

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - February 2, 1993 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL OF THIS MEETING:
G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ed Allgood, Mike Holden, David Watson, Tom Martin, Jack Crowe, Jacky Hunter, Brantley Jordan, Michelle Melton-INDEPENDENT MAIL, Brad Cooper-GREENVILLE NEWS, Sandy Ashworth, Jana Pressley, J.R. McClure, Walker Pickens-HBA, Chris Richardson,-S.C. NATIONAL BANK, Saint Bryan- CHANNEL 4, Paul Brown-CHANNEL 7, Tim Brett-MICHELIN TIRE, Brenda Brady-EASLEY PROGRESS, BELTON NEWS, Dodie Carner-HUMANE SOCIETY, LAKE HARTWELL ASSOCIATION, WWMM RADIO STATION, Matt Phillips-WRIX RADIO, Lloyd Wilson-PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge, Judy Fleming-CHANNEL 13, Ed Grover-WASTE MANAGEMENT, Karen Hamilton-WLFJ, Peggy Hill-ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, Carl Stone-LIBRARY, Dale Thompson-M-R BOARD, Joanne Thrift-INDEPENDENT MAIL, WAIM RADIO, Roxanne Walker-WMYI RADIO, Lamar Whitfield-ANDERSON LUMBER COMPANY, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Jennifer Owens-GREENVILLE NEWS, Carolyn Palmer-THE PIEDMONT GROUP, Jack Pettigrew, Orien Parris, Clifton Thomas, Jack Symons, Vern Gillem, L.J. "Bill" Evans, Tony Cirelli, T.C. Madden, Doris Lark, Carl Johnson, John T. Hinton, John T. Pruitt, James Anderson, Harold Mitchell, W. H. Underwood, Jerry Fleming, Teresa Dickie-Channel 4, Melinda Hoffman - Channel 8, John Sutton-HOME BUILDERS

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on February 2, 1993 at 4:30 p.m. at the Anderson County Civic Center. Chairman Mike Holden presided.

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Ed Allgood - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Tom Martin - County Attorney
David Watson - Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Mike Holden called the meeting to order and Mr. Fred Tolly gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 19, 1993 minutes as mailed.

Ms. Kathy Carpenter, Vice Chairman of the Anderson County Keep America Beautiful Program, asked that Resolution #655 be approved. She read the resolution requesting that the Anderson County Civic Center Park on Camson Road be named the Chris Taylor Memorial Park. Mr. Holden moved that the park be named in memory of Chris Taylor, a County deputy, who died in the line of duty on December 7, 1992. Mr. Allgood seconded and voted was unanimous.

Mr. Stephen Crawford announced that the Anderson County Legislative Delegation approved the use of \$8,382 in State Parks & Recreation Development funds (PARD) to help light the Chris Taylor Memorial Park walking track. He asked that he be allowed to enter into a contract with Duke Power which will reduce the monthly billing from \$240.80 to \$141.40 per month. Mr. Floyd moved to approve the contract with Duke Power for lighting and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burris Nelson presented Resolution #654 naming certain roads for the purpose of the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jacky Hunter presented first reading of Ordinance #371, an ordinance establishing standard terms and provisions for cable television franchise agreements, resolutions and ordinances in Anderson County. Mr. Martin explained that Section 4-(b): "All insurance policies and bonds as are required by the franchise and this Resolution shall be written by a company or companies authorized and qualified to do business in the State. Certificates and all coverage required shall be filed by the Grantee with the County Administrator." needed to be deleted from the enclosure to the ordinance. Mr. Holden moved to approve the amendment and Mr. Allgood seconded. Mr. Allgood called attention to two typographical errors on page 4 Section (a) of the resolution (\$100,00) and (\$300,00) should be (\$100,000) and (\$300,000). Mr. Martin said the errors would be changed prior to second reading. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Holden moved to approve the ordinance (#371) on first reading as amended. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Mr. Banister said he receives numerous complaints about the service. Mr. Martin said that the ordinance included very specific provisions for that such as each holder of the agreement must maintain an office for receiving complaints, a toll free number to receive complaints which must be investigated within 48 hours. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hunter presented the following budget transfers:

