

MINUTES

County Council Meeting

July 17, 2006

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, July 17, 2006, 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 Glenn Breed, County Administrator; Chris Story, Assistant County Administrator; Tom Gates, Assistant County Administrator; and Edwin Haskell, 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 Rev. Gary Hensley, Fairforest Baptist Church. Ms. Ginger Bowen, Clemson Cooperative Extension Service, led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Adams to adopt a Resolution expressing recognition and appreciation for the pride and honor bestowed upon Spartanburg County by the achievements of Timothy N. Minton of Spartanburg County Communications/9-1-1 in being named Telecommunicator-of-the-Year. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

III.

No public hearings were scheduled.

IV.

No appearances scheduled.

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

- A. Motion made by Ms. Stewart to adopt a Continuing Resolution of Spartanburg County Council expressing Support to Apply for Federal Transit Administration Funds, State Mass Transit Funds and State Transportation Assistance Program Funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.
- B. Motion made by Ms. Stewart to adopt a Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to submit an application to the South Carolina Department of Transportation on behalf of Spartanburg County to provide transportation to the Veterans of Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried.

Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Ken Huckaby)

- A. Mr. Mark Scott, Spartanburg City Manager, and Mr. Josh Houston, Airport Director, presented a Presentation on Strategic Plans regarding Spartanburg Downtown Airport and economic impact of general aviation. Presentation is enclosed in backup. They gave a brief outline on the history of the Airport and what to expect in the future.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to render first reading to an Ordinance to change the assessment of Aircraft subject to ad valorem taxation in Spartanburg County from a 10.5% assessment ratio to a 4% assessment ratio. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- C. Updated financial and personnel vacancy reports were received.

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Recreation Committee – (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

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

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a Resolution providing for the consent of the Spartanburg County Council to the transfer of filot assets from Schwan's Bakery Operations, LLC to Schwan's Global Supply Chain, Inc. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt 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. (Garner and North Pine Street; North Church Street and Alba Court; and North Pine and Twitty Street) Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried. Ms. Julie Franklin, Economic Development Director for the City of Spartanburg, appeared on behalf of the City requesting approval of this Resolution.

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

- A. Ms. Connie Banks, Commissioner for Boiling Springs Special Purpose Fire District, appeared in reference to a request from Boiling Springs Special Purpose Fire District for authorization for a one year millage increase. Boiling Springs Fire Department and North Spartanburg Fire Department border to the right of 176. North Spartanburg would like to build a new substation close to the boundary. They have requested that Boiling Springs share this building and fund three fulltime paid firemen. The amount of the increase needed is about \$120,000. Motion made by Mr. Adams to

approve a request from Boiling Springs Special Purpose Fire District for authorization for a one year millage increase. Motion seconded by Mr. Parker and carried. Mr. Nutt stated the only reason that he voted in favor of this motion was because it is in Mr. Parker's district and he feels it is needed, and Chairman Horton mentioned revenue was reduced by the automobile reassessment and the tax reduction due to the drop in the assessment ratio from 10.5% to 6%. Next year, will be the last year the automobile revenue decreases.

- B. Mr. Doug Bryson, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented information regarding this Resolution. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has received our pre-application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) submitted in response to FEMA-1625-DR-SC. In order to meet the program's eligibility requirements, Spartanburg County must publicly review and adopt the Appalachian Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan by resolution. Motion made by Mr. Adams to adopt a Resolution adopting the Appalachian Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Adams to render first reading to an Ordinance to regulate the sale and possession of copper, copper products and equipment containing copper; to establish reporting and recordation requirements when copper related products are purchased and/or transferred; to prohibit the burning of copper wiring; and to establish criminal penalties for violation. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried. Mr. Nutt requested that the Homebuilders and the Recyclers be informed on any changes made in this Ordinance as we proceed.
- D. Information received regarding activities of the Building Codes Department.

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Land Use Committee (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

- A. Updated Planning Department Reports on Development Activity were received.

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

- A. Mayor John Hamby, City of Duncan, appeared regarding the Duncan Health Center. A simple agreement will be arranged for the Town of Duncan to use the parking lot of the Duncan Health Center on court days in exchange for maintenance of the property.
- B. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

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VI.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render second reading to an Ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Union County, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Union County and established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Union County to provide for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto. (LSP Automotive Systems, LLC)

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.

Chairman Horton stated that a couple of the Council Members would like to comment about the Abner Creek/Greer area. Mr. Britt requested that a Special Meeting be called for Wednesday, July 19, 2006, to discuss this item and take action that might be necessary. Mr. Britt stated that the residents are looking at being annexed into Reidville or Greer. The meeting would be held to receive information which relates to the proposed Greer and Reidville annexations. Motion made by Mr. Britt to schedule a Special Council Meeting for Wednesday, July 19, at 11:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried. Ms. Stewart requested changing the time to 10:30 a.m.

X.

Motion made by Ms. Stewart to approve minutes of June 19, 2006 (Regular Meeting) and July 5, 2006 (Public Safety Committee Meeting). Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

XI.

Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Jeffrey A. Horton, Chairman

Attest:

Deborah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council