

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - February 6, 2001 - 5:00 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 Clint Wright - District #4 - Presiding

G. Fred Tolly - District #1

Gracie S. Floyd - District #2

Larry E. Greer - District #3

Vice Chairman 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 - Assistant Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, February 6, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Clint Wright gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Holden moved to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2001 and January 16, 2001 meetings as mailed. Mr. Greer seconded the minutes. Ms. Cindy Wilson asked that the following comment be added on page 4 of the January 16, 2001 meeting. Please add "that the particular zoning modification would be non-conforming use". Vote was unanimous to add the statement and approve the minutes.

Citizens' Comments: 1. Mr. Brent Beverly speaking for Mr. Jerry Atkinson stated that they were an equipment dealer (Mitchell Manufacturing Company) in Anderson County with approximately 12 employees. He said that their business was not receiving proposals for bids and seemed that there were complications with some of the County people as far as fair and equal bid specifications and qualifications. He said that he felt his business was not appreciated in the County and would like this matter addressed because they are not the only business suffering. Council received as information. 2. Ms. Nancy Webb representing the Anderson Community Housing Resource Board stated that they were a fair housing board and February was National Consumer Protection Month and April will be Fair Housing Month. She invited everyone to come to the Hanna Westside Extension Campus on February 8th, 15th and 22nd from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for a free series of workshops on "Keys to Financial Freedom", "Controlling Your Debt", "Securing Your Future", "How to Clean up your Credit History", "How to Live beyond Foreclosure" and others offered by Anderson Community Resource. Council received all remarks as information.

Mr. Tom Martin explained first reading of Ordinance #2001-003 - an ordinance making technical modifications to the Anderson County Code of Ordinances. Mr. Martin explained that twice a year the County forwards to Municipal Code all of the ordinances enacted by Anderson County Council since the last update of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances. This ordinance also incorporates all technical matters that County Council has brought up since the last time there was technical revisions. He said that this ordinance addresses three technical matters designated as Attachment II of the ordinance. The first one is an amendment to revise the language to reflect the actual procedures of Council when positions are to be filled by County Council district appointments. The second amendment notes that the Library Board of Trustees is not subject to numerical limitations that the county imposes on certain other boards. The third revision is to address the appointments of the Human Relations Commission. Mr. Holden moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Dees seconded. Ms. Wilson stated that concerning the technical amendment to the appointment process (Chapter 2-Article II, Section 2-38 (c)(6)(c)) she would like to go on record as stating that her initiate interpretation must have been the correct one since such a radical change is proposed. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Ms. Wilson). Motion carried.

Mr. Martin presented first reading of Ordinance #2001-005 - an ordinance to amend Division 8 of Chapter 38 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, so as to impose certain restrictions on the issuance of billboard sign permits in Anderson County; and other matters relating thereto (title only). This ordinance was a result of a Planning/Council work session last week and the need expressed to make this change concerning billboard signs and billboard sign permits. Mr. Greer moved to approve on first reading and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tom Martin presented Resolution #R2001-003 - a resolution imposing a moratorium on issuance of billboard sign permits in Anderson County, pending enactment of an ordinance to amend Division 8 of Chapter 38 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to impose certain restrictions on the issuance of billboard sign permits in Anderson County; and other matters relating thereto. Ms. Floyd moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented resolution #R2000-004 - a resolution encouraging Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina and the Anderson Area Medical Center to work together in order to continue to provide quality medical services for the people of Anderson County. Mr. Tolly stated that this resolution was to encourage the two parties to try to come together so that the citizens of Anderson County will not be hurt in anyway and no one will have to go out of the County for medical services. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the Resolution and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

District #3 Appointments: Mr. Larry Greer moved to make the following appointments: Ms. Floyd reminded Council that everyone had agreed to do all the "At Large" appointments last. Council agreed to hold off on the at large appointments.

1. Behavioral Health Services Board - Ms. Troyce Ann Ashley - At Large - Held up
2. Athletic Commission - Mr. Marvin Butch Allread - Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.
3. Construction Board of Appeals - Mr. Samuel Greer - At Large - Held up

4. Economic Advisory Board - Ms. Helen Austin - Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.
5. Economic Advisory Board - Mr. Allan Thomas - Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote 7-0.
6. Human Relations Council - Ms. Tenick Dennis - Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote 7-0.
7. Library Board - Ms. Mitchell Cole - Mr. Holden seconded. Vote 7-0.
8. Museum Advisory Committee - Mr. Marcus Campbell - Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 7-0.
9. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee - Mr. Ron Gilreath - Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was 7-0.
10. Accommodations Tax Committee - Mr. Hurley Badders - At Large - Held up

District #2 Appointments: Ms. Gracie Floyd moved to appoint the following:

