



# Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, December 14, 2015, 6:00 PM Council Chambers

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## Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.  
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman, AC English  
Councilman Benton Blakely  
County Administrator, David W. Epperson  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

**Absent:** Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson

**Press in attendance:** None

## Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Jamie Welch	Charlotte Johnston	George Kosinski	Bernard Bradshaw
Nancy Cave	Shelton Hughes	Frank J. Kelley	Roy Fletcher	Bridgett Epperson
Marilyn Fletcher	John Tindal	Cathy Williams	William Taylor	Cory Beard
Michael Johnson	Tamika Malone	Ralph Malone	Connor Huth	Betia M. Carter
Jeremy Cook	Patricia Pringle	Matt Evans	Mary Taylor	Parker Johnson
James L. Conyers	Nehemiah Conyers	Bernice Conyers	James W. Dupree	Archie Lemon
Frances A. Richburg	Allen Johnson	Linda Taylor	Linda Lemon	Maria Rose

And other Clarendon County Residents

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with welcoming comments. Councilman Richardson 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 Forty-two employees with service awards. The awards were given as listed:

- 5-year award – 16 employees
- 10-year award – 9 employees
- 15-year award – 7 employees
- 20-year award – 4 employees
- 25-year award – 3 employees
- 30-year award – 3 employees

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 Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the regular council meeting agenda for December 14, 2015.

## 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 9, 2015 with Minor Corrections.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on November 16, 2015.

### **III. Requests**

- i. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2016 Schedule for the Regular Council Meetings.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2016 Regular Council Meetings Schedule.

- ii. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2016 Holidays Observance Schedule.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2016 Holidays Observance Schedule.

- iii. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

### **IV. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-05**

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing was now open for Ordinance 2015-05, An Ordinance Approving the Issuance by Clarendon County School District No. 2, South Carolina of General Obligation Bonds in a Principal amount not to Exceed \$2,700,000. The Public Hearing began at 6:22 pm.

Since there were no comments, Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:23pm.

### **V. Ordinance 2015-05**

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final reading of Ordinance 2015-05, An Ordinance Approving the Issuance by Clarendon County School District No. 2, South Carolina of General Obligation Bonds in a Principal amount not to Exceed \$2,700,000.

### **VI. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-06**

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing was now open for Ordinance 2015-06, an Ordinance to Authorize the Sale of Three(3) Parcels of Real Property owned by Clarendon County, South Carolina and identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel Nos. 169-14-06-003-0; 187-02-04-020-00; 194-01-00-001-00. The Public Hearing began at 6:24 pm.

Administrator Epperson stated that these are surplus properties that the County does not have a need for.

Since there were no other comments, Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:27pm.

### **VII. Ordinance 2015-06**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Sale of Three(3) Parcels of Real Property owned by Clarendon County, South Carolina and identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel Nos. 169-14-06-003-0; 187-02-04-020-00; 194-01-00-001-00.

### **VIII. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-07**

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing was now open for Ordinance 2015-07, an Ordinance to Authorize the Transfer of Three(3) Parcels of Real Property owned by Clarendon County, South Carolina to the Business Development

Corporation of Clarendon County, and Identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel Nos. 141-00-02-054-00; 141-00-01-001-00; 141-00-02-048-00. The Public Hearing began at 6:28 pm.

Since there were no comments, Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:29pm.

#### **IX. Ordinance 2015-07**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Transfer of Three(3) Parcels of Real Property owned by Clarendon County, South Carolina to the Business Development Corporation of Clarendon County, and Identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel Nos. 141-00-02-054-00; 141-00-01-001-00; 141-00-02-048-00.

#### **X. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-09**

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing was now open for Ordinance 2015-09, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Project StarTrak; Providing for a Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes; Providing for Acceptance and Administration of any Grants and Other Funds Related to Project StarTrak; And Other Related Matters. The Public Hearing began at 6:30 pm.

Administrator Epperson stated that Project StarTrak is an expansion to an existing Industry in Clarendon County that would be providing 30 new jobs.

Since there were no comments, Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:32 pm.

#### **XI. Ordinance 2015-09**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Project StarTrak; Providing for a Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes; Providing for Acceptance and Administration of any Grants and Other Funds Related to Project StarTrak; And Other Related Matters.

#### **XII. Ordinance 2015-08**

Maria Rose, Planning Director, presented Council with an Ordinance to amend the Unified Development Code. She continued by stating that the amendment would be to add the following items:

- Light Industrial as a Permitted Use in GC, IND I and IND II and as Allowable (AL) use in PZ.
- Solar Energy System/Solar Farm as a Permitted Use in AG II, IND I, IND II, and as an Allowable (AL) use in PZ.

Ms. Rose concluded by stating that the update would delete the following two items.

- Neither a residence, place of worship, a public school structure, a commercial structure nor an industrial structure shall locate within 1500 feet of an existing animal waste lagoon.
- The separation requirements of (c) shall not apply to the owner's residence.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the amendment of Clarendon County Ordinance #2011-05 A/K/A The County's Unified Development Code.

Chairman Stewart abstained from voting.

#### **XIII. Financial Report**

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$1,978,212 for the month of November and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium total Revenue for the month of November was \$15,055, and total Expenses of \$47,570. He stated that after transfers from the Accommodation taxes, Hospitality Taxes, and the General Fund in the amount of \$32,515, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of November with a zero balance.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$311,554 and Operating Expenses of \$173,432 as of November 30, 2015. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, interest expense, and Grant Revenue totaling \$354,510, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility income of \$492,632.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund had a cash balance of \$3,916,140 as of October 31, 2015 of which \$3,926,339 has been committed to the local paving projects and the state required projects leaving a deficit of \$10,199.

#### **XIV. Administrator's Report**

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

- USDA Phase 1B – Project has resumed and progressing. The Tank has been constructed and erected. An extension to the construction contract has been requested and will be approved based on the 2015 flood.
- USDA Phase 1C – Project has resumed and is moving along accordingly.
- USDA Phase 11 - Currently, we are working with our Engineering Firm to move forward with surveying, detailed project design, and right of way acquisition.
- Individual Assistance – There have been 3,799 individuals who have registered for FEMA assistance in Clarendon County.
- The deadline for applying for assistance has been extended to January 4, 2016.
- We have received correspondence indicating that the National Guard will not seek reimbursement from the Counties who utilized its services.
- We have a solicitation out to hire a private contractor to repair our roads to our current roads standards.
- Currently, there are nine state maintained roads that are still closed.
- All roads scheduled for paving through the County's portion of C-Funding for 2015 and the State appropriated proviso funds have been delayed due to the flooding, but are still on target to begin in 2016.

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by stating that the County Offices would be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> in Observance of the Christmas Holiday and January 1, 2016 in Observance of New Year's Day.

#### **XV. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended the Governor's Long Term Recovery Meeting in Columbia this morning and he has plans to attend the Post Flood Action Meeting on December 17.

#### **XVI. Executive Session**

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter in reference to the DHEC Building.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session for a Contractual Matter in reference to the DHEC Building. The Executive Session began at 7:16 pm.

#### **XVII. Open Session**

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:54 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council was given information on the DHEC Building and no action would be taken.

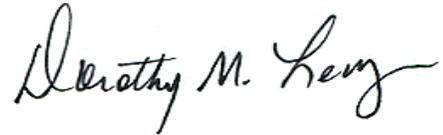
**XVIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous approval to adjourn the Council meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