Road Maintenance: from #601-140-057 (asphalt) to 601-190-091 -\$9,675.00
Solid Waste: from 202-708-160-090 account to asphalt account
#202-708-140-057 - \$10,000. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Fred Tolly said that the Anderson-Oconee Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission requested that Anderson County Council allocate approximately 1-1/2 acres of land on McGee Road beside the Anderson County Health Department. At the last meeting he requested that action be delayed to allow him time to research the request further. Mr. Tolly moved to deed to the Anderson-Oconee Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission the 1-1/2 acres as requested, by approval of first reading of an ordinance (#372). If it ceases to be used for purposes of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission then it would revert back to the County. Mr. Allgood seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly recommended that a Research and Search Committee for Anderson County Library and office complex be established. The purpose is to immediately form a committee to research the total square feet of area needed to accommodate a new Library and all of the present County offices not located in the old and new courthouse and to search for a suitable site for these facilities.

The composition shall be nine members, one appointed by each Council person and one from the City of Anderson, the Library Board, the Anderson Board of Realtors, and the Anderson Home Builders Association. The term shall begin immediately upon approval by Council Council and shall terminate upon recommending to County Council appropriate size and location.

Mr. Tolly moved that the committee be formed and Mr. Floyd seconded. (As requested by a member of Council, the following is the discussion which followed the motion.)

Mr. Banister: Mike, I would like to also ask a question or two on it. I think it's well and good for them to start looking ahead for a few years down the road, at the present time. I hope they don't go to fast. I think we've got enough on us right now with the Civic Center and Courthouse and all this other we've got going and I just couldn't be in favor of starting this building within the next 3-4-5 years something of that kind. But I don't think it would hurt nothing to have a committee looking into it. I think we should look at it because we've got just about all the bonds floating that we can float on something like this without raising taxes and I don't think nobody wants a tax increase. I know I don't.

Mr. Holden: Any other discussion?

Mr. Allgood: One thing but I don't think I'm doing it at the proper time, but I think as a Council we need to make it come up at the next meeting to vote if we should have a fiscal centralization of County government. Then if we vote for it we should put it on our agenda at the retreat the first of March to discuss the piece of property that we think would be the most acceptable for the consolidation of all county government over the next 50 year period. So, I guess I'll wait until this is over or I'll just ask Linda to put on the agenda for the next week to see if we favor consolidation or are we gonna scatter the buildings all over the County in the future like its been done in the past.

Mr. Banister: According to this motion, if I understand it right, this committee will select a site. Is that right?

Mr. Tolly: Recommend a site.

Mr. Banister: That's what you got in mind. Isn't it? I don't see nothing wrong with that.

Mr. Holden: I think what Mr. Allgood mentioned also about consolidation of offices, I think this is the intent of what Mr. Tolly is talking about, from the discussions I've had. We've got offices spread out all over the County now that we're renting, paying money to. If you would consolidate some of those you might could build a new building for what you're paying on rent. I think this would be part of this committee's job to look at all these expenses we do incur now and bring us all this information that is necessary. They won't pick a site or anything else. They will be totally advisory.

Mr. Allgood: I agree with Mr. Tolly. I'm just saying that we should make a policy decision where it would be easier for them to be specific in bringing information back once they know where we stand.

Mr. Holden: Any other discussion to the motion we have on the floor? All in favor of creating this committee. 5 and 0
end of discussion

The following were appointed to the Athletic Commission:

Mr. Holden appointed Mr. Harry Thompson
Mr. Tolly appointed Mr. Larry F. Richardson, Jr.
Mr. Floyd appointed Mr. Charles Lewis
Mr. Banister and Mr. Allgood were not ready to make appointments.

The following were appointed to the Economic Advisory Committee:

Mr. Holden appointed Mr. Lloyd Wilson, Mr. Bobby Foster and Mr. "Red" Nixon.
Mr. Tolly appointed Mr. Dennis Claramunt, Mr. John M. Green, and Dr. William Mack Burriss.
Mr. Floyd appointed Mr. John Hopkins, Mr. Al Norris, and Dr. Jerry Neal. No other appointments were made.

