

PUBLIC HEARING:

An ordinance (08-01) authorizing the amendment of the agreement for development of the Joint County Industrial and Business Park within Abbeville County, South Carolina (Enviro Project) executed on January 8, 2008 by and among Abbeville County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park so as to include additional property in Abbeville County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville asked what the cost to the County is. County Director Moulder informed him zero. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Norris closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2008
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Norris, Vice Chairman McClain, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Gunnells.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Chairman Norris gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Norris stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2008, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0 with amendments made to Chairman and Vice Chairman in present section and person giving the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 605 Highway 20, Abbeville requested to know what the amendment to Herbert Anderson agreement was. County Director Moulder informed him that the original agreement was done 4 or 5 years ago to certify this property as a potential site for development and giving a Right-of-Refusal agreement between the owner and the County. The property owner is selling the property and the new owners want the contract amended to say the County would purchase all or none of the property.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of ordinance (08-01) authorizing the amendment of the agreement for development of the Joint County Industrial and Business Park within Abbeville County, South Carolina (Enviro Project) executed on January 8, 2008 by and among Abbeville County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park so as to include additional property in Abbeville County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amendment to option agreement made on August 16, 2005 between Herbert Anderson and Abbeville County. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this amendment. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.
 - 1) An ordinance (08-02) to accept the deed of Right-of-Way from the property owner of Bobcat Lane in Abbeville County.
 - 2) An ordinance (08-03) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 1.8 acre tract of land located off of Gin House Road and identified by tax map number 046-00-00-81 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development (RDD).
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (08-11) designating April 2008 as Fair Housing Month. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 2) A resolution (08-12) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 07-08. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) A resolution (08-13) to authorize the transfer of \$51,975.56 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Chairman Norris made a motion to add Resolution (08-14) to the agenda. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. Councilman Gunnells requested that this resolution be brought up after Executive Session. Chairman Norris and Councilman Thomas rescinded their motions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration— Jeff Simpson, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Mike Davis, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given, but Councilman Thomas asked Mr. Steve Bowles of Economic Development to inform Council on new business in Calhoun Falls. Mr. Bowles reported that Covington was reopening their facility in Calhoun Falls and would employ up to 45 people.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, Jeff Simpson and Mike Davis. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman McClain to go into Executive Session to discuss an economic issue involving Project Piper, legal advice on a lawsuit and Resolution 08-14. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Norris reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one issue needed to be addressed.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to add Resolution (08-14) endorsing the expenditure of funds as a required match for a community development grant for the Secession/Grey Rock Waterline Project. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0 with Councilman Gunnells absent at voting time. Chairman Norris asked for public comment. Mr. Jim Irwin asked what the cost to the County would be and where the money was coming from. Mr. David King stated it was crazy to spend 800,000.00 on getting water for only 4 people. What were they going to tell other people who needed water? What happened to the plan of 1% for 10 years? Hearing no further comments, Chairman Norris closed the public comment. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution contingent on fire protection being included. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Simpson and Davis opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

Mr. Henry Hudson of Donalds requested that Council amend the recreation area being built in the Donalds area to include a pool, walking track and tennis court. We are the preparers for our children’s future and we need to give them an area to expel their heights.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2008

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
William C. Norris, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council