

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - December 21, 1999 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly - District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Larry E. Greer - District #3
Chairman Clint Wright - District #4
J. Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Tom Martin - 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, December 21, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Clint Wright gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 7, 1999 meeting as mailed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Gladys Robertson thanked Council for the Zoning Ordinance they adopted and for their wisdom to draw up this planning ordinance. She explained that in her community (Cobb's Glen) that a developer was planning to put a high density living subdivision across the street from a low-density place to live and most of the residents live there because they want the peace and solitude and the comfort of that environment. She presented Council with a

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petition to ask for a referendum to zone the area. She also asked Council to consider an ordinance for appearance standards. They feel that they want to maintain a quality of life in their community that will enable them to enjoy the standard of living that they chose. Ms. Emily Wilson Payne from the Hopewell Community stated that there were a growing number of people and different groups with different issues who are asking questions about the way things are being handled in Anderson County, and that this appears to be scaring certain city and county officials in Anderson County who are publicly trying to discredit those who are asking the questions by name calling and trying to make it sound like one anti-government group, she said. Mr. Dave Loudin spoke regarding the proposed Apple Island project and the following statements were heard by Council: Lake Hartwell is one of Anderson's most recognizable features and it's visited by over 10,000 people every year and is in the top three visited Corp lakes in the country. Public access to Lake Hartwell is a problem in Anderson County. Several years ago a new boating and recreation facility was proposed on Lake Hartwell which took root and has grown over the years since its presentation and today it is referred to as the Apple Island Events site. In all 19 sites on the lake, were evaluated and Apple Island was chosen as the best site for this public facility, he said. The site will consist of 6 boat ramps with 4 courtesy docks, a staging area, parking for 258 vehicles, (254 of those for vehicles with trailers), and a pavilion with rest rooms and concessions. This site would provide badly needed convenient, safe and secure access for the boating public. The cost of construction will be borne by the boating public by the taxes that they pay on their boats, fishing tackle, and motor boat fuel. In addition, this facility will provide a venue for drawing professional tournaments to the upstate, like the Bass Masters and the FLW that brings millions of dollars into the economy. Since the location of this proposed facility has been made public, a loud objection has been raised by some of the shoreline residents of the Apple Island area. While we as sportsmen and neighbors have empathy for residents who fear that the tranquil surroundings of their home may be disrupted by this public facility, we have a problem understanding why people who built on a public lake adjacent to a public recreational land now feel they have the need and the right to control the public's access. The Corps and the DNR have answered all the ecological concerns. The establishment of a DNR law enforcement facility on the island will enhance safety and security on the island. Mr. Loudin asked Council to come out in support of the facility. Council received all remarks as information.

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Mr. Tom Martin announced that two things must happen before the petition can be voted on: 1) the Voter Registration Office must certify the petition and 2) Council must receive pre-clearance from the Department of Justice, which should be here by the end of the year. Mr. Wright assured everyone that things would move as quickly as possible.

Mr. Jerry Howard announced that Mikron Corporation located in Anderson is planning on expanding their existing facility and they are asking Council to approve a fee-in-lieu of tax resolution (#R99-044). He recommended Council's approval of the document which is a 6% FILOT, 5 year adjustment, with no special source revenue bond needed. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Michael Cunningham, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, presented Mrs. Elsie Britenburg as Employee of the Month of November 1999. Ms. Britenburg was presented all the special little gifts that the Employee of the Month receives. Ms. Britenburg has worked for the Sheriff's Department for many years and was nominated by Ms. Druanne D. White, Assistant Solicitor. Council congratulated Mrs. Britenburg.

Ms. Patricia Grate, Chairperson of the Human Relations Commission, introduced Mr. Al Watson as the 2000 Chairman of the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Grate gave an overview of the Omega Project. Council received as information. Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Grate for all of her hard work during her tenure as Chairperson in 1999.

Chairman Wright presented third and final reading of Ordinance #99-016 - an ordinance authorizing Anderson County, South Carolina Industrial Revenue Bonds in one or more series through December 31, 2006, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$400,000,000 for the purpose of financing certain costs of an expansion to or improvement of the manufacturing facilities of MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA, INC. in Anderson County, South Carolina, consisting of the acquisition, construction, installation, expansion, improvement, design and engineering, in phases, or additional or improved machinery and equipment, buildings, improvements or fixtures; granting an extension to complete the project through December 31, 2006; granting infrastructure tax credits to Michelin

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North America, Inc.; the execution of further documents providing for the sale and securing of the aforementioned Industrial Revenue Bonds including, without limitation, a bond purchase agreement, an amendment to lease agreement, and an amendment to trust indenture; and other matters relating to the foregoing. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the ordinance (#99-016) on third and final reading and Ms. Floyd seconded. Mr. Greer asked if this agreement effected previous investment at the Sandy Springs plant, or just the new investment there at the new plant site. Mr. Martin affirmed that it would just affect the new site. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright presented third and final reading of Ordinance #99-033 - an ordinance to authorize the leasing of certain Anderson County space and facilities at former McCant's Middle School to companies and individuals operating programs intended to benefit the public; and other matters related thereto. On the motion of Ms. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on third and final reading.