The following were appointed to the Planning Commission:

Mr. Holden appointed Mrs. Merry Lee Wentzky.
Mr. Tolly appointed Mr. James M. Simpson of Williamston.
Mr. Floyd appointed Mr. Carey Murphy.
No other appointments were made.

Mr. Tolly offered the name of Mayor Marion Middleton as an at-large member to the Planning Commission. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd nominated Mr. Harry Agnew as an at-large member to the Planning Commission. Vote was unanimous.

No other appointments were made to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Tolly appointed Mr. Fred L. Thackston to serve on the Anderson County Library Board.
Mr. Floyd appointed Ms. Catherine Thompson to serve on the Anderson County Library Board.

Mr. Tolly appointed Mr. David Martin of Williamston to the Research and Search Committee.

Mr. Floyd appointed Mr. Virginia Boyd to the Research and Search Committee.

Mr. Holden appointed Mr. Ed Allgood to serve as a County representative to the Anderson-Oconee Regional Study Committee.

Mr. Holden explained that a request had been made to move the police monument from the old courthouse to the new courthouse. Mr. Holden moved to grant the request to move the monument with no expense to the County and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council reported on various departments visited since the last Council meeting.

Mr. Jack Crowe presented the following purchase requests:

For Computer Services - 1 - each IBM 3477 info window monochrome display-102 keyboard and 3 - each IBM 3476 info window monochrome display-102 keyboard for a total of \$2,678.55 from IBM Corp.

For Probate Court - 1 each - Cannon PC-70 Microfilm Reader printer and 6 each - Toner cartridges for a total of \$3,746.46 from Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc. All are budgeted items and no additional funding will be required. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented two handouts for Council's information. (Grant update and budget information)

Council heard from concerned citizens; Mr. Carl Johnson and Mr. Orien Parris.

Mr. Tolly made the following statement for the record. "Back last summer before the primary, before I had any connection with Anderson County at all, as far as the government is concerned, I approached the Hospital as a real estate agent to see if they had any inclination of selling that property that you spoke of on the North Boulevard and I approached them in relationship to a site for the Post Office. It had nothing to do with Anderson County property or Anderson County facilities being placed on that property. Just for the record, I wanted to get that straight so that there was no indication that I had talked about swapping representation on their board or anything else. It had nothing to do with Anderson County per say, that was a private matter talking about a location for the post office. As you know, we have a pretty bad location in my opinion and that would be an ideal location for the post office. So just to clear the record and to clear the air, I had nothing to do with any type of County negotiations whatsoever."

Mr. Holden moved to go into executive session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss contractual, economic development and personnel issues. Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to come out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. and Mr. Allgood seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin explained that Council discussed one matter of economic development, one contractual matter and one personnel matter. No action was taken in executive session.

Mr. Holden moved to allow the Public Works Department to enter into a continuation of a contract with Pickens Construction Company for extension of the sewer project in Gilmer Estates to cover a portion of Whitehall Road under the conditions discussed in executive session. Mr. Holden moved to allow Mr. McClure to continue and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Watson said that there had been a good bit of discussion about the Administrative position in Anderson County. He said it was mutually agreed by the majority of Council that he step down, resigning from position as Administrator but remaining as Interim Administrator until such time that the position is filled but he will continue with the County in some position. Mr. Holden moved that the County retain David Watson as Interim Administrator and start immediately advertising for a new administrator. Mr. Floyd seconded.

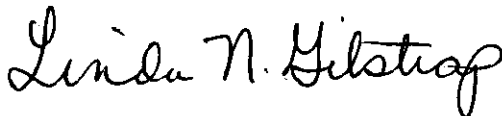
As requested, the following is the discussion which followed:

Mr. Banister: I want it understood that I'm in the minority on this. I have no problem with him as interim, but I do have a problem with asking him to step down, him resigning.

Mr. Holden: Any other discussion? All in favor keeping David as interim. 5 and 0.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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