

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - June 18, 1996 - 7:00 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 AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING: G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ernie Garrison, Bruce Gerrard, David Watson, Jack McIntosh, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips- WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick- SENIOR REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan.

PRESENT

Chairman Ernie Garrison, District #4
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Bruce Gerrard - District #5
Jack McIntosh, Interim County Attorney
David Watson, Interim Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, June 18, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Floyd opened the meeting with prayer and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the group.

Mr. Gerrard explained an error in the minutes on page 2, second paragraph; next to last sentence: change sentence from "Vote was two in favor (Floyd, Tolly) and three opposed (Garrison, Gerrard, Banister)." to "Vote was two in favor (Floyd, **Gerrard**) and three opposed (Garrison, **Tolly**, Banister). Mr. Gerrard moved to approve the minutes with the change and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5/0.

Chairman Garrison stated with a full agenda and third reading of the budget, unless there were any objections, he would move the Public Comments until after the Executive Session. There were no objections.

Chairman Garrison presented #96-006 - an Ordinance finding that Homeland Park Water District may issue not exceeding \$325,000 General Obligation Bonds; to authorize Homeland Park Water District Commission to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization. On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on first reading. Mr. Mike Mullinax, representing Homeland Park Water, asked for approval of Resolution #R96-019 calling for a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$325,000 of General Obligation Bonds of Homeland Park Water District. The public hearing is to be held on July 16, 1996. Mr. Gerrard moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Garrison presented Resolution #R96-017 recognizing the Wren Middle School Omertainers for their achievement in winning the World Odyssey of the Mind title. Mr. Floyd made a motion the resolution be approved and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 5-0. The Chairman presented the students plaques.

Mr. Tolly presented Resolution #R96-020 recognizing and congratulating Dr. Harold Mackey, Mayor Pro-Tem of Williamston, for his achievements and congratulates him upon receiving the "Order of the Palmetto". A plaque was presented to Dr. Mackey.

Chairman Garrison presented Ordinance #96-005 - an Ordinance to make appropriations for ordinary county and special educational purposes for Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997.

Mr. Tolly moved to approve the budget ordinance on third reading and Mr. Floyd seconded.

Amendment #1: Chairman Garrison explained one minor change needed to be made to the wording of the ordinance. On the fourth line from the bottom of Section 3 which says, "Each documented in-County transport", the Administrator has requested "Emergency" be added so it should read, "Each documented in-County emergency transport". Mr. Tolly moved to approve the one change. Mr. Banister seconded the amendment. Vote was 5-0.

Amendment #2: Mr. Banister moved to add \$2,000 for the Salvation Army. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion. Vote was 4-1 (Mr. Gerrard opposing).

Amendment #3: Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$8,000 for the YMCA to go to scholarships for underprivileged children. Mr. Floyd seconded. After discussion, vote was 4-1 (Mr. Gerrard opposing). This will be countywide.

Amendment #4: Mr. Floyd moved that \$400,000 be added for the Tolly Street DSS Building renovations. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion. Mr. Floyd stated this would come from the \$1.061 Million Capital Improvements. After discussion, the vote was 5-0.

Amendment #5: Mr. Floyd made a motion that from the Capital Improvements account, at least \$25,000 be set aside in each council district for recreation. This amount is to be earmarked only for recreation, not for walking tracks. Mr. Floyd explained walking tracks could be funded through the paving account. Mr. Gerrard seconded the motion. Chairman Garrison stated in earlier years this type of fund had been determined by the local media to be a "slush" fund and this fund will not be a "slush" fund. Vote was 5-0.

Amendment #6: Mr. Banister made a motion that for the Literacy Association an additional \$2,500 be added for a total of \$4,000. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion. Vote was 4 to 1 (Mr. Gerrard opposing).

Amendment #7: Mr. Tolly made a motion that the appropriation for the Human Relations Council be reduced from \$3,600 by \$2,500 for a balance of \$1,100. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0.

Amendment #8: Mr. Banister made a motion that \$400,000 be appropriated to the Honea Path Library for upgrading. He stated the billing would be paid through the Finance Department in a special fund, and the funds not go into the General Library Fund. Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 4-0-1 (Mr. Gerrard abstaining).

Amendment #9: Mr. Banister made a motion \$160,000 be added to the bottom line of the budget of the Solicitor's Office due to the tremendous work load and maybe this will help with the overcrowding at the Detention Center. Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 4-0-1 (Mr. Gerrard abstaining).

Amendment #10: Mr. Floyd made a motion \$50,000 be added to the budget of the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 4-0-1 (Mr. Gerrard abstaining).

After a motion was made by Mr. Floyd and seconded by Mr. Tolly, the following budget transfers were made. Maintenance Shop: \$4,000 was transferred from Repairs-Building to Utilities-Electricity and Gas. Sheriff's Office: \$10,000 was transferred from Salaries into Overtime; \$2,500 was transferred from Salaries into Part-Time/Temporary. Vote was 5-0.

