



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, December 12, 2016, 6:00 PM Council Chambers, Manning, SC

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman AC English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Press in attendance: Konstantin Vengerowsky, The Item

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Jamie Welch	George Kosinski	Patricia Pringle	Hannah Mikell
Eric Rosdail	Jennifer Powell	Linda Lemon	Larry Johnson, Sr.	Tim Baxley
Jim & Star Kepner	Maria Rose	And other Clarendon County Residents		

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with welcoming comments. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, Director of Human Resources, presented Thirty-two employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:

- 5-year award – 11 employees
- 10-year award – 11 employees
- 15-year award – 4 employees
- 25-year award – 1 employees
- 30-year award – 4 employees
- 40-year award – 1 employee

Chairman Stewart thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for an approval of the agenda.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for December 12, 2016.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on November 14, 2016.

III. Requests

i. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2017 Schedule for the Regular Council Meetings.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2017 Regular Council Meetings Schedule.

ii. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2017 Holidays Observance Schedule.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2017 Holidays Observance Schedule.

iii. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

IV. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC is now in session. The CCTC began at 6:21 pm.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) reflecting an increase in required funding needed for the improvement of S-625 (Country Club Circle/Heritage Dr.) He stated that DOT was requesting an additional \$20,117.97 to complete the project.

On Motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous approval to the request made by the South Carolina Department of Transportation for increased funding in the amount of \$20,117.97 to complete the improvement to S-625 (Country Club Circle/Heritage Dr.)

V. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2016-05

Chairman Stewart stated that he was recusing himself from the discussion on Project Gordon.

Vice Chairman Frierson stated that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2016-05 – an Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement By and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina (“County”) and One or More Investors Collectively Identified for the time being as Project Gordon I, Each Acting for itself, One or more Current or Future Affiliates, and Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, “Company”), Pursuant to Which the County shall Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to the Establishment of Certain Facilities in the County (‘Project’); (2) Certain Special Source revenue Credits with Respect to the Project; ((3) the Enlargement of the Boundaries of An Existing Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to Include Therein Certain Additional Property in Connection with the Project; and (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto is now open.

The Public Hearing Opened at 6:24 pm.

- Councilman Richardson asked where the Project would be located.
- Administrator Epperson responded by stating that he was not sure of the location.
- George Kosinski, Development Board Director, stated that timbers are being removed in the Panola Area but it would be late 2017 before we see solar panels going up.

Vice Chairman Frierson asked if there were any comments on Ordinance 2016-05. Hearing nothing, he stated that the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:30 pm.

VI. Ordinance 2016-05

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2016-05 - an Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement By and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina (“County”) and One or More Investors Collectively Identified for the time being as Project Gordon I, Each Acting for itself, One or more Current or Future Affiliates, and Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, “Company”), Pursuant to Which the County shall Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with

Respect to the Establishment of Certain Facilities in the County (“Project”); (2) Certain Special Source revenue Credits with Respect to the Project; ((3) the Enlargement of the Boundaries of An Existing Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to Include Therein Certain Additional Property in Connection with the Project; and (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto.

VII. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2016-06

Vice Chairman Frierson stated that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2016-06 – an Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement By and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina (“County”) and One or More Investors Collectively Identified for the time being as Project Gordon II, Each Acting for itself, One or more Current or Future Affiliates, and Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, “Company”), Pursuant to Which the County shall Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to the Establishment of Certain Facilities in the County (“Project”); (2) Certain Special Source revenue Credits with Respect to the Project; ((3) the Enlargement of the Boundaries of An Existing Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to Include Therein Certain Additional Property in Connection with the Project; and (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto is now open. The public hearing opened at 6:31 pm.

- Ms. Patricia Pringle, Auditor, asked would the school district get any of the tax money from this project.
- Administrator Epperson responded by stating that 1% goes to Sumter County, 20% goes to Infrastructure and the balance goes to Clarendon County to be distributed at the request of Council.

Vice Chairman Frierson asked if there were any comments on Ordinance 2016-06. Hearing nothing, he stated that the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:34 pm.

VIII. Ordinance 2016-06

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2016-06 - an Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement By and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina (“County”) and One or More Investors Collectively Identified for the time being as Project Gordon II, Each Acting for itself, One or more Current or Future Affiliates, and Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, “Company”), Pursuant to Which the County shall Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to the Establishment of Certain Facilities in the County (“Project”); (2) Certain Special Source revenue Credits with Respect to the Project; ((3) the Enlargement of the Boundaries of An Existing Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to Include Therein Certain Additional Property in Connection with the Project; and (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto.

IX. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2016-09

Chairman Stewart asked Ms. Maria Rose, Planning Director, if she would let everyone know what this Ordinance is.

Ms. Rose stated that this Ordinance is to change the zoning map on a parcel of land on Highway 260, across from Santee Electric, from Residential Conservation to Neighborhood Commercial with an effective date.

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing is now open. The Public Hearing opened at 6:35 pm. Hearing no comments, he stated that the Public Hearing would now close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:37 pm.

X. Ordinance 2016-09

On Motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-09 – An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to amend the County’s Official Zoning Map Designating for Tax Map Parcel

#167-00-02-080-00; From Residential Conservation (RC) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) and Providing an Effective Date.

XI. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss two personnel issues.

1. Sheriff's Department
2. Probate Judge's Office

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues in the Sheriff's Department and the Probate Judge's Office. The Executive Session began at 6:39 pm.

XII. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:08 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council discussed the starting salary of the Sheriff Elect and the Probate Judge Elect and he asked what was the will of Council.

- On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to give the Sheriff Elect, Timothy Baxley, a starting salary of \$68,500.
- On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to give the Probate Judge Elect, Margaret Sorrell, a starting salary of \$62,100.

XIII. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$1,771,369 and Total Revenue of \$1,613,422 for the month ending November 30, 2016.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department Operating Revenue was not available and Operating Expenses was \$235,982 as of November 30, 2016. He stated that depreciation, transfers, interest income, and Grant Revenue had a total of \$52,437 in Non-operating Revenue.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium total Revenue for the month of November was \$19,792, and total Expenses of \$120,142. He stated that after transfers from the General Fund and Hospitality Tax Fund in the amount of \$100,350, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of November with a Zero balance.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund Program for the month of November 2016 had a Cash Balance of \$4,332,826 of which \$4,224,293 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds.

XII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- Public Works cleared vegetative debris off 130 County Roads, performed repairs to 94 additional roads.

- Working with FEMA on our public assistance claims.
- We have two mobile Disaster Recovery Centers set up in Clarendon County.
- USDA Phase 1B – we will be able to operate the well and tank without the need for additional chemicals to treat PH levels.
- We are in the process of completing paving work associated with C-Fund Proviso Dollars.

XIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by recognizing Jim and Star Kepner.

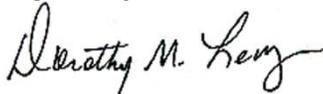
- Ms. Kepner asked could Council do anything about the problems that the residents are having with one of the land/homeowners on Club House Road. She continued by asking if speed limit signs could be placed on Club House Road.
- Chairman Stewart responded by stating that the County had legal issues with that landowner for a number of years and it's a civil matter that needs to be solved. He continued by stating that the County was successful in our legal issues with the landowner and we do not want to place the County with a liability. Chairman Stewart stated that the County does have an easement to maintain the road.
- Ms. Kepner asked can the three (the County, the Landowner, and the Residents) meet to see what can be done. She said that two cars could not go through the area because the area is about 12 feet wide with Children playing and no speed limit signs.
- Chairman Stewart stated that the County wants a peaceful resolution and he does not think there are laws that can assist in this situation.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he declared the Council Meeting is adjourn. There were no opposes to adjourning the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

