

MINUTES

County Council Meeting

February 20, 2006

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, February 20, 2006, in the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium, 385 North 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 Hon. Steve Parker. Woodruff Boy Scout Troop 21 led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

No Presentations scheduled.

III.

No Public Hearings scheduled.

IV.

- A. Mr. Walter McSherry, 108 Idlewylde Court, appeared to speak regarding the tax consequences of the request of some individuals to rescind the action taken by County Council to open negotiations with Waste Management with respect to a landfill. The Spartanburg County affiliate of the South Carolina Association of Taxpayers has not taken a position on the issue. It is not a tax issue. Mr. McSherry spoke in favor of considering the landfill proposal without outside influence. Attorney Gary W. Poliakoff, Poliakoff & Associates, P.A., 3 Lafferty Court, appeared in opposition to the proposed landfill in

Enoree. Mr. Poliakoff spoke on behalf of RESCUE, Spartanburg County Citizens Against the Landfill, Upstate Forever, and The League of Women Voters. Mr. Poliakoff spoke in opposition to the proposed landfill in Enoree. Honorable David Britt expressed his concern and commitment for the quality of life in Spartanburg County. Chairman Horton gave an update on what will transpire. On March 3, 2006, the Landfill Negotiating Committee should meet with the Attorneys that are negotiating with Spartanburg County. Negotiations may or may not be complete. Shortly thereafter, the information will be presented to County Council. The negotiations and the numbers will be made public. After whatever action is taken, the Spartanburg County Solid Waste Plan would have to be amended. This would require three readings and a public hearing.

V.

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

No items scheduled.

Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Ken Huckaby)

- A. Updated financial and personnel vacancy reports were received.

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Recreation Committee – (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Chris Story presented a proposal regarding third reading for a Parks and Recreation Commission to be formed. It will consist of five At Large Members. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to render third reading for Ordinance to create a Parks and Recreation Commission with amendments to Paragraphs 3 and 4. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

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

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a Resolution acknowledging the exercise of the option to purchase the project pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement between Spartanburg County, South Carolina and Waukesha Bearings Corporation, the original lease agreement dated as of June 1, 2000 and the payment of all amounts due pursuant to the lease agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve a request that Spartanburg County release a portion of the property located at 801 Beaumont Avenue, formerly owned by Arrow Automotive from the obligations of its Memorandum of Agreement, as it appears that Orton Development will comply with its obligations before June, 2006, and authorize the County Administrator to execute. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.

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

- A. 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. Update received on FEMA Activities and reimbursement for Ice Storm related expenses.
- B. Update received on Road Improvement Program.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to approve a request in regard to proposed County service as “Local Government Entity Sponsor” of a proposed enhancement project, specifically as it relates to a project on Willis Road. Motion seconded by Mr. Parker and carried.
- D. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

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VI.

No items scheduled.

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.

No items scheduled.

X.

Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve minutes of January 24, 2006 (Regular Meeting). Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.

XI.

Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Jeffrey A. Horton, Chairman

Attest:

Deborah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council