

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Regular Meeting – July 3, 2001 – 6:00 p.m.
Tammie Shealy, Assistant to Clerk to Council**

MINUTES

All area newspaper, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*

PRESENT

**Chairman Clint Wright – District #4 – Presiding
G. Fred Tolly – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Larry E. Greet – District #3
Vice Chairman Mike Holden – District #5
William C. Dees – District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Joey Preston – Administrator
Tom Martin – County Attorney
Tammie Shealy – Assistant to Clerk to County Council**

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, July 3 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Cindy Wilson gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 5 and June 19, 2001 meetings as mailed.

Public comments: None.

Vice Chairman Holden presented former Planning and Community Development Services Manager, Mr. Tony Cirelli with a letter stating his appreciation for the fifteen years of service to Anderson County and outlining the many accomplishments Mr. Cirelli made during his employment with Anderson County. Mr. Cirelli spoke and said that he missed everyone he worked with and he thanked Council for the privileged of working with Anderson County. Mr. Fred Tolly told Mr. Cirelli for the nine of the fifteen years they worked together that he did an outstanding job and he hated to see him go and wished him the best of luck. Mr. Jordan said he wanted to echo the same thoughts as Mr. Tolly. Mr. Wright said he appreciated the hard work and the meetings they attended over the years.

Mr. Martin presented second reading of Ordinance #2001-024 an ordinance authorizing the transfer and sale of certain Anderson County real property to the South Carolina Department of Transportation; authorizing the execution and delivery of real property deeds related to the same; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Martin explained that due to some uncertainty as to the schedule of meetings in July, the Public Hearing was advertised on third reading scheduled for the July 17, 2001 meeting. Mr. Dees moved to approve second reading of Ordinance #2001-024, Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly stated that the family of Mr. Patrick B. Harris could not attend due to grieving for his death. Mr. Tolly stated that he would read aloud resolution #R2001-031, a resolution honoring and memorializing the honorable Patrick (“Pat”) Bradley Harris, distinguished legislator, successful businessman and life long resident of Anderson County, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Tolly asked Council to pass this resolution to be given to the family at a latter time. Mr. Greer seconded the motion to approve #R2001-031. Chairman Wright asked everyone to rise and give a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Pat Harris before a vote was taken. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$1000.00 from District #1 recreation funds for the Carolina Crushers team to attend a basketball tournament. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$2000.00 from District #1 paving funds for the Anderson Fire Service Training Facility to help with completion of building. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$5688.00 from District #1 paving funds for the paving of Geneva Circle. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$7600.00 from District #5 paving funds for a drainage problem on Dover Court. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$3000.00 from District #5 paving funds for the Anderson Fire Service Training Facility to help with completion of building. Mr. Holden stated that he had received a letter from Chief Bo Gilreath asking for consideration of funds to help the Fire Training Facility building project. Mr. Holden asked each Council Member to appropriate \$2000.00 stating that the Facility needed \$15,000.00 and that he would appropriate \$3000.00. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden passed out information to Council Members given to him by Rev. Elva Martin of the Anderson Prayer Task Force. Mr. Holden announced that a rally was planned for July 30, 2001 and invited everyone to attend.

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Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$2000.00 from District #3 paving funds for the Anderson Fire Service Training Facility to help with completion of building project. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$2000.00 from District #2 paving funds for the Anderson Fire Service Training Facility to help with completion of building project. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate \$2000.00 from District #6 paving funds for the Anderson Fire Service Training Facility to help with completion of building project. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$2000.00 from District #7 paving funds for the Anderson Fire Service Training Facility to help with completion of building project. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to appropriate \$2000.00 from District #4 paving funds for the Anderson Fire Service Training Facility to help with completion of building project. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to appropriate \$950.00 from District #4 paving funds to help Hopewell Fire Department purchase a defibrillator. Mr. Wright stated that the actual cost was \$1,900.00 and after talking with Ms. Wilson, she would agree to share the cost. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to appropriate from the District #4 parks and recreation funds the following.

