

April 21, 2003

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, April 21, 2003, in the County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC, at 5:30 p.m. The following attended: Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman; Honorables Johnnye Code Stewart, Steve Parker, David Britt, Rock Adams, Ken Huckaby, and Frank Nutt, Council Members; along with James K. Hartmann, County Administrator; Bill Dennis, Deputy County Administrator; Glenn Breed, Assistant County Administrator; Roy McBee Smith, County Attorney; William McBee Smith, Assistant County Attorney; and Edwin Haskell, Assistant County Attorney.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

I.

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order.

Invocation was rendered by Mr. Kevin Handell, Student Director for Youth Missions Projects at Bethel Methodist Church. Mr. Cornelius Huff led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to adopt a Resolution remembering and recognizing Marine Pvt. Nolen Ryan Hutchings of Boiling Springs, South Carolina for his military service. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a Resolution in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Spartanburg Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried. Mr. Tony Price, Manager of Coca-Cola, was present to receive Resolution.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a Resolution recognizing the invaluable services provided by the Spartanburg County Communications/9-1-1 Department and proclaiming the week of April 13-19, 2003 as Telecommunicators' Week. Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried. Mr. David Jones was present to receive Resolution.
- D. Motion made by Ms. Stewart to adopt a Resolution expressing recognition and appreciation for the pride and honor bestowed upon Spartanburg County by the achievements of Lisa Carroll of Spartanburg County Communications/9-1-1 in being named Telecommunicator of the Year. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Ms. Lisa Carroll was present to receive Resolution.
- E. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to adopt a Resolution proclaiming May 1-3, 2003 as Sixth Annual "Zero Tolerance for Litter" Weekend. Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried. Officers Jamie Nelson

and Eddie O'Dell was present to receive Resolution.

III.

- A. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to confirm the conveyance by Spartanburg County .30 acres known as the "Pet Cemetery" located at the corner of Williams Street and S. Center Street to the Spartanburg Humane Society. Said public hearing is to occur at a meeting of the Spartanburg County Council on Monday, April 21, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. at Spartanburg County Council Chambers located in the County Administrative Building at 366 North Church Street in Spartanburg. No one appeared and the matter was closed.

IV.

No appearances were scheduled.

V.

Public Health and Human Services Committee (Honorable Johnnye Code Stewart, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Ken Huckaby)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to set the salary range at \$52,000 to \$64,000 for the Director or Registration and Elections position. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- B. Mr. Gil Bulman presented a Reappraisal Update. Public awareness sessions are being conducted throughout the County. Approximately 142,000 Reassessment notices have been mailed. To date, 2,300 appeals have been received. This averages out to about 92 per day.
- C. Updated financial data and personnel vacancy reports were received.

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Recreation Committee – (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Jeff Caton presented a progress report on our parks. Cleveland Park continues to do well. Work continues at Va-du-Mar McMillan Park.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Parker to render first reading to Parks Fee Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.

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Economic Recruitment and Development Committee – (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a Resolution designating the Wakefield Project into the commercial property redevelopment incentive program of the City of Spartanburg by adopting a Resolution designating certain parcels for inclusion in the Spartanburg County/Union County Joint County Industrial and Business Park located in the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in accordance with Spartanburg County Ordinance No. 673 and the Intergovernmental Agreement, as amended, authorized by that Ordinance, between the City of Spartanburg and the County of Spartanburg, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.

Public Safety and Judiciary Committee – (Honorable Rock Adams, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Mike Padgett presented an update on Distressed Property Pilot Program. On October 21, 2002, Council authorized the use of \$20,000 for use on demolition of abandoned and fire-damaged structures. Staff identified 20 properties within the County to use as a pilot program. County Council also instructed Administration to look into another amnesty program to entice property owners to tear down property and receive free landfill use. This would allow property owners to keep the property rather than tear turn it over.
- B. Spartanburg Regional and Med-Trans Corporation entered into discussions for the provision of Air Medical Transport Services in Spartanburg County. As arrangements were being negotiated, Spartanburg County through the Communications 911 Department was approached by Spartanburg Regional Hospital System and Med-Trans Corporation about the possibility of providing the necessary dispatch and communications services for MTC and its Spartanburg-based aircraft. A task analysis and cost study was conducted to insure that Spartanburg County 9-1-1 was able to provide such flight coordination services with existing staff and capacity, as well as to ensure that all related cost are recovered. Motion made by Mr. Adams to approve Air Medical Dispatch Services Agreement and give authorization for County administrator to sign contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.
- C. Information received regarding activities of the Building Codes Department.

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Land Use Committee (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

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Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Committee (Honorable Frank Nutt, Chairman)

- A. A request was received from the SCDOT in reference to the maintenance of the SCDOT I-26 Gateway Project. It is a proposal to heavily landscape five miles of I-26 as it enters North Carolina. Maintenance would be a little over \$200,000. Because of budget constraints, Spartanburg County is not able to assume that responsibility at this time. It was left open for Staff to contact some industries, significant property owners in the area, as well as Municipalities in the area. No action was taken.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to approve contract to purchase 2.90 acres at 281 Montgomery Road adjacent to Spartanburg County Wellford Landfill. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried.
- C. Information was received in reference to distribution formula for Municipal Road Money. It has been our

history in the past to give about \$140,000 to Municipalities for roadwork. County Council requested that staff review the consequences of this and how we might do this in a different way. This item was carried forward.

D. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

VI.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. O-99-014, as previously amended by Ordinances No. O-00-016 and O-01-18, relating to the joint County Industrial and Business Park (Park No. 2) of Cherokee and Spartanburg Counties so as to enlarge the park and to accommodate properties also located in a redevelopment project area. (QS1 Downtown) Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to render third reading to Fire Prevention and Protection Advisory Committee Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

VII.

No items scheduled.

VIII.

All resolutions, ordinances, agreements, petitions and related documents which were read and approved by Council at this meeting for the financing of certain industrial or similar revenue bonds or notes, are incorporated in these minutes by reference as if fully set forth herein. The reference is to all such documents showing execution by the county on the date of this meeting included in the office of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County.

IX.

No Items Scheduled.

X.

Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve minutes of March 17, 2003. Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.

XI.

Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By:_____

Jeffrey A. Horton, Chairman

Attest:

Deborah C. Ziegler

Clerk to Council