

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 18, 2011
5:30 A.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman
Janie Cooper, Vice Chairman
Clyde B. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Bill Clark, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve minutes of July 5, 2011 with corrections, if any. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NO COMMENTS

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OTHER MATTERS

NO COMMENTS

1. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 15, 2011 BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT INNOVATION, PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN

LIEU OF TAXES, THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Clark to give a summary on this ordinance. Mr Clark indicated the financial information on this project was limited due to the confidentiality being imposed, but he could state it would be a new investment representing \$38 million dollar and creating 286 new jobs. The fee in lieu of taxes agreement ensures property taxes for the business are based on an assessment ratio of 6 percent rather than the standard 10.5 percent plus a special source revenue of 20 percent effective for the first ten years. There will be a public hearing prior to third reading scheduled for August 15, 2011. At that time, representatives from the project will be present to make a presentation during the public hearing. The matter is before Council for second reading.

Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Wimberly for approval of second reading. Motion passed.

2. ADDENDUM TO OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT – BIOMASS LLC

Chairman Wright called on County Administrator Clark. Mr. Clark explained on June 9, 2010, Council granted an option to purchase 55 acres of property in the John W. Matthews Industrial Park to Biomass LLC in exchange of an option fee of \$10,000. The option is for a period of one year with the ability to extend for a second year at the same cost. Biomass LLC is seeking to extend the option period, and have delivered a check to show their intent, which he is holding. Unfortunately their notification did not arrive until after the expiration of the original Agreement. Assistant County Attorney Anderson drafted the Addendum which essentially provides for a 30 day grace period on the notification period, that if executed by Council tonight, allows extension of the Agreement and acceptance of the \$10,000 check being held. This is the reason the Addendum is on the agenda tonight.

Extending the Agreement for another year would not interfere with any ongoing plans or activities at the Matthews Industrial Park, therefore he is recommending Council accept the Addendum Option.

Motion by Councilman Clyde Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens to accept the Agreement. Motion passed.

Councilman Wimberly asked whether there would be another option after this year. The Administrator responded in the negative, this would be it, anything else would have to come back before Council.

3. REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN RAVENELL

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Ravenell, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, to give a report. Councilman Ravenell stated requests to abandon maintenance on two roads was received, Wiggle Worm Road in Eutawville, and Clark Road in Neeses. The Committee's

recommendation is to honor both requests received from the landowners that the County abandon maintenance on the two roads.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston to abandon maintenance on Wiggle Road in Eutawville, and Clark Road in Neeses. Motion passed.

4. APPOINTMENT – CONSTABLE/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Clark to summarize this appointment. Mr. Clark stated this is a routine reappointment that Council is authorized to make for a period of two years for Officer Patricia Starks whose Commission is expiring. He is asking Council to reaffirm this reappointment.

Motion to reaffirm appointment of Officer Patricia Starks made by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper. Councilman Owens asked Ms. Starks to identify herself so he could recognize her. Ms. Starks complied with the request. Motion passed.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR OFFICE FURNITURE

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Clark to summarize this item. Mr. Clark explained the purchase is part of an ongoing renovation at the LEC facility on Ellis Avenue. Approximately three years ago, the County acquired approximately half of the space formerly occupied by the City's Department of Public Safety. This space was occupied on a temporary basis by the Solicitor's office while renovation activity was ongoing in the Court House. These activities have now been completed and the County needed to purchase office equipment and cubicles to fill in the space the County has inherited and the Sheriff's office will be expanding into.

The original advertised bid combined the office furniture and cubicles together, but analysis of the bids that came in did not work to the advantage of the County, so the bids were cancelled, and the two were separated and re-bid. The responses received following the re-bidding process worked to the advantage of the County to a \$2,300 improvement of the total bid price. The low bidder for office furniture is Mid Carolina of Orangeburg, a local vendor, in the amount of \$24,332.00. It is his recommendation to award the purchase to the low bidder, Mid Carolina. The funds were anticipated in the budget and processed as part of the capital renovation to that facility.

Council members Owens and Cooper pointed out the difference between the lowest and highest bidder was double, by vendors in the same city. Councilman Ravenell questioned whether the purchase of this office furniture complete the process for the Sheriff's office, and will they be able to move into the building after this. Mr. Clark responded it will and it will complement the carpet bid recently awarded by Council as it covers the same area of the building the County is finishing renovations to.

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper to accept the bid from Mid Carolina for \$24,332.00 for office furniture, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion passed.

6. PERSONAL APPEARANCE – RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH – FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS – MS. LOVELL BROTHERS

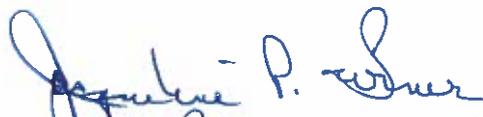
Ms. Brothers recognized the Community of Character employees of the month for the first and second quarters. Those honored were January, Birdie Taylor, Kindness. For February, Aurora Smalls, read the nomination for Lovell Brothers, nominated for Self-Respect. For April, Chris Drew was nominated for Diligence. For May, Horace James was nominated for Generosity, and for June, Lillie Jones was nominated for Punctuality. Mr. Drew was also recognized as the county-wide recipient for April by Mr. Dibble, Executive Director, Community of Character program. Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Brothers and the Committee for the work they are doing and have done in promoting the Community of Character initiative among County employees. Mr. Dibble thanked Council for their support of the Community of Character concept.

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell to vote for an executive session to discuss an economic development issue. Motion passed.

Adjournment for Executive Session.

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Wimberly, to vote for adjournment. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk


Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman