

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011
5:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimbberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Janie Cooper
Clyde B. Livingston**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Bill Clark, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve minutes of September 6, 2011 with corrections, if any. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NO COMMENTS

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OTHER MATTERS

NO COMMENTS

1. ORDINANCE – THIRD AND FINAL READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,830,000) WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND SERIES 2011B (Phase I) FOR ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE

EXPENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Clark to give a summary of the ordinance as proposed, which he did, indicating there have been no changes made in the ordinance between second and third readings passed by Council for a water improvement system to benefit the citizens of Edisto Drive.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston, to give final third reading approval to ordinance. Motion passed.

2. SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE – THIRD AND FINAL READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION EIGHT-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARD (\$,2088,000) SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2011C (WEST EDISTO PHASES II AND III), OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Clark to give a summary of the ordinance as proposed, which he did.

Councilman Owens made a motion, seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly, to carry third and final approval of the ordinance over until the October 3, 2011 meeting because the Orangeburg County Finance Committee has not meet to set fees to be paid by the users of the sewer system to be used to repay the bonds used to construct the sewer system. There is a deficit Orangeburg County has been paying on behalf of the users of the sewer system. Motion passed

3. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INSTALLMENT OF PRE-PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Wimberly to approve second reading of the ordinance. Motion passed.

4. PROCLAMATION HONORING THE LATE WILLIAM "BUBBA" AND HELENE BROWN CLARK

Councilman Ravenell read the proclamation honoring the late Mr. and Mrs. William Clark and their family for their 65 years of contributing to the hospitality industry in Orangeburg County.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston to adopt the proclamation. Motion passed.

5. PROCLAMATION HONORING NATIONAL SENIOR CORPS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2011

Chairman Wright read the proclamation declaring September 19-23, 2011 National Senior Corps Week .

Motion for adoption by Councilman LHeyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed.

6. PROCLAMATION HONORING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2011

Chairman Wright read the proclamation. Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Owens to adopt the proclamation. Motion passed.

Following adoption of the proclamation, County Administrator Clark, as a matter related to national preparedness, indicated the Orangeburg County Emergency Operations Center will place on Council's agenda for the next meeting, a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. The public will be made aware of the plan at a 3 p.m. meeting prior to Council's 5:30 p.m. meeting.

7. APPOINTMENT – SANTEE DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMISSION

Councilman Ravenell recommended the appointment of John Langenback, 120 Cooper Circle, Santee, S.C. 29142, to the Santee District Fire Department to fill the vacancy created by the death of Chief Bill Larson.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Owens, to accept the recommended appointment of John Langenback to the Santee District Fire Department. Motion passed.

8. REPORT OF REDISTRICTING WORK SESSION

Chairman Wright reported that members of Council met relative to the redistricting work session, with the exception of Councilwoman Cooper, and Councilman Clyde Livingston. The tentative plan is close to perfect at 1.9% of each district. Maps will be produced and sent to the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. for their review and approval. It is anticipated first reading of the redistricting ordinance will be held on October 3, 2011, Public Hearing and second reading of redistricting ordinance, October 14, 2011.

9. REPORT ON REQUEST TO SCDOT FOR SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS AT I-95 BRIDGE OVER LAKE MARION – COUNCILMAN RAVENELL

Councilman Ravenell indicated he is seeking authorization from County Council to send a letter and petitions that have been signed by residents to SCDOT to ask their consideration in providing some needed safety enhancements to Lake Marion to make the bridge safer. Ideally, if SCDOT would widen the bridge, enabling a shoulder to be built, so cars could pull over out of the line of traffic,. Cars have no where to go when an accident occurs. Widening the bridge to construct a shoulder would act to deter accidents and fatalities. He is not hopeful widening will occur due to the cost involved, but there are other alternatives SCDOT could implement which would be cost effective and provide safety, preventing deaths and accident.

One simple measure would be for SCDOT to post overhead flashig/digital signs a couple of miles down the road warning of an accident ahead prior to drivers approaching the danger “valley” on the bridge.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Wimberly, authorizing Administrator Clark to send a letter to SCDOT in support of SCDOT considering safety alternatives on the I-95 Lake Marion Bridge. Motion passed.

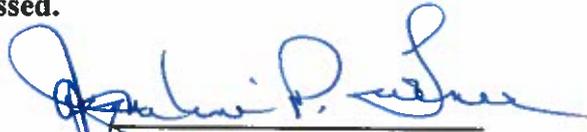
10. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS (A) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND (B) A LEGAL BRIEFING REGARDING A THREATENED CLAIM

Motion by Councilman Owens seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to adjourn for an executive session to discuss economic development and receive a legal briefing regarding a threatened claim. Motion passed.

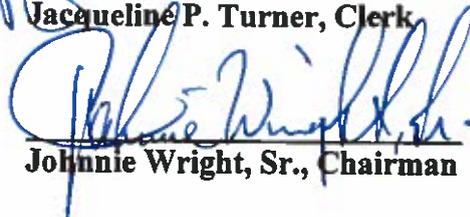
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens to vote for adjournment. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk



Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman