

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting - January 7, 1997 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: The following persons/organizations were notified by mail and/or fax of this meeting: Fred Tolly, William A. Floyd, Harvie E. Banister, Clint Wright, Mike Holden, Joey R. Preston, Jack McIntosh, Independent Mail, Greenville News, WYFF, WSPA, WLOS Televisions, Anderson Cable TV, Easley Progress WRIX, WAIM Radios, The Journal, Joe Newton - COG, Senior Reflections, and Mr. Brantley Jordan.

P R E S E N T

G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Joey A. Preston, Administrator
Jack McIntosh, County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, January 7, 1997 at 4:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Harvie Banister called the meeting to order and Mr. Tolly gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Banister turned the gavel over to the Administrator for election of chairman and vice chairman for 1997.

Mr. Preston asked for nominations for Chairman for Anderson County Council: Mr. Holden nominated William Floyd. No other nominations were received. Mr. Wright moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Banister moved that Mr. Floyd be elected chairman by acclamation and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd thanked all members of Council for making the election of chairman a unanimous vote. He said that he looked forward to serving Anderson County and the people and challenged the

people of Anderson County to accentuate the positive in Anderson County. Chairman Floyd called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Wright nominated Fred Tolly. No other nominations were heard. Council voted unanimously to election Mr. Fred Tolly as vice chairman by acclamation. Mr. Tolly thanked Council for their confidence.

Mr. Preston announced that Mount Vernon Mills has proposed an anticipated amount of \$7,000,000 in investment in their facilities in Anderson County. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R97-002 - a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement and millage rate agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, and Mount Vernon Mills, Inc. whereby, under certain conditions, Anderson County will execute a lease agreement or agreements for one or more projects involving not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) investment, whereby the project or projects would be subject to certain fee-in-lieu of taxes and providing for related matters. Mr. Lawrence Campbell, Interim Economic Development Director and Mr. Lloyd Wilson, Chairman of the Economic Development Board spoke in favor of the Resolution. Mr. David Hastings with Mount Vernon Mills spoke briefly to Council and thanked Anderson County and Council Members for their cooperation.

Council heard from the following concerned citizens: Mr. Brantley Jordan, Guy York, and Carl Johnson. All comments were received as information.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to change the time of all County Council meetings to 6 p.m. in order to better serve the public.

Chairman Floyd stated that Ordinance #96-022 calls for the establishment of committees to be appointed by the chairman. Mr. Holden moved to go ahead and make the appointments at this meeting instead of waiting until the second meeting of Council as set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Wright seconded. Council agreed to go ahead and allow the chairman to make the appointments. Chairman Floyd made the following appointments:

RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE: Chairman - Clint Wright and Harvie Banister

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman - Fred Tolly and William Floyd

PUBLIC SAFETY/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: Chairman - Clint Wright
and Fred Tolly

ADMINISTRATION/RULES COMMITTEE: Chairman Harvie Banister and William Floyd

PLANNING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairman Mike Holden and William Floyd

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Chairman Fred Tolly, Mike Holden, Clint
Wright, Harvie Banister and William A. Floyd

Mr. Preston presented his new proposed organizational plan for Anderson County which he was directed to do three months ago when he was hired as Anderson County Administrator. This will allow him to begin looking at job performance of Division Heads. The proposed organizational plan will adequately allow him to evaluation Division Heads over the next few months. He thinks that

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This plan would be the one approved in the up-coming budget, but cannot say that it will be the plan that he wants for the following year. The following goals were given: Consolidation of similar services, manageable and reasonable workloads, improved teamwork environment, better overall supervision and control, and efficiency, accountability, savings. Highlights of major changes suggested: shifting of supervision of County Internal Auditor from Council to Administrator with a different job description. Consolidation of Solid Waste and Sewer Services into a single division. Division of Internal Services between the Management Services and Central Services Division, consolidation of Emergency Services and streamlining the Economic Development function. The chart also recognizes the importance of the Personnel Office. It establishes that the Personnel Director will answer directly to the Administrator at this particular time. It will allow him to keep a handle on personnel matters such as the Wage and Compensation Plan that COG is working on, reviewing and updating Personnel Policies. The proposed organizational plan establishes (5) new Divisions for a total of 8, eliminates three divisions, and completely reorganizes those divisions as we know them today. These are the proposed Divisions: Management Services Division, Central Services Division, Economic Development Division, Environmental Services Divisions, Public Safety Division, recognizes Planning, Public Works and Detention as being important functions if County Government, it eliminates the Community Services Division, Administrative Services Division, and Sewer Division as it exists today. THE REORGANIZATION PLAN IS ATTACHED. The Civic Center and Airport are placed under the divisions as designated temporarily. Mr. Preston also stated that of the 10 positions, six are held, or will be, on an interim basis (the Planning Director, Public Works Director, Environmental Services Director, Management Services Director, Central Services Director and the Personnel Supervisor will assume positions on interim basis), by existing staff. Three (3) of the ten positions are vacant and one is new. All Department Heads under the Division Heads will also be on an interim basis for a period. The incremental costs associated with the changes were discussed. He said that the next 6 months costs would be \$68,588. Funds from a "pool" of funds from a total of six positions which have remained vacant since July, 1996 is \$86,878 and will be used to cover the cost for implementation. All these Division Heads will be evaluated every two months at least and they will evaluate their department heads. All Division Heads will become full-time after the six month period, or they'll be transferred to an existing position with an existing pay range or they will be terminated. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the plan as presented and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to lift the hiring freeze.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #97-001 - an amendment to an ordinance creating the position of Internal Auditor for the County of Anderson.

