

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - October 19, 1999 - 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 of the Freedom of Information Act.

P R E S E N T

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, October 19, 1999, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Fred Tolly gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the October 5, 1999, meeting as mailed.

No citizens registered to speak under the Public Comments section of the Agenda.

Mr. Michael Cunningham, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, presented Mrs. Debra LaGroone as the Employee of the Month for the month of September.

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Ms. LaGroone was presented a T-shirt, a coffee mug, a framed *Employee of the Month* Certificate and a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Council commended Mrs. LaGroone for her outstanding performance.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve third and final reading of ordinance #99-024 - an ordinance authorizing the leasing and sale of certain property by Anderson County, South Carolina, to General Nutrition Products, Inc.; the application of an infrastructure credit to fee-in-lieu of tax payments relating to that property; and other matters relating thereto.

Mr. Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #99-025 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Anderson County, as lessor, and White Consolidated Industries, as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitations, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes. A public hearing was held and Council heard from Mr. Andy Croft representing Frigidare Home Products. He stated that the company had been in Anderson 12 years and employs over 1300 employees. He said that they enjoy the relationship between the Company, the Economic Development Board and the citizens of Anderson County and the Company looks forward to a very prosperous future in Anderson County. On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve on second reading Ordinance #99-025 as presented.

Mr. Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #99-026 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Anderson County, as Lessor, and the Torrington Company, as Lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes. A public hearing was opened and Mr. Tom Hancock, with the Torrington Company, addressed Council. He stated that the Torrington Company had been in Anderson for over 30 years and employs over 640 people of which most are from Anderson County. No further comments were made during the public hearing. On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading as presented.

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Mr. Tom Martin presented second reading of Ordinance #99-027 - an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of certain defined real property to West Anderson Church of God; and other matters related thereto. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading as presented.

Mr. Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #99-022 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$800,000 principal amount Hospital Revenue Bonds (Anderson-Oconee Behavioral Health Services Project), Series 1999, of Anderson County, South Carolina; authorizing the application of the proceeds of the bond to the cost of certain capital expenditures of Anderson-Oconee Behavioral Health Services in connection with the expansion and upgrading of its existing facilities; approving the refunding of certain obligations of the commission entering into certain covenants and agreements and authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents relating to the issuance of the bond including a mortgage and a loan agreement between the County and the commission, and an indenture between the county; and other matters relating thereto. On the motion of Ms. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on second reading.

Mr. Wright presented first reading of Ordinance #99-029 - an ordinance to amend ordinance #98-019 relating to the Industrial/Business Park of Anderson and Greenville counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Holden moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright presented first reading of Ordinance #99-028 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Anderson County, as lessor, and Plastic Omnium Industries, Inc., as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes and Ordinance #99-030 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Anderson County, as lessor, and Plastic Omnium Auto Exteriors, LLC, as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes. On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve first readings of Ordinances #99-028 and #99-030 dealing with Plastic Omnium.

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On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R99-038 - a resolution making application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for approval of the issuance by Anderson County, South Carolina, of its Hospital Revenue Bond (Anderson-Oconee Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission D/B/A Anderson-Oconee Behavioral Health Services) series 1999, pursuant to the provisions of Title 44, Chapter 7, Article 11, South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$800,000.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #R99-039 - a resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Anderson Area YMCA, Inc. Project) Series 1999, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$8,000,000. A public hearing was held and no comments from the public were received. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution as presented.

On the motion of Ms. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve \$8,900 from District #2 to the JEBCO Center (Johnson-Broadview Estates Community Organization) for recreational purposes.

