



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
September 18, 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:

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 18th day of September 2017, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:32 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 5, 2017 (RS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman Johnny Ravenell 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).

Chairman Wright advised the citizens of the purpose of public comments agenda items and public comments of other matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OTHER MATTERS

Patricia Goldsmith a resident of old Cameron road and highway 33 came before Council to advised them the Planning Committee did not approve the recommendation for their area to be rezoned from RG (Residential General) to CG (Commercial General) for a Dollar General Store. The community would like Council support the residence and to take the recommendation into consideration.

Arnold Wade came before Council to ask why the residence of the Edisto Drive community cannot use the John W. Stroman Center for a County Council District 6 candidates' forum on September 21st and why do the candidates have to pay to use the center for a forum? Why do the community have to pay a rental fee to use the community center? Candidates in the pass have always had a forum, why is this one so special?

Chairman Wright closed public comments of agenda items at 5:40 p.m.

1. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF NORWAY FROM THE NORWAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS OF SUCH TRANSFER

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Heyward Livingston made the motion. Councilman Willie Owens second the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

2. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF LIVINGSTON FROM THE LIVINGSTON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS OF SUCH TRANSFER

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Heyward Livingston made the motion. Councilman Willie Owens second the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

3. 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 # 0173-12-09-012.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL DISTRICT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on August 9, 2017, to discuss the request from Tyrone Dash to rezone the property in Council district seven (7) at 2437 Russell Street Tax Map #0173-12-09-012 from residential general to commercial general. The property is next to the Family Dollar and other commercial property. There was no opposition to the request and the planning commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

4. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TAX-EXEMPT OR TAXABLE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF COUNTY VEHICLES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised five years ago the County set up a program to replace the vehicles for the sheriff's office and several other county vehicles that will mature in increments of five (5) years it is now time to renew this bond. As discussed in a meeting the County will be looking to do away with some of our higher value cost vehicles that the County had purchased five (5) years ago for more fuel efficient turn vehicle. This recommendation was presented by the County's financial advisor, Walter Goldsmith and bond attorney Sydney Evering for your approval.

Chairman Wright asked Council if they had any questions.

Councilman Wimberly asked for clarification on the agenda it stated not to \$2,500,000 but the bond itself is 2,000,000?

Administrator Young advised, yes sir that is correct.

Councilman Ravenell asked did this included some of the sheriff's deputy cruisers he was aware of a lot of issues with the Dodge Chargers.

Administrator Young advised yes sir the County is trying to fade out all of the Dodge Chargers because we are a rural community and a lot of our road are hard the sedans have not fared well, so we have started moving to a more Tahoe base package vehicles which were only a \$250,000 difference in price but return sale value was a higher return value on sale when we finish the life of the vehicle. It will be twenty (25) patrol cars with a command vehicle with five (5) ambulances and two (2) public works vehicles.

Councilman Wimberly asked will the County dealerships get an opportunity to bid on these vehicles.

Administrator Young advised yes they would be able to match the State contract price if they choose too.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

5. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT PROFILE, ACTING ON BEHALF OF ITSELF, AND/OR ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES OR RELATED ENTITIES (THE "COMPANY") TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY; (2) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND SUCH PROPERTY; AND (3) OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson for an explanation. Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised Council the first ordinance deals with an approval for an SSRC Special Source Revenue Credit agreement the second ordinance deals with placing this expansion in a Multi-County Industrial park the County has an agreement with Dorchester County as to a Multi-County Industrial park. This prospect will be the first applicant to advantage of the new opportunities Zone which was created at Exit 145 and this is where the prospect desires to develop this business. The incentives that are put on the table are: the prospect promises to invest the first options: a capital investment of \$8,000,000, fifteen (15) full times jobs and five (5) part time jobs in an exchange for an SSRC at 35% percent per year one (1) through ten (10) and in the year of eleven (11) through fifteen (15) that

SSRC would decrease to 25% and the potential to have an additional SSRC from years fifteen (15) through twenty (20) if the prospect announces in year ten (10) the construction of a second business with a minimum capital investment of \$5,000,000, however the announce can be in ten (10) years but the construction must began near twelve (12). The second options is the prospect promises a capital investment of \$10,000,000 and a creation of fifteen (15) new full-time jobs and additional five (5) part-time jobs. The SSRC would be 35% for ten (10) years and then years eleven (11) through twenty (20) at 25% SSRC. The prospect has not chosen an option that will be before Council for second reading.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading by title only on item five (5) and item six (6). Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

6. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

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 LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOW OR TO BE HEREAFTER OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT PROFILE, AND/OR ONE OR MORE COMPANIES RELATED THERETO; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS

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 Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

7. PROCUREMENT

FY17-0714 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ORANGEBURG COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised this is a request for proposal FY17-0714 for Orangeburg County Classification & Compensation Study. The Orangeburg County, (Human Resource Department) by your (County Administrator) recommendation, solicited qualification statements from professional consultants/firms to perform an in-depth study of the County of Orangeburg Comprehensive Classification and Compensation program. The qualifications statements were submitted by three (3) consultant firms. After the review of the qualification statements by the County's Evaluation Team, each consultants firm submitted a proposal the County

also did in person evaluations of a Comprehensive Classification & Compensation System, services. Additionally, the intent of the proposal, required the study shall also evaluate the County of Orangeburg's present salary structure as compared to the relevant job market for comparable positions in both the private and public sectors. The qualification statements and request for proposal were advertised in the T&D and SCBO. The 3 three pre-qualified firm's submitted proposed costs to perform the Scope of Services/Work as so stated in proposal. It was the recommendation of the committee to accept the lowest rank proposal from MAG International, for the cost of \$56,045.00.

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

8. APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES

a. APPOINTMENT TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman Wright asked Council for any appointments to the Planning Commission. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to reappoint Mr. James M. Albergotti to the Planning Commission. Councilman Ravenell made motioned that Mr. James M. Albergotti be reappointed to the District 6 seat on the Orangeburg County Planning Commission. Councilman Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

Councilman Willie B. Owens made a motion to appoint Mr. John N. Thomas to the District 7 seat to the Planning Commission. Councilman Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

b. APPOINTMENTS TO LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD

Chairman Wright asked Council for any appointments to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments Board. Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that he had two appointees: Mr. Vernon Stephens and Councilman Heyward Livingston. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

9. UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Heyward Livingston the Chairman for an update. Councilman Heyward Livingston advised the committee met with the Planning Committee

Richard Hall about the comprehensive plan 2017 ten year updates and the plans are still in progress. The meeting was more informational.

10. 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).

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

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

2) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- a. PROJECT RECYCLE**
- b. PROJECT HALO**
- c. PROJECT BLUE LAKE**
- d. PROJECT PROFILE**
- e. PROJECT PALMETTO**
- f. GATEWAY ENTERPRISE ZONE**

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)

Chairman Wright asked for any comments from Council before he asked for a vote to adjourn.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith advised she would like to commend Billy Staley for a job well done for keeping the County updated on what was going on with the Hurricane. She was on the conference with Billy Staley from Friday at 5:00 p.m. over the weekend until Monday. It was stressful because we did not know how it was going to end up but Billy Staley kept us very calm and she wanted to thank Billy Staley for inviting Council on the conference calls.

Councilman Johnny Ravenell recognized Dr. William Molnar the Executive Director Lower Savannah Council of Governments and Mr. Vernon Stephens the new appointee to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments Board.

Administrator Young advised he wanted to thanked the County Staff, Public Works did an excellent job as well as Emergency Services and the volunteer fire departments, sheriff's department and detention center they work throughout the storm. He also recognized the

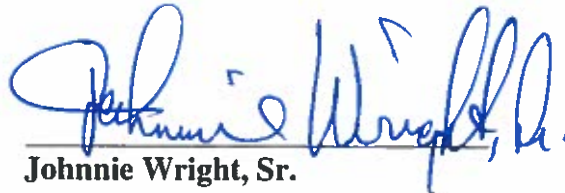
Salvation Army they did a lot to feed the individuals in the shelters because we asked by the Governor to extend the shelters for the people coming through from Florida and Georgia. He also recognized James Gazelle and his crew because the County does have a water and sewer treatment plant during the time of inclement weather. He also commented on Vice-Chairwoman Jamie Cooper-Smith and the Litter Campaign Committee Litter Clean-up.

12. 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 September 18, 2017 stand adjourned. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman

Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council

Orangeburg County Council