

**MINUTES**  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - PUBLIC SQUARE**

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**ATTENDANCE: COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**- County Council Chairman Jim Coleman; Council Members Diane Anderson, Ted Nash, David Pitts, Keith Tollison and Joe Wood.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT** - Vice Chairman Edward McDaniel was absent due to sickness.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Laurens County Administrator, Ernest Segars; Laurens County Clerk to Council, Betty C. Walsh and Sandy Cruickshanks, Laurens County Attorney.

**ATTENDING - LAURENS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Human Resources, Debi Parker; Public Works Department, Scott Holland; Finance Director, Lisa Kirk; Communications / E911 Director, Joey Avery.

**PRESS:** Reporter, *WLBG-Radio*; *The Laurens County Advertiser*, Corey Engle; *The Clinton Chronicle*, Vic MacDonald, and Rachel Ham of *Go-Laurens.com*.

**SCHEDULED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS** – (1) Approval of Agenda, February 26, 2013; (2) Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2012; (3.) Second Reading, Ordinance # 748, Laurens County Comprehensive Plan; (4.) Second Reading, Laurens County Ordinance #749, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of a Fee On Lieu of Tax Arrangement Between Laurens County, South Carolina a and Unifor Brass Forgings, Incorporated, Under Title 4, Chapter 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended; Consenting to an Extension of the Term Thereof; And Other Matters Related Thereto”.; (5.) Administrative Report; (6) Council Committee Reports: a.) Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - Chairman, Keith Tollison; b.) Committee on Public Works – Chairman, Joe Wood; c.) Ad Hoc Committee – “IT” program - Keith Tollison, Chairman (7) Public Comments; (8) Comments from Council Members; (9) Executive Session – Legal Briefing and Contractual Matter.

**MEETING NOTIFICATION** - The County Council Members, Press and requested public notifications were informed of the meeting in a timely and appropriate manner.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Coleman called the February 26, 2013 regular scheduled meeting of Council to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Laurens County Historic Courthouse and invited all to stand for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was delivered by Councilman Pitts.

**APPROVAL – AGENDA –FEBRUARY 26, 2013** – COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve the amended agenda from February 12, 2013 with any additions or deletions; SECONDED by COUNCILMAN TOLLISON. COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL – MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2013 – REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL** – COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2013 session of Council and was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN TOLLISON; COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve.

**SECOND READING – ORDINANCE #748, LAURENS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #748 upon second reading as presented, with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDDING for discussion.

Administrator Segars stated that the goals implying certain programs of work being on-going have not been changed in the Comprehensive Plan but will prior to the public hearing in late March.

COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve.

**SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #749, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A FEE ON LIEU OF TAX ARRANGMENT BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND UNIFOR BRASS FORGINGS, INCORPORATED, UNDER TITLE 4, CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; CONSENTING TO AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”.** - COUNCILMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #749 upon second reading, as presented. COUNCILMAN NASH SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** - Ernie Segars, County Administrator reminded Council of the deadline for filing ethic reports was April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a.) Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety – Committee Chairman, Keith Tollison stated that dialogue among the members of this Committee are happening and that a meeting date has not been scheduled at this time.
- b.) Committee on Public Works – Committee Chairman, Joe Wood stated that a Committee meeting has been planned for March 6, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. at the Church Street Office Complex.  
  
Public Works Director Scott Holland stated that there will be a conflict of time for the meeting to be held at the Church Street Office Complex and that the meeting will be moved to the Historic Courthouse Council Chambers for the same date and time....just location changes.
- c.) Ad Hoc Committee – “IT” program – Committee Chairman Keith Tollison said that he did not have anything to report at this time but that a meeting was scheduled following this meeting of Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Chairman Coleman opened the floor for public comments at 5:34 P.M. With no one else wishing to address Council, Chairman Coleman closed the session at 5:35 P.M.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilman Nash reported that the South Carolina Association of Counties Mid-Year Conference was very informative this year.
- Councilman Coleman provided Council with a copy of a recent news article in the *South Carolina Business News* about ZF Transmissions and said, “It is understood that ZF has already hired four hundred fifty (450) employees and has plans now to hire an additional seven hundred (700). There are plans to be in production by July of this year”.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to move into executive session at 5:45 P.M. to hold a legal briefing and to discuss a contractual matter. COUNCILMAN TOLLISON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

BY CONSENSUS Council reconvened in open session at 6:10 P.M.

- Contractual Matter – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION for Council to approve the purchase of five (5) acres of property in the amount of twenty nine thousand dollars (\$29,000). The property is adjoining the Laurens County Airport and is imposing on flight and boundary compliance. The funding source will be from the revenue account of the Laurens County Airport Commission.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

The motion made by Councilman Pitts was considered as FIRST READING - ORDINANCE #750, "An Ordinance for the Purchase of Approximately Five (5) Acres of Land on Airport Road".

- Legal Briefing – Chairman Coleman reported that no action was taken on the Contractual Matter.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Chairman Coleman adjourned the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Betty C. Walsh  
Laurens County Clerk to Council