

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 6, 2010
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., Chairman
Janie Cooper, Vice Chairman
Clyde B. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Clark, Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Ruth Van Faussien, Acting Clerk to Council

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Willie B. Owens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Councilman Johnny Ravenell, seconded by Vice Chairman Janie Cooper, that the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – OTHER MATTERS:

David Hutto, the upcoming president of DORA (Downtown Orangeburg Revitalization Association) addressed County Council to thank them for the past support and cooperation that County Council has given their organization. He also thanked Deputy Administrator Tim Maybank, Orangeburg County's liaison with their organization, for his assistance.

Councilman Harry Wimberly said that he was wearing a Carolina tie tonight in order to pay his dues to the County Administrator. Councilman Wimberly said he hoped that next year the County Administrator would be wearing a Clemson tie. Wait until next year . . .

1. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND DON'S CAR CRUSHING INC. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44 OF TITLE 12, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, AS AMENDED, AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO

County Administrator Bill Clark related that Don's Car Crushing Inc. had a representative, Chris Grier, present at our previous meeting who provided background and pertinent information regarding the activities of this company. They are in the metal shredding and recycling business and propose a minimum investment of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) and the creation of twenty-five (25) or more full-time jobs. This qualifies them to receive fee-in-lieu of tax consideration, so that is the ordinance before us tonight. This fee-in-lieu agreement would move the assessment ratio from 10.5% to 6.0% based upon the amount of investment involved. There is no multi-county industrial park transaction associated with this particular matter.

Chairman Wright then opened the floor for public hearing comments, questions or concerns. There were none.

The motion to approve second reading of this ordinance was made by Vice Chairman Janie Cooper and seconded by Councilman Willie B. Owens. The motion carried.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY TAX & TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

County Administrator Bill Clark reported that the Tax & Tourism Committee met on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, and considered requests for funding from five different entities. All five projects presented were very good. The Committee had a difficult time evaluating the requests because the funding requests totaled \$37,500.00 with only \$29,822.41 available in collections for recommendations for funding. He summarized the requests as follows:

A. Request from the Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce for funds to assist with a variety of projects including the Santee Amateur Golf Tournament, travel shows, promotional activities, etc. They have been before the Committee numerous times in the past requesting \$20,000.00 which is the same amount they have requested for this year. The Committee recommended that they be funded at the requested amount of \$20,000.00.

B. Request from the Town of Woodford for \$5,000.00 to assist with the promotion of the 2011 Hummingbird Festival. This would be third year for this festival. The Committee recommended that they be funded \$2,500.00.

C. Request from the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce for funds to promote the 2011 NAIA Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament which has been hosted for the past several years at Claflin University. This particular tournament brings in teams from around the country for a weekend of tournament activity and generates a considerable amount of hotel and restaurant revenue. The amount requested was \$7,000.00; the amount recommended by the Committee was \$3,000.00.

D. Request from Orangeburg Xpress Youth Basketball Organization for funds to conduct an AAU Boys Basketball Super Regional Basketball Tournament to be hosted in the Spring of 2011. This was a new request to come before the Committee. It would involve quite a number of teams from a multi-state area in the Southeast who would come to Orangeburg to compete in tournament style from age groups of about 12 to 18 and would include approximately five teams of local origin who would participate in this particular tournament. The amount requested was \$5,000.00; the amount recommended by the Committee was \$3,822.41.

E. Request from the Town of Ellore for funds to print 5,000 brochures that would advertise a variety of festivals and on-going events taking place in the Ellore area. They requested \$500.00, and the Committee recommended \$500.00.

The total amount recommended for funding by the Committee comes to \$29,822.41---the exact amount of funds on hand for distribution.

Vice-Chairman Janie Cooper questioned whether or not it was customary to recommend funding of all the monies on hand at the time. Mr. Clark replied that very rarely does the Committee recommend spending down to a zero balance, but as the revenues are collected on a quarterly basis they generally try to follow that amount of appropriation. The fact that there were not enough funds on hand to completely fund the requests had a great deal to do with the decision to fund down to a zero balance.

Councilman Willie B. Owens asked how often requests were made to the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Mr. Clark explained that these requests are considered once each quarter. Councilman Owens then asked when the Hummingbird Festival was to be held. Mr. Clark told him that the Hummingbird Festival and both basketball tournaments were date sensitive since they were requiring funds in order to secure their events that are presently scheduled to take place in March. Councilman Heyward Livingston expressed his support for the request from the Town of Woodford. Councilman Wimberly then asked about the Orangeburg Xpress and if it was already organized. Mr. Clark replied that there is an active AAU sports program in Orangeburg of which there are approximately five teams of local players who will be competing in this tournament. If we were not hosting the tournament here, they would have to go on the road to be able to participate in these tournaments at other locations. It is hoped that this would become a recurring event year after year. Councilman Owens then asked how long the Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce had been receiving this

amount of money. Mr. Clark replied that this has been in place many years and that had some weight with the Committee when they made their review. The Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce had the longest track record with Accommodations Tax Funds and was able to account very well for their expenditure of the same.

A motion was made by Councilman Heyward Livingston and seconded by Councilman Willie B. Owens that the funds be awarded in accordance with the recommendations from the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee:

A. Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce	\$20,000.00
B. Town of Woodford	\$ 2,500.00
C. Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce- NAA Basketball Tournament	\$ 3,000.00
D. Orangeburg Xpress Youth Basketball Organization- AAU Basketball Tournament	\$ 3,822.41
E. Town of Elloree	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED FOR FUNDING:	<u>\$29,822.41</u>

All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

This meeting schedule for calendar year 2011 was presented for Council's approval. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Janie Cooper that the meeting schedule be accepted as written. Councilman Wimberly questioned the meeting scheduled for July 5th. Would the County be closed for the Fourth of July on Monday or were we taking Friday? July 4th falls on Monday, so the Council meeting would be on the following day, July 5th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie B. Owens. All voted in favor and the motion carried. A copy of this meeting schedule is attached as a part of these proceedings.

4. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR:

A. Economic Development – Project Report

B. Contractual:

(1) Inmate Medical Matters

(2) Broadband Project Matters

A motion to go into Executive Session to consider these items was made by Vice Chairman Janie Cooper and seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. All voted in favor.

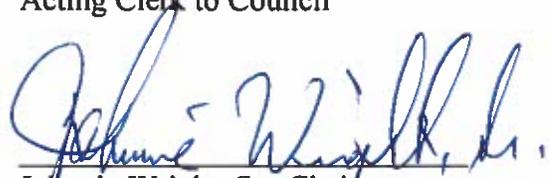
5. **VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

A motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Heyward Livingston and was seconded by Councilman Willie B. Owens. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Van Faussien
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Acting Clerk to Council



Joannie Wright, Sr.
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Orangeburg County Council

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2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 4 (Tuesday)	July 5 (Tuesday)
January 18 (Tuesday)	July 18 (Monday)
February 7 (Monday)	August 15 (Monday)
February 22 (Tuesday)	September 6 (Tuesday)
March 7 (Monday)	September 19 (Monday)
March 21 (Monday)	October 3 (Monday)
April 4 (Monday)	October 17 (Monday)
April 18 (Monday)	November 7 (Monday)
May 2 (Monday)	November 21 (Monday)
May 16 (Monday)	December 5 (Monday)
June 6 (Monday)	December 19 (Monday)
June 20 (Monday)	

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers located in the Orangeburg County Administrative Centre at 1437 Amelia Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Approved by Orangeburg County Council December 6, 2010.