1. Human Relations Council - Mr. Lonnie Davis - Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.
2. Economic Advisory Board - Mr. Amos Wells - Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.
3. Economic Advisory Board - Dr. Jerry Neal - Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.
4. Behavioral Health Services Board - Ms. Lilly Wakefield - Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.
5. Parks & Recreation Commission - Mr. Leroy Garrison - Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.
6. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board - Ms. Katie Tillman - Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.
7. Planning Commission - Mr. J.T. Boseman - Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

District #1 Appointments: Mr. Tolly moved to make the following appointment:

1. Parks & Recreation Commission - Mr. Roger Pedrick of 104 Holly Ridge, Anderson - Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

District #7 Appointments: Ms. Wilson moved to make the following appointments:

1. Broadway Lake Commission - Mr. Jerry Thomas - Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

2. Sports and Entertainment Advisory Committee - Mr. Leon Thorton - Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.
3. Economic Advisory Board - Mr. Wayne Elmore - Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.
4. EMS - Ms. Teresa Locke Morgan - died from lack of second
5. Purchasing Review Panel - Mr. Jacky Hunter - died from lack of second

Ms. Floyd explained that the Broadway Lake Commission had been inactive for along time and she was in the process of investigating to see if there was a need for the commission. Chairman Wright stated that several appointments had been made already and he would recommend that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Ms. Floyd agreed and asked Mr. Preston to have information ready at the next meeting regarding the commission.

Mr. Kevin Connelly of Connelly Builders and Development gave Council members information on proposed development of three communities in Anderson County with 64 units in each development with a cost of about \$5,000,000 for each unit. Each one of the properties will pay \$85,000 annually which is \$1,307 per residence. This will be an attractive gated community with services geared toward families and green space for children to play. He asked for Council's support in order to bring this development to Anderson County. Ms. Wilson asked what specific support is being requested other than moral support. Mr. Preston stated that they had required a waiver of certain type fees, which they will reimburse the County through another type of fee. Ms. Floyd moved that Council approve an "Agreement of Support" of the development contingent upon the legal details being worked out by County staff. Mr. Tolly seconded. Mr. Wright stated for the record that this would not have any legal binding effect on the proposed projects and is just a vote of confidence. For the record the county will be accepting no financial responsibility toward this project(s) and will not suffer a loss of revenue. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jerry Shealy presented a recommendation from the EMS Commission that the Pelzer Rescue Squad be allowed to provide the EMS coverage to the Zone 1 area for the remainder of a five-year term. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees recognized all members present from the Pelzer Rescue Squad and thanked them for their hard work.

Mr. Dees presented a proposal to resume funding of the Williamston EMS squad. Ms. Wilson stated that after much research and the problems that the Williamston EMS squad had experienced she would request that Council free the funding to the Williamston Squad since they are now starting to experience hardships and the county doesn't want to impact human lives in that particular service area. She moved that the funding be restored. Mr. Dees seconded. Mr. Tolly said that after discussion, he would offer a motion to table. Mr. Greer said that it was important that if the Council did table the motion for funding to be restored that at the next meeting the funding be retroactive to February 1; if the motion is approved at the February 27 meeting. If it is not approved in the last meeting in February (27th) that the funding for February would be lost like all previous months. Mr. Holden stated that maybe important information was received today that would impact the decision of Council. Mr. Tolly stated that yesterday he received a communication regarding this funding and prior to the meeting he received more information and feels that it is important to have communication with certain people that this involves prior to any action. He then moved to table until later and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Ms. Wilson opposed.) Motion carried.

Mr. Greer moved that funding be retroactive to the first of February for the Williamston Rescue Squad in the event that this is approved at the Council's February 27, 2001 meeting; however, if this is not approved on February 27 the February funding would be lost like all previous months. Mr. Tolly seconded. Ms. Wilson stated that she saw no reason to table the funding further. She moved that the funding be retroactive to December at which time they met all the County's requirements. The motion died from lack of a second. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Ms. Wilson opposed). Motion carried.

Mr. Preston said that last week he attended a Ways and Means Subcommittee meeting concerning State Aid to Subdivisions. He said that the County learned last week that it was proposed in the State budget that \$36,000,000 be cut from

State Aid to Subdivisions. Of that amount approximately one to one point three million dollars would come from Anderson County and this would be in addition to the automobile tax rollback. Rep. Cooper told Mr. Preston that the Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee (Robert Harrell) would leave the \$36,000,000 alone. This would be good news for the County since the County made an appeal to the subcommittee. Mr. Preston then contacted the Association of Counties and informed them of the phone conversation and they now are trying to contact the entire Ways & Means committee. He said that it is very good news; however, it does not mean that it will happen. A meeting has been scheduled for February 21st with Delegation members in Columbia to discuss the issue. At this meeting the County will present to the Delegation the financial impact of the automobile rollback that this will have on the County. Council received as information.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- (a) Reports:
 - (1) District Road Paving Report

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL