

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - April 19, 1994 - 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, Ed Allgood, Mike Hoyden, Tom Martin, 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- HOMETOWN REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan (picked up and paid for).

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on April 19, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the new Anderson County Council Chambers - Old Courthouse - Second Floor.

PRESENT

William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Ed Allgood - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Tom Martin - County Attorney
Gary A. Smoak - Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

ABSENT

G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1

Vice Chairman William Floyd called the meeting to order and Mr. Tom Martin gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Council heard from the following concerned citizens: Pat Flack, Carl Johnson, Guy York, Sr., George Watkins, Tom Clark, and Brantley Jordan. Council received all comments as information.

Council heard presentations from the Stevens & Wilkinson Group, Facility Justice Group and Design South Partnership on the position of project manager for the Detention Center. Council will make a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Mr. Mike Freeman, Assessor, gave Council an update and explained the reappraisal process for Anderson County. He explained that approximately 79,000 questionnaires were mailed concerning property that is presently classified as agriculture use. Council received the report as information.

Mr. Floyd presented first reading of Ordinance #94-006 - An ordinance to establish the policies and procedures for compliance with state mandated stormwater management and sediment erosion control for Anderson County, and to revise, repeal, revoke, and supersede all conflicting ordinances or parts thereof, including but not limited to Anderson County Ordinance #214. Mr. Holden moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was three in favor and one opposed (Allgood).

Mr. Floyd presented first reading of ordinance #94-007 - An ordinance to provide for the creation of the office of Register of Mesne Conveyances as a department of Anderson County and to establish the position of Director providing for the qualifications, selection, and compensation of that director; to outline the responsibilities powers and duties of the director and to establish staff and assistants. Mr. Allgood moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Allgood said that if the two offices are divided up there will not be any additional money or personnel. Council agreed to do this at budget time.

Mr. Floyd presented Ordinance #94-008 - An ordinance calling for and scheduling a referendum to determine whether the number of Anderson County single member districts should be changed from five (5) single member districts to seven (7) single member districts. Mr. Allgood moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Floyd presented Ordinance #94-009 - An ordinance calling for and scheduling a referendum to determine whether the terms of office of Anderson County Council shall be changed from two (2) year non-staggered terms to four (4) year staggered terms. Mr.

Allgood moved to a approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Mr. Banister amended the motion to ask that the County Attorney change the wording of the question to a shorter more simplified form. Mr. Holden seconded the amendment and vote was 4-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was 4-0.

Mr. Smoak presented the purchase of vehicle tax notices (new biennial notices) and a forms folder. The estimated first year cost is \$17,964. These are budgeted items and no additional funding will be required. Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Smoak presented a budget transfer for the Detention Center from the salaries account in the amount of \$10,000. This is to cover medical bills. Mr. Allgood moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak explained a way to arrive at Available Fees in Powdersville on properties that have already at one point, paid a certain amount and have now changed their usage. The plan recommended is to go with a historical data base in order to determine what availability fees should be charged. The County will use this methodology where there is previous property already assessed at a certain rate. New lots to be developed will follow DHEC's standards. Mr. Floyd moved to approve the plan and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Smoak presented a request from the Sewer Department concerning a proposed subdivision just inside the Anderson County line on Brushy Creek Road. This subdivision will run within 250 ft. of a sewer line that goes into the Easley Combined Utility Waste Water Treatment plant. The request is to allow the sewer in this subdivision to go to the Easley Combined Utility or a Pickens County treatment plant at no cost to the County. Mr. Allgood moved to allow the request and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Smoak presented two choices for sewer at I-85 and SC86. Choice #1 - forced main along SC 86 at a cost of approximately \$600,000 (\$500,000 of which would be covered by CDBG funds). This route has limited use potential. Choice #2 - follow Hurricane Creek, gravity flow at a cost of approximately \$1.7 million (\$500,000 covered by CDBG funds). This line would not only open up SC 86 but would also give sewer access to I-85/US 29 and I-85/SC 8 interchanges and is the route preferred by the Sewer Department. Choice #2 is also part of the Saluda Basin Sewer Project. The needed money will come out of the Economic Development - Sewer account and should be done during budget time. Council discussed. Mr. Allgood moved to approve Choice #2 for \$1.7 million. Mr. Floyd seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Smoak said that a ground lease of real property with Clemson University to use a parcel of land for a convenient station, was finally complete. Mr. Smoak addressed Section Twenty - Insurance. According to the lease, the County would be required to maintain in effect throughout the term of the lease commercial general liability insurance, combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage in the amount of one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars. He said that the County was looking at a possible \$3,200 per year cost to provide the station. Mr. Banister discussed the contract's execution by Mr. McClure prior to the Council's approval. Mr. Allgood moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was three in favor and one opposed (Banister).

Mr. Smoak explained that the Anderson Youth Association appeared before Council months ago concerning a new facility. Council directed that other options be looked into. Mr. Koppelmeyer has proposed three options; 1. swap existing county property for property that best meets the needs of the Anderson Youth Association 2. A tract of land that is bordered by Camson Road, Hembree Road, and Hillview Road. 3. A 10-15 acre tract in Equinox Park. The third option is the one that Mr. Koppelmeyer has requested. Council discussed. Mr. Allgood moved to table indefinitely and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Ms. Linda Smith spoke to Council regarding "E.V.E.R.Y. 1" a community-based coalition formed to help establish a comprehensive, educational and challenging project to reduce youth violence in Anderson County. They asked for Council's endorsement and some financial assistance for this important project. Mr. Holden moved to contribute \$20,000 toward this worthwhile project. Motion died from lack of a second. Mr. Allgood moved to contribute \$1,000 and Council's endorsement of the project. Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Banister moved to amend the motion that the money come from the Parks & Recreation Budget, if available and Mr. Allgood seconded. If the money is not available in the Parks and Recreation Budget; the money will come from the Contingency fund. Vote on the amendment was three in favor and one abstention (Floyd). Vote on the original motion as amended was three in favor (Holden, Banister, Allgood) and one abstention (Floyd). Motion carried. (Mr. Floyd abstained to avoid any possible conflict of interest.)

Mr. Banister said that the roof on the Agricultural Building was leaking around one of the vents and in the basement there was a dripping valve. He moved that these problems be repaired. Council directed Mr. Smoak to see that they be repaired.

Mr. Holden said that Council needed to do a resolution or ordinance to extend the terms of commissioners of Homeland Park Water and Sewer District. Mr. Martin explained that because of the change in state law, all special purpose districts in South Carolina were effected. He recommended that Council give first reading approval to an ordinance. Mr. Holden moved to approve Ordinance #94-010 on first reading and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 4-0. This would extend the current terms until the General Election in November.

Mr. Allgood moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and Mr. Floyd seconded. vote was 4-0.

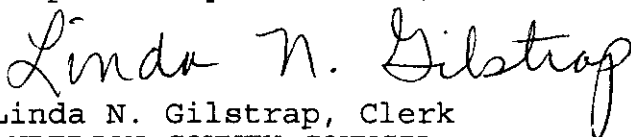
Mr. Banister moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 11:05 p.m. (Mr. Allgood had to leave during executive session.)

During executive session, Council received information on personnel and salaries. No action was taken.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted 3-0 to adjourn.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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