Ms. Floyd stated that the Governor had proclaimed the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the State of South Carolina. She said that she wanted to call the public's attention to this very important issue. Council received as information.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$10,000 from District #2 Asphalt Account for the Cheddar Fire Department Improvement Account. Mr. Greer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Fred Tolly asked Mr. Martin about the road closings that were approved in the past several weeks. He stated that the people concerned about these closings were not informed as Council had originally thought and he asked Mr. Martin to form an amendment to the County Road Closing Ordinance so that a sign would be

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posted on any road to be closed. The sign would have letters no less than 3" in height and would be posted no less than 30 days prior to County Council's vote. Mr. Tolly also asked that the Ordinance be ready for consideration at the next meeting. Mr. Tolly said that he voted on the prevailing side on the motion to close Rogers Road; therefore, he would move to reconsider the motion to close because the road turned out to be a thoroughfare and the closure was impeding the traffic on this road. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mike Holden asked that the vote to close a portion of Calvert Street, made a couple of meetings ago, also be reconsidered. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous to reconsider prior action to close.

Mr. Holden moved to reopen Rogers Road and Calvert Street and the barricades be removed as soon as possible. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer presented a request from the Friendship Fire Department and the Craytonville Fire Department to close Corner Road off Sandy Grove Road between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on the dates of October 28-October 31, 1999. This will enable the Fire Departments to hold their annual Halloween fundraisers. Mr. Greer moved that these be approved and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Gina Smith-Dahle gave a Civic Center Report for fiscal year 1998-1999. She stated that the goals and objectives have remained consistent. A lot of capital improvements have been made such as; new signage installed inside the building, electrical repairs to the air conditioning, proper work vehicles have been purchased, the center has been painted. The Center is now trying to operate in a cost-effective and professional manner and has taken some giant leaps in the past year, and even bigger steps are expected in the years to come. The Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center is a major asset to the residents of Anderson County. Financial figures will be given after the audit has been completed.

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On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve the amended recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for distribution of tourism-related accommodations tax monies.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the extension of the paving contract by Ashmore Brothers in the amount of \$28.80 per ton. This will be for the installation of approximately 28,500 tons of hot laid asphalt concrete for the Michelin Boulevard paving project. Mr. Greer asked Mr. Preston if he was correct in saying that Michelin Boulevard would be four-laned from Marshall Road to Master's Boulevard. Mr. Preston replied yes.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the 1999/2000 Winter/Spring paving contract to Ashmore Brothers for \$1,645,340.42. At 6:50 p.m. Council took a 10-minute recess to allow the Beaverdam Creek group time to prepare for the presentation next on the agenda.

Mr. Greer stated that when the Michelin Project is complete that section of the County will have interstate access.

Chairman Wright called the meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

Council was given a 2-1/2 hour computer presentation by the Beaverdam Creek-area residents led by Mr. Chuck Sitka. Others involved in the presentation were Mr. William McCoy, Mr. Larry Walker, and Mr. Albert Sparrow. The group presented an alternate route for the proposed sewer trunk line instead of the Beaverdam Creek route proposed by the County. County officials plan to respond to their presentation at the next Council meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

(a) Employee Certificates and Training:

1. Mr. Gerald C. Shealy - Basic Constable Training
2. Mr. Gerald C. Shealy - IS-120 An Orientation to Community Disaster Exercise
3. Ms. Brenda F. Gay - IS-3

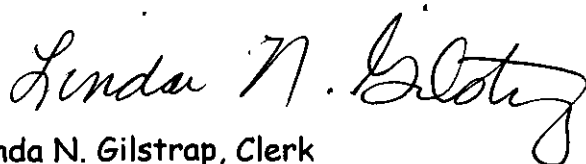
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- 4. Mr. Ralph R. Cumber - Basic State Constable Training
- (b) Letters of Appreciation:
 - 1. From : Mr. Bernard Shapiro to: Administrator
- (c) Minutes:
 - 1. Development Partnership Board Meeting
 - 2. Department of Public Works - Safety Meeting
- (d) Reports:
 - 1. Inmate Litter Report September 27-October 1, 1999
- (e) Radio Maintenance Contract
- (f) County Roads which Qualify for State System
- (g) Southern Aviator Article
- (h) Easlan Industrial Park Wastewater Improvements
- (i) Resolution - School District #3

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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