Mr. Bill West presented changes to the Anderson County Subdivisions Regulations. Mr. Tolly moved to approve as presented and Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Tolly said that for at least a year,

there has been no action and it is time now at least to address the issue. Mr. Banister expressed the need for more information on exactly what the ordinance deletes/changes and in his opinion, it is entirely too many restrictions on the "common/poor" person. He agrees with some of the changes. Mr. Holden asked that the "black-lined" changes be presented to Council before second reading. Council voted four in favor (Holden, Tolly, Wright, Floyd) and one opposed (Banister) to approve first reading of Ordinance #97-002 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Article III of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances by deleting Sections 38-286 and inserting the Anderson County Subdivision Regulations Final Draft of the Anderson County Planning Commission dated October 25, 1995.

Mr. Jack McIntosh presented first reading of Ordinance #97-003 - an ordinance to authorize the County Administrator to sell or lease County property to Duke Power (0.50) acres. This property cannot be developed because of the code setbacks, shape and etc. Mr. Holden moved to approve first reading of the ordinance #97-003 by title only and Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston presented first reading of Ordinance #97-004 - an ordinance to authorize the Administrator to execute the lease of a hangar at the Anderson County Airport to Southeastern Leasing Inc. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading (by title only) of Ordinance #97-004.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of Ordinance #96-032 - an ordinance to amend Article V., Sections 2-606, 2-608, 2-631, 2-634, 2-637, 2-638, 2-639, and 2-640 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Floyd presented Resolution #R97-001 - a resolution to express a commitment to serve the community through cooperative use of resources. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alan Robinson, Anderson County's External Auditor with Cherry Bekaert & Holland Certified Public Accountants & Consultants, presented Council with the year ending June 30, 1996 annual audit which is a "clean" unqualified opinion. He stated that Anderson County had an \$11.8 Million unrestricted Fund Balance. Council recognized and commended the work of Finance employees for their hard work on the audit.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a outside roll-up door for the White Street MRF. The low bidder was R & K Overhead Door of Greenville for \$20,342. This is a budgeted item and no other funds will be needed.

Item #8: REQUEST FROM TOWN OF PENDLETON - Sewer line - Mayor Durham was omitted from the agenda.

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Mr. Banister asked for approval to use paving funds for purchase of asphalt to resurface a portion of the Iva Rescue Squad parking lot. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Clint Wright presented Council with a new copy of a proposal that was given to Council on April 30, 1996 which was a request to Mr. Watson to do a Civic Center review and to develop a list of proposals for the Civic Center. He asked that this be referred to the standing committee which deals with the Civic Center (Public Safety/Health & Human Services Committee) and a final proposal and recommendation be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd suggested that he and Mr. Tolly continue to serve on the Appalachian Council of Governments for another 2 year term. Mr. Wright moved that Mr. Tolly, and Mr. Floyd be reappointed to the Council of Governments' Board. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. McClure reported that School District #4 had requested stone for a school bus turn around in a church yard since they do not have a cul-de-sac they use the church yard. This request will require that the County get off of County right-of-way. Estimated cost is \$300.00. Mr. Holden moved to allow the request after all necessary documents are signed and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

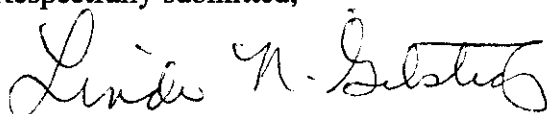
Council heard from Woodrow Brown, Executive Director of the L.D. Barksdale Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Inc. Mr. Brown asked for financial assistance from the County for the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation in the amount of \$11,000. The services and program was explained by Mr. Brown. Mr. Tolly moved to refer the request to the Finance Committee for a recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was four in favor (Wright, Tolly, Holden, Floyd) and one opposed (Banister).

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve an agreement between Anderson County and the Corp of Engineers for law enforcement services for certain recreation areas on Hartwell Lake.

Mr. Preston presented his Administrator's Report.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk