



MINUTES

County Council Meeting

December 21, 2015

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, December 21, 2015, in the County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC, at 5:30 p.m. The following attended: Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman; Honorables Michael Brown, Justin Bradley, David Britt, Jane Hall, Bob Walker, and Roger Nutt, Council Members; along with Katherine O'Neill, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; John Harris, Senior Deputy County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, Deputy 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.

Invocation was rendered by Chaplain James McMakin. Honorable Justin Bradley led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Bradley to adopt a Resolution designating the month of January 2016 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month in Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. The Resolution was adopted for future presentation.

III.

Ms. O'Neill recognized Traci Willingham, Register of Deeds Office, for her customer service skills. Doug Bryson, Emergency Preparedness, was recognized for helping out in Georgetown County during the floods. Cole Alverson and Kelly Newman, Budget Management, were recognized for helping Spartanburg County receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

IV.

No public hearings were scheduled.

V.

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

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a Resolution authorizing, under certain conditions, the execution and delivery by Spartanburg County, South Carolina of a fee in lieu of tax agreement with **Praxair, Inc.** with respect to an industrial project in the County whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes, and whereby Praxair, Inc. will be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a Resolution to certify additional portions of **Drayton Mill** as a Textile Mill Site under the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.

Public Health and Human Services Committee (Honorable Justin Bradley, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Bob Walker, Chairman)

- A. Results of the Annual Financial Audit (Fiscal Year 2015) were received. The presentation, the Auditors' Communication Letter, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, are included in backup.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Walker to adopt the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Guidelines. Motion seconded by Ms. Hall and carried.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Walker to adopt a Resolution calling for a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$6,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds of the Reidville Area Fire District, South Carolina; providing for the publication of the notice of such public hearing; and other matters relating thereto. Motion seconded by Ms. Hall and carried.
- D. Motion made by Mr. Walker to render first reading to an Ordinance authorizing the Board of Fire Control of the Reidville Area Fire District in Spartanburg County to issue General Obligation Bonds in a principal amount of not exceeding \$6,000,000; and other matters relating thereto. Motion seconded by Ms. Hall and carried. Chairman Horton clarified for the public that this item will require a referendum.
- E. Motion made by Mr. Walker to approve a request from Communications for temporary part-time Dispatcher assistance. Motion seconded by Ms. Hall and carried.

- F. Motion made by Mr. Walker to approve a request from the Planning Department to freeze an Administrative Secretary position (Level 43) and to unfreeze a Development Coordinator position (Level 46). Motion seconded by Ms. Hall and carried.
- G. Motion made by Mr. Walker to approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to transfer funds for one employee position from salary to contract services in order to support an educational program at the Detention Center. Motion seconded by Ms. Hall and carried.
- H. Updated financial data and personnel vacancy reports were received.

Livability Committee – (Honorable Jane Hall, Chairman)

- A. Motion made by Ms. Hall to authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract for the purchase of the Spartanburg Housing Authority property adjacent to the Chesnee Park located on Union Street (Tax Map #2-14-00-006.04 and Tax Map #2-14-00-006.05) for an amount not to exceed the appraised value. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- B. Information received regarding activities of the Parks Department.

Public Safety and Judiciary Committee – (Honorable Michael Brown, Chairman)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Brown to authorize the Commission of Paul Bart Brown as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Building Codes Department. Motion seconded by Mr. Bradley and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Brown to approve a request from the Spartanburg Elite Track and Field Team to solicit funds from motorists on Saturday, January 30, 2016, March 21, 2016, and June 18, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to collect funds at the entrance to Peachwood Centre Drive (between McDonalds and Academy Sports) and on the other side of Warren H. Abernathy Highway (between Taco Bell and Applebees). Motion seconded by Mr. Bradley and carried.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Brown to render first reading to an Uncodified Ordinance to transfer property to the Reidville Area Fire District to assist in financing the construction of a joint fire department and EMS Station to provide additional fire protection and EMS Services to the Citizens of Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Mr. Walker and carried.
- D. Updated information received regarding activities of Building Codes Department.

Land Use Committee (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

- A. Updated Planning Department Reports on Development Activity were received.

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

- A. Updated information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

VI.

During the Public Comment Period, Elizabeth Hull, 406 Saranac Drive; Ted Lucktenberg, 311 Saranac Drive; and Gillian Newberry, 430 Saranac Drive, appeared in opposition to the upcoming March 2016 Referendum and Spartanburg School District Seven's proposed Capital Improvement Project. Christina Jeffrey, 777 Palmetto Street, appeared in opposition to the Refugee Resettlement Program. Ms. Jeffrey gave Council a proposed Model Spartanburg County Council Resolution. Ms. Jeffrey's comments and a copy of the proposed Resolution are included in backup.

VII.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance to amend the Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial Park by and between Spartanburg County and Cherokee County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. **(Coveris Flexibles US LLC, Holroyd Precision Rotors, and Apollo 17, LLC)** Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Special Source Credit Agreement by and between Spartanburg County, South Carolina and **Palmetto Hospitality of Spartanburg, LLC**, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will receive certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park in conjunction with Union County, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Union County and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, Section 4-1-170 et seq., as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Union County providing for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem tax; and matters related thereto. **(Haemonetics Corporation)** – (Project Veruca Salt) Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- D. Motion made by Mr. Walker to render third reading to an Uncodified Ordinance to lease property to the Holly Springs Fire Department to allow for the construction of a Fire Department Substation on a portion of the Holston Creek Park property to provide additional fire protection services to the Citizens of Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.

XIII.

No items scheduled.

IX.

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.

X.

- A. Chairman Horton stated that Council would be attending a Christmas Get Together immediately following the meeting.
- B. The following Budget Amendment Resolutions were provided to County Council. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16104 authorizes creation of a Dispatcher position title in the Communications Department. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16105 authorizes an increase to the County Fleet by one (1) vehicle in the Circuit Solicitor's Office. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16106 authorizes the addition of \$100,000 of appropriated funding in the General Fund to the Courthouse Renovation Project. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16107 recognizes insurance revenue associated with a loss due to a flood at our Fleet Services building. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16108 accepts and sets up the FM Global Fire Prevention grant. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16109 accepts and sets up the FY14 Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) Supplemental award. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16110 removes one Detention Officer I slot from the Detention facility and transfers funds associated with the position to the contract services line item to fund implementation of a GED education program. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16111 sets up the Glendale Bridge Pedestrian/Bike Trail Connector grant from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16112 sets up funding received from Spartanburg County Foundation (\$26,000) and Palmetto Conservation Foundation (\$36,835) for the Glendale Pedestrian Bridge. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 16113 recognizes revenue from a Sheriff's Office vehicle that was deemed a total loss by insurance companies.

Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve the Budget Amendment Resolutions provided to Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Bradley and carried.

XI.

Motion made by Mr. Bradley to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015 (Regular Meeting). Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

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XII.

Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Jeffrey A. Bolton, Chairman

Attest:


Deberah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council