After a motion was made by Mr. Floyd and seconded by Mr. Tolly, the following bids were accepted: Change Order for Rock Removal-LBJ Sewer Project-Mr. Jack Crowe explained the change order is \$10,750 with the revisions made previously so the total contract is now \$675,541.25. Funding would come from the bond issue and not require additional funds. Vote was 5-0.

After a motion was made by Mr. Floyd and seconded by Mr. Tolly, the following was accepted: Machine and Operator Rental for Big Creek Landfill for a total of \$5,000. Mr. Jack Crowe stated to provide to cover dirt so DHEC requirements can be met, Thrift Brothers is still on site doing another job so it would be beneficial to have this work done at this time since the equipment is still on site. Funding will come from the Enterprise Funds. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson explained the outside auditors had recommended \$70,000 for computer software be obtained so additional hourly employees can complete this work in-house. Mr. Tolly made a motion the amount be funded by the Finance Department. Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tolly made a motion the Crompton Place Subdivision be accepted into the County road system. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0. Mr. J. R. McClure stated this subdivision had met all requirements of the County.

Mr. J. R. McClure presented a list of roads from the ACT Committee which were to be paved by "C" Funds and to be added to the paving contract this year. Mr. Gerrard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banister, this addition to the paving contract be made. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Floyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banister, that Nelson Drive be added to the District #2 paving contract. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Floyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, that the County resume road maintenance on Dresden Lane, C-4-104. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. McClure stated last year when the Starr C & D Landfill was not open, a C & D Pilot Program was started for King David, Three & Twenty and Harris Bridge Road. He added since Starr has been reopened, he is recommending this pilot program cease. Mr. Floyd made a motion the C & D Pilot Program end and Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Gerrard stated the C & D Landfill Program at Starr closes at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday and is the only C & D landfill in the County. Mr. McClure stated July 1st they were hoping to open Big Creek. Mr. Gerrard stated he felt the Starr landfill should be opened all day on Saturday until 5:00 p.m. Mr. Gerrard made an amendment to the motion that Starr Landfill be opened on Saturdays until 5:00 p.m. Chairman Garrison relinquished the gavel to Mr. Banister, Vice-Chairman and seconded the motion. There was a tie vote of 2-2 (Mr. Gerrard and Mr. Garrison in favor; Mr. Banister and Mr. Tolly opposed) and 1 abstaining (Mr. Floyd). The original motion was then voted on that the Pilot Program be stopped. Vote was 3-2 (Mr. Gerrard and Mr. Garrison opposed).

Chairman Garrison congratulated Councilmen Floyd and Tolly and also his own opponent, Mr. Wright, on winning the primary election.

Mr. Floyd made a motion for Council to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation, Contractual and Economic Development at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Gerrard seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Floyd made a motion for Council to come out of Executive Session into Regular Session at 10:37 p.m. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Gerrard made a motion that Mr. Watson and Mr. Lawrence Campbell pursue the Glen Raven-Clemson Quadrant Sewer Project as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Floyd made a motion that the County give Apache a credit of \$25,000 for disposal of C & D Landfill wastes with the stipulation that they remain in the County. Mr. Banister seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Floyd made a motion that Anderson County negotiate a land swap with the Anderson Area Medical Center of 3.9 acres at 800 North Fant Street for the 4.2 acres at the corner of Fant Street and Boulevard. Mr. Floyd stated this would not affect the 45 years of health care for the inmates. Mr. Banister seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tolly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Floyd, that the balance of monies left in the Sheriff's salaries be transferred to his discretionary vehicle account before the end of the current fiscal year. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tolly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Floyd, that \$50,000 for replacement of the roof funds be frozen so it could be carried over into the next fiscal year's funds. Mr. Banister amended the motion to go down to the decking on the roof. Mr. Floyd seconded the amended motion. Vote was 5-0 to the amendment. Vote was then 5-0 to the original motion.

Mr. Tolly made a motion that pipe and asphalt be provided for T.L. Hanna High School and the funds will come out of next year's paving account if they are not available now, \$1196. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0.

Chairman Garrison stated that some of these motions were not discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Gerrard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banister, that \$500,000 be set aside in the District 4 sewer fund for the Glen Raven-Clemson Quadrant Sewer Project. Vote was 5-0.

There were no citizens present to speak on the Citizens Agenda.

Mr. Gerrard wanted to congratulate Mr. David Watson on doing a very fine job on the budget process and the hard work of his staff also. Mr. Banister made a motion that a letter be written to Mr. Watson on doing such a fine job on the budget process this year since it went so smoothly. Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Gerrard moved to adjourn at 10:50 p.m. and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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