- 1. Townville Recreation Center \$5,000.00 for programming.**
- 2. ~~Double Springs Fire Dept.~~ \$1,500.00 for programming.**
- 3. Double Springs Park \$1,000.00 for repairs and maintenance to the facility.**
- 4. Holly Light Community Center \$1,500.00 for senior programs.**
- 5. The Pendleton Community Center \$1,500.00 to help with the summer junior program.**
- 6. Pendleton Recreation Association \$5,000.00 for summer programming.**
- 7. Pendleton High School volleyball recreation clinics \$1,000.00 for kids in the community.**

Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$950.00 from District #7 recreation funds to help Hopewell Fire Department purchase a defibrillator. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

1. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- (a) Certificates and Training:**
 - (1) Mr. Tommy Thompson, Mr. Taylor Jones – Infection Control Administrator's Course/Emergency Medical Services Program**
 - (2) Mr. Taylor Jones – Designated/Infection Control Officer**
- (b) Letters of Appreciation:**
 - (1) For: Holt Hopkins – From: Mr. Wallace O. Ashley**
 - (2) For: Jerry Stamp's crew, Mr. Frank Anderson, Mr. David Boston – From: Mr. Rick Wise**
 - (3) For: Mrs. Paula Reel – From: Councilwoman Gracie Floyd**
 - (4) For: Ms. Karen Mills – From: Mr. Rick T. Caldwell**
 - (5) For: Litter Officer Ralph Cumber – From: Mr. Gene Brooks**
 - (6) For: Mr. Holt Hopkins and crew – From: Loretta B. Ayers**
 - (7) For: Ms. Kathryn Ponder-Campbell - From: Mr. John C. Davis**
 - (8) For: Capt. Ike Robinson – From: Mr. David Maxwell**
- (c) Minutes:**
 - (1) Department of Transportation Safety Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2001**
 - (2) ASEC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – April, 2001**
 - (3) Anderson County EMS Commission Minutes – May 10, 2001 and June 11, 2001**
- (d) Reports:**
 - (1) Anderson County Public Safety Division May 2001 Training Report**
 - (2) Anderson County Public Safety Number of calls report by Department – Complaint – May, 2001**
 - (3) Anderson County Detention Center Litter Report – June, 2001**
- (e) Letter from State Senator Joe Wilson**

Mr. Preston stated that he had passed out to Council Members notification of his absence to attend Harvard University for the next three weeks and asked each Council Member to please read.

Mr. Preston stated that he had passed out a Technical Bulletin sent by South Carolina Association and asked Tom Martin to advise Council Members of the information. Mr. Martin explained that the City of Myrtle Beach violated South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act by ruling of the Supreme Court on May 21,

2001 in the case of Quality Towing Inc. verses City of Myrtle Beach. The City Manager appointed city employees to constitute a committee to study proposals by vendors that hoped to have the towing contract for the City of Myrtle Beach. The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled that, that committee constituted a public body subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Martin stated that Council needs to be aware that after this May 21, 2001 ruling, it now is the law and groups that Council or the Administrator may appoint, whether public bodies or not, may be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

Vice Chairman Holden asked Chairman Wright to clarify the next meeting date. Chairman Wright said that due to public hearing notice being posted, Council would stay on regular schedule. Next meeting will be on July 17, 2001 and the Planning Commission/County Council joint work session would be on July 12, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Chairman Wright explained that the Mayor of Anderson has requested that two County Council Members be appointed to serve on a committee that will evaluate proposals for the Shuttle Service in town and for public record of appointing, Mr. Fred Tolly and Ms. Gracie Floyd has agreed to serve.

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Martin to research and put in bullet form information concerning the matter of sales tax and to please present at the July 17, 2001 meeting. A detail description of how the 2% sales tax on the car roll back can be implemented. Chairman Wright also asked for information on local option sales tax information.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tammie Shealy, Assistant to Clerk to Council
Anderson County Council**