Chairman Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #99-034 - an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-008, the Anderson County Major Road Study, as adopted May 4, 1999, and appended to the Anderson County Comprehensive Plan - 1999, as amended. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. The public hearing was closed. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of the ordinance. Mr. Martin explained that this ordinance would make the Michelin Road project officially a part of the Anderson County road study.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance #99-032 - an ordinance to authorize the leasing of property from the United States Department of the Army Corps of Engineers in order to establish a public park on certain property adjoining Lake Hartwell; the granting of certain rights in the development, management and operation of said property; and other matters relating thereto. No comments were received. (This ordinance was given a public hearing only; no vote was taken on the ordinance.)

Chairman Wright presented first reading of Ordinance #99-036 - an ordinance to redraft, redraw, and redesignate Anderson County Council Districts in accordance with and so as to effectuate the results of an Anderson County Referendum authorizing and directing the creation of seven (7) County Council Districts in

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Anderson County, effective with and for the year 2000 General Election; approving the official countywide map of such seven (7) County Council districts; authorizing the application to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance for the use of such seven (7) County Council districts; and other matters relating thereto. (title only) Mr. Tolly moved to ordinance #99-036 on first reading provided that it is connected with the map that was presented to him and which he has in his possession until third reading. Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Greer made the following comments on the map. He was asked about his opinion on the seven-member Council some time back. At that time, he stated that he wanted to insure that in the redistricting process, the rural areas of his district were not absorbed into major population centers which would dilute or void influence of the rural areas in the County government. He said his goal was to provide all areas that he represents the opportunity to be an effective voice in the affairs effecting their Council districts. It is for this reason that he feels some of the changes need to be made in the two new districts #6, & #7. He said that Council needed to move District 6 up closer to the Williamston area and move District 7 area down near the Cheddar area. This needs to be done in order to balance out the voting strengths to the people in the Honea Path area and people in the Cheddar area. He asked that Council have an additional public hearing on the map between first and second Council meetings in January to deal solely with the redistricting map and to receive public input. Vote was four in favor (Holden, Tolly, Wright, and Floyd) and one opposed (Greer). Motion carried.

Mr. Greer moved to hold a special meeting between the first and second meetings in January for the purpose of receiving public input on the redistricting map. Mr. Tolly seconded. (This would be between the second and third readings also.) Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd delayed her appointment to the Human Relations Council until a later date.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of Magnolia Point, III, and Springfield Subdivisions into the County road system.

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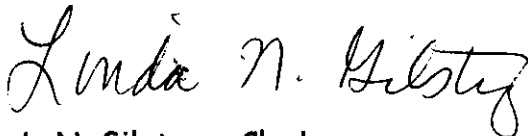
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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- (A) Letters of Appreciation:
 - (1) For: Mr. Holt Hopkins, Mr. Jerry Stamps, Mr. Junior Greenway, and Mr. Jason Davis From: Mr. William Plaxco
 - (2) For: Mr. Holt Hopkins, Mr. Jerry Cash, and Mr. Cash's Crew From: Rev. Frances L. Craft
 - (3) For: Ms. Pam Garner and EMS Dispatchers From: Chief Ronald Hart, Pendleton Area Rescue Squad
- (B) Minutes:
 - (1) Litter Task Force - November 17, 1999
 - (2) Anderson Partnership Executive Committee
 - (3) Department of Public Works - Safety Meeting
- (C) Reports:
 - (1) Litter Report for November 15-19, 1999
 - (2) Litter Report for November 22-24, 1999
 - (3) Litter Report for November 29-December 3, 1999
 - (4) Litter Report for December 6-10, 1999
- (D) Newspaper Notice for sale of Land (Fant and Boulevard)
- (E) Presentation on Apple Island Anderson County Economic Development Board
- (F) First Steps Grant Announcement
- (G) Public Notice - Santee Cooper
- (H) Change order for Hwy. 76/Sandy Springs Sewer Project

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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