

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – November 12, 2002 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

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

Chairman Larry E. Greer – District #3, Presiding
G. Fred Tolly – District #1
Vice Chairperson Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Clint Wright – District #4
Mike Holden – District #5
William C. Dees – District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Joey Preston – Administrator
Tom Martin – County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap – Clerk to Council
Tammie Shealy - Deputy Clerk to Council

(During times of discussion and presentations the minutes are condensed and paraphrased.)

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Gracie S. Floyd asked Mr. Michael Cunningham to give the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Clint Wright moved to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2002 meeting as mailed and Mr. Fred Tolly seconded. Ms. M. Cindy Wilson requested that on page 5 of the October 1, 2002 minutes a more complete recording of the statements be included. Ms. Wilson moved to amend the approval of the minutes that page 5 portion be transcribed verbatim at the recommendation of the Clerk. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was four in favor and two opposed (Mr. Tolly and Mr. Dees). Vote on the minutes as amended was unanimous. Mr. Wright moved to approve the October 15, 2002 minutes as mailed and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Agenda Matters: Mr. Brantley Jordan stated that for a number of years he has had the pleasure of welcoming all new members of Council to their office. He said tonight it was an unusual situation because no one lost-out – everyone was re-elected and to his knowledge this was the first time that it has ever happened. He congratulated all Council members and encouraged them to keep up the "good work". Council thanked Mr. Jordan for his kind words.

Other Matters: Mr. Ed Jean said that he heard a comment at the last meeting about respect and perhaps he was wrong and he wanted to formally apologize if at times he had come across or perhaps not as gracious as he should have been – so he said that he would endeavor in the future when he makes comments to make they are very positive and done in a respectful manner; however he would like to say that people who live in glass houses should not cast stones. He made the recommendation that anyone else addressing Council and our Council members addressing one-another that it be done in a very decent way. Mr. Dan Harvell said that Ms. Wilson has asked for something to be put in the minutes that had been left out. He asked who decided what went in the minutes and what didn't go in the minutes. He used Mr. Jean's remarks from the last meeting as an example and said that it was written in great detail yet Mr. Greer's remarks at the end of the meeting when he got very personal

with him and quoting some of his past remarks was not even included. He said that his remark referring to Starr, as "down there" was not derogatory. Mr. Harvell said that he did not think it was necessary to borrow the money for the Belton Library because they came to Council in June with recommendations on budget cuts.

Mr. Roger Mullikan appeared before Council to offer their appreciation for the use of the Public County Library. He represents Carolina Springs Academy in Due West, which is a private school. Several students thanked Council and Mr. Carl Stone for their privilege to use the Library. The boys from Springs Academy presented a plaque to Mr. Larry Greer and the girls presented Mr. Carl Stone a plaque also. Council received as information.

Ms. Becky Barnes, Coordinator of PalmettoPride presented a power point presentation about the program regarding litter. She also thanked Council for their support in eradicating litter and supporting Keep America Beautiful in Anderson County. She reported that Anderson County had received more money in the state for recycling.

Chairman Greer presented second reading of Ordinance #2002-033 – an ordinance to provide for the creation of the Thornwood Acres Special Tax District in Anderson County; to establish the nature of services to be performed therein; to designate the uniform service charge in the special tax district; to provide for the operation of the special tax district; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held and no comments were received. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer presented first reading of Ordinance #2002-036 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance #98-019, as previously amended by Ordinance #99-029, #2000-063, #2001-014, #2001-046, and #2002-17 relating to the Industrial/Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer presented Resolution #R2002-077 – a resolution approving the renewal by Anderson County, South Carolina, of a \$4,000,000 Special Source Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, 2001 (Michelin Project) pursuant to the provisions of South Carolina Code Annotated Section 4-29-68 and Title 11, Chapter 17; providing for the form and details of the \$4,000,000 Special Source Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, 2002 (Michelin Project); providing for the payment of the 2002 Note; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Fred Tolly moved to restrict the appointees to the Air Quality Steering committee to seven instead of 10, which would be one per Council District. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous. The following appointments were made to the Air Quality Steering Committee: Mr. Tolly moved to appoint Dr. Ken Williams of 141 Bradley Park, Anderson. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous. Ms. Gracie S. Floyd moved to appoint Mr. Reggie Hawthorne of 106 Gayland Drive, Anderson to represent District #2 and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous. Chairman Greer moved to appoint Mr. Ray Partain to the Committee and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Clint Wright moved to appoint Mr. Vic Carpenter from District #4 to the Air Quality Steering Committee and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Mike Holden moved to appoint Mr. Jim Burt to represent District #5 and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Dees moved to appoint Mr. John Lummus to represent District #6 and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Cindy Wilson moved to appoint Mr. Al Young and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appoint Ms. Melanie Shilts to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Gracie S. Floyd moved to appoint Mr. Melvin Mattison to fill the balance of an unexpired term to the Land Use Board of Appeals due to the resignation of Mr. Al Traveras. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$4,500 to the Broadview-Johnson Community Center for community enhancement. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous. The fund will come from the District #2 recreation fund.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$1,500 for the Westside High school Chorus from District #5's Recreation Account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$10,000 for the Center Rock Fire Department to help with the construction of a new fire department from District #5's Recreation Account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$15,000 for grading and paving at the Center Rock Fire Department from District #5's Paving Account and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the Boys and Girls Club and the funds to come from District #4's recreation Account. Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to appropriate \$3,500 for improvements at the Sandy Springs Community Park. The funds will come from District #4's Recreation Account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$5,000 from District #3's Recreation Account to help with installation of a lighting system on the baseball field located at the Iva Elementary School. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$200 to help subsidize the Town of Pelzer's Senior Citizens activities. The funds will come from District #7's recreation Account. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$2,000 from District #7's Recreation Account for the Cheddar Fire Department's grass truck. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to accept the Greens At Cobb's Glen and Brandon Oaks into the County Road system. Vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

a. Certificates and Training:

