to discuss abandoning maintenance on a portion of Lean Lane. The recommendation coming from the Public Works Committee was to grant the request to abandon maintenance on a portion of Lean Lane road. Councilman Ravenell advised the recommendation was in a form of a motion.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the report and recommendation from the Public Works Committee to abandon maintenance on a portion of Lean Lane. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

Councilman Ravenell advised the second item was a public works update which was a personnel matter, it was carried forward and no action was taken.

3. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

1. PROJECT HALO

2. PROJECT COLUMBUS

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)

b. CONTRACTUAL MATTERS HOSPITAL BOARD

LEGAL BASIS - FOIA EXEMPTION S.C. CODE 30-4 70(a)(2)(DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT)

c. CONTRACTUAL MATTERS WAY BUILDING

LEGAL BASIS - FOIA EXEMPTION S.C. CODE 30-4 70(a)(2)(DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT)

5. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of June 5, 2017 stand adjourned. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



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



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