

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Called Meeting - January 18, 1996 - 5:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING: G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ernie Garrison, Bruce Gerrard, David Watson, Jack McIntosh, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips- WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick- SENIOR REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan.

PRESENT

Chairman Ernie Garrison, District #4
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Bruce Gerrard - District #5
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

ABSENT

William A. Floyd - District #2
David Watson, Interim Administrator
Jack McIntosh, County Attorney

A called meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Thursday, January 18, 1996 at 5:30 p.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order, welcomed the group, and then gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Garrison stated that the meeting was called for one reason and that was to go into the executive to talk about personnel. He said that there was one item that needed to be talked about and that was the information on applicants for position of County Administrator. In the advertisement the applicants were assured that their names would be held in confidence and it was not. It was allowed to get into the media therefore jeopardizing someone's job and the Council's ability to get good people to apply for position of Administrator.

Mr. Garrison made the following statement: I did not in any way betray the confidence of those people who applied for the administrator's job, by allowing that information to become public by giving to the press or making it accessible to anyone other than myself."

Mr. Garrison opened the floor for any other member of Council, and Clerk to Council to make the same statement.

Ms. Gilstrap stated that she did not release any information or the resumes at any time to anyone.

Mr. Gerrard stated that he took exception that the article in which this information was released in-he was the only person on Council whose name was included in the article and he felt like it implemented him as being the one who released this information. He said he received his resumes just like all rest of Council have and no one has had possession of these resumes other than himself. No one has been allowed to view these resumes and personal under oath state that he released no information to no media person or no other person regarding these resumes.

Mr. Banister also stated that he did not release this to any news media or to anyone else and will not release it to anyone else. He said he thought it was a terrible thing for the County. People will think that they cannot trust Anderson County.

Mr. Tolly stated that he could truthfully say that he did not release any information regarding the applicants, and he could see it would have served no purpose to release the names and assured Council that as far as he was concerned, they were not released.

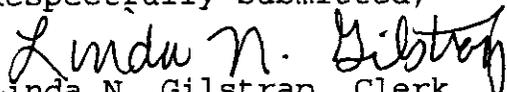
Mr. Garrison stated he would offer the same opportunity to Mr. Floyd at the next meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to go into executive session at a predetermined place at 5:40 p.m. to interview applicants for internal auditor.

The meeting was called back to order by the vice chairman at 10:15 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mr. Tolly, Mr. Banister, Mr. Gerrard, and Ms. Gilstrap. On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to come of out executive session at 10:15 p.m. Mr. Banister stated that no action was taken in executive session and no action would be taken as a result.

Mr. Gerrard moved to adjourn at 10:16 p.m. and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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