1. Ms. Angie R. Bryant – Building for the Earthquakes of Tomorrow, Role of the Emergency Operations Center
2. Mr. William Ray – Fuelmaster Customer Training
3. Ms. Julia E. Nichols, Mr. Joshua Taylor – WMD: Incident Management/Unified Command
 1. Ms. Tracy Bowman, Ms. Nancy Combs – Basic Telecommunication Certification
 2. Mr. Josh Briggs – Certified Emergency Medical Dispatcher, Homeland Security for 9-1-1 Professionals, Disaster Preparedness for Telecommunicators Seminar I and Seminar II, Fire Communications Training, E-911 Equivalency Exam
 3. Mr. Dan T. Marett, III, Mr. Terry W. Vaughan, Jr., – Basic 911 Telecommunications
 4. Ms. Linda Rook, Ms. Cherie Smith – How to Handle People with tact and Skill

b. Letters of Appreciation:

1. For: Mr. Charles Wyatt and Staff From: Mr. John B. Kimbrell
2. For: Mr. Vic Carpenter From: Keep America Beautiful Board of Directors
3. For: Mr. Holt Hopkins From: Keep America Beautiful Board of Directors
4. For: Mr. Holt Hopkins, Mr. Aaron Smart and Crew (Mr. Ray Jarrard, Mr. Sean Reed, and Mr. Scott Brigman) From: Ms. Evelyn Bond

5. For: Mr. Joey Preston From: Senator Ernest Hollings
 6. For: Mr. Joey Preston From: Mr. Bill C. Dees
 7. For: Mr. Jeff Ricketson and Staff From: Attorney Michael Mullinax
 8. For: Mr. Holt Hopkins and Staff (Mr. Dan Burlette, Mr. Jay Patterson) From: Ms. Joe Bostic
- b. Reports:
1. District Recreation Report
 2. Litter Reports for October 7-11, October 14-18, October 21-25, 2002
 3. Anderson County Litter Report and Statistics
- c. Minutes:
1. Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals
 2. Regional Airport Meeting
- d. *The Daly News*
- e. Population Increase for Detention Center
- f. \$250,000 Economic Development Grant – Lyonswood Community
- g. ACTC Engineering & Project Management
- h. Copy of Clean Air Presentation from October 15 Council meeting
- i. Departmental Transfers

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Wilson said that in the District #7's Recreation Account there had been an entry listed as commented from 12/10/01 for \$1,000 for Royal Youth Center. Ms. Floyd asked Ms. Gilstrap to go through District #2's committed funds to see if they have been paid. Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Greer is he ever made his appropriation for the Big Creek Water Co. for the water project, which involved Sherard, Lewis, Mize, and Lollis Roads. Mr. Greer said that he told her several times that the issue was not handled as an appropriation from either District 3's Recreation or Paving. He said he did not have the information with him tonight. He said if she would ask him at another meeting he would give it to her. She then said that he told her in a private meeting that if she asked at a Council meeting then he would tell her and now he has very carefully avoided giving her the information. She said that she and other members of Council would like to know this information so that they can access water finance funding for areas of their district. Mr. Greer stated that he had the information at the last Council meeting just like he promised and she did not ask for it.

Mr. Dees said that he saw that Council was adhering to the "one" voice editorial in the paper and just glad to see the Council is on track.

Mr. Holden said he wanted to make an appropriation for the Boys and Girls Club and he moved to appropriate \$5,000 and Ms. Floyd seconded. Chairman Greer asked Mr. Holden to please go through the proper procedure to bring up something not on the agenda by getting a two-thirds vote by a resolution (#R2002-078). Mr. Holden moved to add Resolution #R2002-078 to the agenda to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 for the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club from District #5's Recreation Account. Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous to place on the floor. Council then discussed the motion on the floor. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd did not have any comments.

Mr. Tolly stated that Clemson University is playing their home games at the Civic Center and this will mean that a lot of people will be coming to town and spending a lot of money. This means a lot of money and recognition to Anderson County.

Mr. Wright did not have any comments.

Chairman Greer said that over the last couple of weeks Council had been subjected to a lot of information across the media and what he heard is that the people of this County are totally disgusted with negative political campaigning and he said that he believes that if you're going to be in politics you should worry more about what you're going to say about yourself than what you can say bad about your opponent.

Mr. Holden moved to go into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss contractual matters. Ms. Floyd seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Dees, Council voted unanimously to come out of executive session back into regular session at 7:55 p.m.

The Chairman stated for the record that Council discussed contractual matters and no action was taken in executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council
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