

MINUTES

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

May 17, 2004

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, May 17, 2004, 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 James K. Hartmann, County Administrator; Glenn Breed, Assistant County Administrator; Chris Story, Assistant County Administrator; and William McBee Smith, Assistant 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.

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order.

Invocation was rendered by Rev. Al Phillips, Associate Pastor, First Baptist North Spartanburg. Mr. Brady led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Parker to adopt a Resolution recognizing June as National Homeownership Month. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried. Ms. Kathy Rivers was present to receive the Resolution.

III.

- A. Chairman Horton declared open a Public Hearing to consider a proposed Resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Carolina Piedmont Foundation, Inc. Project) Series 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$15,400,000. Proceeds of these bonds will be used for developing, designing, constructing and furnishing Phase II of campus housing located on the campus of USCS. Proceeds may also be used for the purchase of land for campus development to construct athletic facilities and to pay costs of issuance of bonds. Mr. John Perry, USCS, was present to answer any questions. No one else appeared, and the matter was closed.
- B. Chairman Horton declared open a Public Hearing to consider an Application for special Public Event Exclusion from Noise Ordinance for June 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for an Outdoor Worship Service on the corner of Stephen Grove Road and New Cut Road in Una. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.

IV.

No appearances were scheduled.

V.

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

No items scheduled.

Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Ken Huckaby)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to defer the Appalachian Council of Governments annual reimbursement to Spartanburg County in the amount of \$11, 656 from June 30, 2004, until June 30, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. COG makes these payments to the counties as a reimbursement for our support of their original building costs.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to adopt a Resolution establishing Worker's Compensation Coverage for Prison Laborers working under the Supervision of Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for county Employees using their personal vehicles to the current Internal Revenue Service rate. This would increase the mileage rate from 31.5 cents/mile to 37.5 cents per mile.
- D. Updated financial data and personnel vacancy reports were received.

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Recreation Committee – (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Parker expressed thanks to Chairman Horton. Chairman Horton chaired the Parks and Recreation Committee before Mr. Parker came on Council. Mr. Parker stated that through Chairman Horton's leadership, he has had great individuals like Mr. Jeff Caton in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Caton informed Mr. Parker today that we have received about \$276,000 in grants. Mr. Parker commended Chairman Horton and Mr. Caton for what he is doing for the taxpayers of Spartanburg County. Cleveland Park is coming along fine. They are looking at additional funds and sources for another train. Also, some paving has been finished. They are looking at putting an irrigation system in using water from the park, again saving taxpayers' dollars. Va-du-mar Park is coming along fine, and we have over a \$100,000 grant there for playground equipment.

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

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve a Resolution designating a qualifying commercial redevelopment project (300 Union Street) for inclusion in the City of Spartanburg's Business Corridor Commercial Property Redevelopment Incentive Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Carolina Piedmont Foundation, Inc. Project) Series 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not

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

- A. Motion made by Mr. Adams to render first reading to an Ordinance amending the County Code of Laws to delete Sections 10-91, 10-101, 10-111, 10-121, 10-141, 34-26, and to modify Article III Technical Codes to bring in compliance State Law. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Adams to render first reading to an Ordinance abolishing the Inman Mills Fire District. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Adams to render first reading to an Ordinance enlarging the Inman Community Fire Service Area to include the area within the boundaries of the Inman Mills Fire District. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.
- D. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to schedule a Public Hearing at the June Council meeting on the proposed abolishment of the Inman Mills Fire District. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.
- E. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to adopt a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing at the June Council meeting on the proposed enlarging of the Inman Community Fire Service Area to include the area within the boundaries of the Inman Mills Fire District. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.
- F. Information received regarding activities of the Building Codes Department.
- G. Motion made by Mr. Adams to direct the Spartanburg County Fire Advisory Committee to develop options, benefits and constraints regarding the appropriate consolidations of some or all of the 15 fire service areas. The committee should also look at related issues with SPD's and municipal agencies. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.

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Land Use Committee (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Emory Price presented an update from the Land Use Committee meeting held on May 5, 2004. No action was taken.
- B. Updated Planning Department Reports on Development Activity were received.

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

- A. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to approve a request from Mr. Roger Owens for a Letter of Consistency from Spartanburg County concerning a Land Clearing Debris Landfill located on Watts Lane in Pauline with four stipulations from the Planning Commission. The stipulations were (1) the fill area be limited to the designated area with no expansion; (2) the property be fenced and gated; (3) operations be limited to Monday through Friday; and (4) landfill materials be limited to those yard debris and organic materials specified by DHEC in the paperwork that was presented to the Planning Commission. Motion

seconded by Mr. Parker and carried.

- B. Information was received concerning the QS1 Building. The old QS1 will be ours after QS1 moves downtown. We previously approved \$375,000 for furnishing for that building. We are now ready to go forward with architectural work on the design. Bond money is needed for this. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to authorize by title an Ordinance for the issuance of short-term General Obligation Bonds. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried.
- C. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

VI.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render second reading to FY05 Budget Ordinance. Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.

VII.

- A. Mr. Britt stated that concerning Local Option Sales Tax, he thinks we should have a meeting, if possible between now and June 14, to lay out our strategy and plans. Mr. Britt recommended including the Chamber, the Economic Development and Recruiting Committee, and all the key players in order to be successful on this Local Option Sales Tax. Mr. Nutt stated maybe even the Merchant's Group. Mr. Britt stated also the City of Spartanburg, as well as the Municipalities. Chairman Horton stated that we do have a couple of items to review. Another meeting will be scheduled one afternoon before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Parker stated that it is important to mention that the Local Option Sales Tax will be used to reduce property taxes.

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.

Motion made by Chairman Horton to move the June meeting up one week to Monday, June 14, 2004. Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.

X.

Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to approve minutes of March 19, 2004 (Special Meeting), April 14, 2004 (Work Session), and the April 19, 2004 (Regular Meeting). Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____

Jeffrey A. Horton, Chairman

Attest:

Deborah C. Ziegler

Clerk to Council