

SPECIAL MEETING  
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
DARLINGTON, SC

DECEMBER 16, 2014

A special meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held December 16, 2014, at 12 noon, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Courtroom at Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina.

NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda giving the date, time, and place of the meeting was mailed in advance to the local newspapers, persons requesting notification, and posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the County Administrator's Office and the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Courtroom.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Wesley Blackwell, Vice Chairwoman Mozella Nicholson, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. Marvin Le Flowers, Mr. Robbin Brock, Mr. Bobby Hudson, Mrs. Wilhelmina P. Johnson, and Mr. Robert L. Kilgo, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

Interim County Administrator Thomas W. Edwards, Jr., Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Codes Enforcement Director Randy Evans, Recreation Director Ken McRae, Economic Development Director Frank Willis, Prison Farm Director Jonathan McFadden, Fire Chief Kenny Stratton, Planning Director Doug Reimold, Human Resource Director Ginger Winburn, and Sheriff Wayne Byrd

REPORTERS PRESENT

Mr. Jim Faile of the Messenger and Ms. Samantha Lyles of the News and Press.

Call To Order / Invocation / Pledge Of Allegiance

Chairman Blackwell called to meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Mr. Brock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

~ Councilman Robert L. Kilgo, Jr. arrived at the meeting ~

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 14-22, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-07, FY14/15 Development Partnership Fund Budget, To Close The Development Partnership Fund Budget (*Initiated by the staff*) - **THIRD READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 14-22.

The motion carried unanimously.

~ Council Members Marvin Le Flowers & Mozella Nicholson arrived at the meeting ~

Ordinance No. 14-23, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-06, FY14/15 County Fire District Fund Budget, To Reduce Funds For The Lease Purchase, To Reduce The Fire Service Budget, And To Include Debt Service For County Fire District Bond, As Amended (Initiated by the staff) - **THIRD READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approved third reading of Ordinance No. 14-23.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 14-24, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-02, FY14/15 General Fund Budget, To Remove Accommodations Tax Funds From The General Fund Budget And Place Into A Newly Established Fund For Accommodations Tax (Initiated by the staff) - **THIRD READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 14-24.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 14-25, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-02, FY14/15 General Fund Budget, To Include Bond Payments And Interest For FY14/15 And Expenditure For The Airport Acquisition Project – As Amended (Initiated by the staff) - **THIRD READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 14-25.

Mr. Kilgo presented concerns about using funds from the \$3.5 million bond for the Airport Acquisition Project when the bond was not for that purpose.

The motion carried with Mr. Kilgo opposing.

Ordinance No. 14-26, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-02, FY14/15 General Fund Budget, To Create An Asset Account For Accommodations Tax And To Remove Accommodations Tax Funds From The Fund Balance Account (Initiated by the staff) - **THIRD READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 14-26.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vote For Executive Session – (A) Discussion Of Negotiations Incident To Proposed Contractual Arrangements and (B) Discussion Of Personnel Matters Regarding The Employment Of A County Administrator

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Hudson to vote for executive session for (A) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and (B) discussion of personnel matters regarding the employment of a County Administrator.

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – (A) Discussion Of Negotiations Incident To Proposed Contractual Arrangements and (B) Discussion Of Personnel Matters Regarding The Employment Of A County Administrator

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Hudson for Council and the Interim County Administrator to go into executive session for discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and for County Council to go into executive session for discussion of personnel matters regarding the employment of a County Administrator.

The motion carried unanimously.

County Council and the Interim County Administrator went into executive session at 12:12 p.m. Mr. Edwards left executive session at 12:33 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to accept Mr. Jon Caime as County Administrator.

Those voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Douglas, Ms. Nicholson, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Blackwell. Opposing were Mr. Brock, Mr. Kilgo, and Mr. Flowers. Mrs. Johnson abstained. The motion carried.

Chairman Blackwell clarified that Council extended the offer to Mr. Caime subject to a contract and other negotiating matters.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. JaNet Bishop, Clerk to Council

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Chairman  
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of January 6, 2015.