

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 27, 2011
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**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Bill Clark, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 20, 2011 approved with the correction to the spelling of the name of Kevin Labarick to Kevin Debarr. Motion made by Councilwoman Cooper to accept minutes with correction to spelling of name.

Motion seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AGENDA ITEMS

NO COMMENTS

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OTHER MATTERS

NO COMMENTS

1. ORDINANCE – THIRD AND FINAL READING – FY 2011-2012 BUDGET ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012, FOR THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUDGET FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES AND OR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES FOR WHICH

THE COUNTY MAY LEVY A TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES, INCLUDING SUFFICIENT TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY MATURING DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING TO THE COUNTY DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR

Chairman Wright commented that at this time all funds are balanced, there is no tax increase or fees increase. To get there Council had to do several things by transferring some things from the Education, Capital Improvement, and Solid Waste funds to General funds to cover the deficit created by the loss of State funds. Cut backs were made to the Solid Waste fund Convenience Sites from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, while closing the Sites on Wednesdays and Sundays, to be effective August 1, 2011. Funds were reduced to eight external agencies, and eleven agencies were eliminated completely. A Reduction-In-Force for fourteen positions was implemented. Implemented a program to control costs of health insurance and Worker's Compensation insurance. Maintain wages at present level for fiscal year 2010 and implement other cost cutting efficiency measures to be at that rate.

Chairman Wright stated Council deliberated a great deal this year. It really hurts, but it had to be done this year. He hopes the public will understand Council is doing the best it can with what they have.

Motion for Council to accept third and final reading of ordinance. Councilman Owens addressed the Chairman, prior to making the motion to accept final reading of the budget, to reiterate that the citizens and employees who are currently impacted by the restraints that have been put on Council this year, will understand Council really did the best they could have under the circumstances.

Motion by Councilman Owens to accept third and final reading of the FY 2011-2012 budget, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion approved by a show of seven raised hands. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion passed.

Subsequent to the motion passing, Councilwoman Cooper addressed Chairman Wright stating even though there will be a reduction-in-force, Council has never had any furloughs. Orangeburg is one of the few counties and state agencies where there have not been any furloughs. It is her hope the citizens will understand, and she thinks employees will understand they are not getting a raise, but no furloughs.

2. ORDINANCE – THIRD AND FINAL READING – FY 2011-2012 BUDGET ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012 FOR ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND FOR OTHER PUBLIC AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING TO THE COUNTY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR SAID PURPOSES

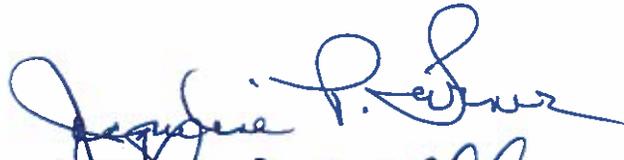
Motion for approval of third and final reading of the FY 2011-2012 budget made by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper. Motion passed by unanimous vote. There was no opposition. Motion passed.

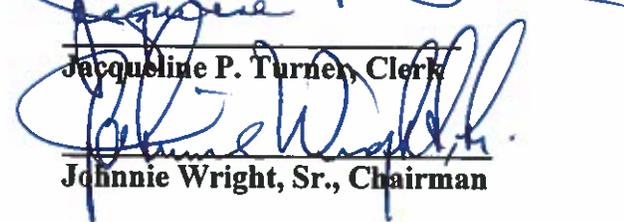
3. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Motion made by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens, to vote for an executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.


Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk


Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman