

Anderson County Council
Anderson, South Carolina

Regular Meeting - January 21, 1997 - 6:00 P.M.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

ALL AREA NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

PRESENT

Chairman William A. Floyd - District #2
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Floyd opened the meeting with prayer. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. Everyone was welcomed and invited to come back and bring a friend.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 17, 1996, December 30, 1996, and January 7, 1997.

The following concerned citizens spoke: 1. Mr. Bill Tollison - Mr. Tollison explained to Council the five (5) hour wait that he had at the Anderson Area Medical Center (Emergency Room). His infant son had a temperature of 107 degrees and so sick that he had to take him to the Abbeville Hospital for health care. Also, he explained that he experienced another similar situation with his mother and stressed the fact that something needed to be done before some child dies. He believes the County needs another hospital. The Council received his comments as information. 2. Bill Epstein, previous owner of Greenville Aviation and a fixed base operator, spoke to Council about what a fixed-base operator must

do and not do. 3. Mr. Reid Garrison, President of Anderson Aviation and Fixed Base Operator at the Anderson Airport for the last 23 years, said that he was present because the ordinance Council was considering for adoption (#97-001). He said that the people who propose renting the hangar are soliciting his customers for business and the company only out-bid him (he thinks) by only \$1,000 for the rental. He said that he talked with Greenville, Columbia, and the State Aeronautics Commission and found that contracts of all fixed-base operators cannot operate hangars unless it is through the fixed-base. They do not have any of the over-head such as "hangar keepers" liability, worker's compensation, seven day-a-week help and others as he does. He also said that the Airport could not support three fixed-base operators, and if these people get an airtaxi certificate and the hangar; it will close everyone up. He called attention to Anderson County Ordinance #94-011. Others spoke in opposition of the proposed hangar rental, Willard Campbell, Buddy Ware, Bob Jopp. The Council received all remarks as information.

Mr. Preston read Resolution ~~#R97-005~~⁰⁰⁵ recognizing and honoring G. Fred Tolly for receiving the highest civic service award, THE ORDER OF THE PALMETTO, for the State of South Carolina. The Council commended Mr. Tolly for his dedicated service to Anderson County.

Mr. Floyd read Resolution #R97-006 honoring James Robert "Radio" Kennedy for his special role in spreading the good news of Anderson County. Coach Jones and "Radio" were both recognized. Mr. Tolly said that the story of "radio" has now spread in great length and detail to national publications and has created great nation wide attention to the community.

Ms. Jean Martin, Chairman of the Anderson County Museum Commission, gave a brief update on the Commission. She said that Ms. Farris had been invited to come to Anderson on Friday to give her ideas and suggestions to turn the Old Youth Home into a Museum. The commission will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the old Museum. Regular reports will be sent to Council. Members of the Commission present were recognized. The Council received the report as information.

Rev. Richard Cockrell, Secretary of Human Relations Council, appeared before Council to explain the Omega Project and invite Council's moral support of the program that will be launched in the County on February 3. The program is sponsored by Partners for a Health Community and Frank Maudlin, co-chairing for the Human Relations Council. The short-term goal is to gather leaders in the

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County into groups of ten or twelve to seat down, talk, and reason with each other across racial lines for about seven sessions of two hours each. The task of the dialog group is to create a broadly-based vehicle through which communities in South Carolina can constructively respond to local matters in which race is a factor. Mr. Cockrell asked for a voice vote and to approve the effort with moral support. Also ask that Administration (maybe County Administrator and Mr. Floyd) be present at the meet at the Perpetual Bank as the program is launched. Council thanked Rev. Cockrell for all the hard work. (No vote).

Mr. Floyd presented third reading of Ordinance #96-032 - an ordinance to amend Article V., Sections 2-606, 2-608, 2-631, 2-634, 2-637, 2-638, 2-639, and 2-640 of the Anderson County Code (amendments to the Anderson County Purchasing Code). A public hearing was held and no comments were heard. Mr. Wright moved to approve on third and final reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd presented second reading of Ordinance #97-001 - an ordinance to amend the Anderson County Code of ordinances concerning the position of Internal Auditor for Anderson County. A public hearing was held and no comments were heard. On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of Ordinance #97-001.

Mr. Floyd presented second reading of Ordinance #97-002 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Article III of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances by deleting Sections 38-286 through 38-397 and inserting the Anderson County Subdivision Regulations Final Draft of the Anderson County Planning Commission. Mr. Wright questions the restrictions on length for flag lots. Mr. West replied that there were no restrictions at all regarding length for flag lots. A public hearing was held and no public comments were heard. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted four in favor and one opposed (Banister) approving ordinance #97-002 on second reading.

Mr. Floyd presented second reading of Ordinance #97-003 - an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to sell or lease County property to Duke Power. Mr. Preston stated that it was not .50 acres of land but .33 acres and recommended approval on second reading. A public hearing was held and no comments were heard. Mr. Banister moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd presented second reading of Ordinance #97-004 - an ordinance to authorize the County Administrator to execute a lease of a hangar at the Anderson

County Airport. A public hearing was held. Mr. Reid Garrison emphasized his opposition to the ordinance once again during the public hearing and also asked Council to table the ordinance. Council heard from Mr. Tom MacGregor, the proposed Lessee of the facility. Mr. MacGregor said that he and his family had been in the area for the last thirty years and he reassured Council that they were entering into this under the pretense that not only will it help him but also the County. Mr. Preston recommended approval on second; however, he said discussions will be held prior to third reading and requested information regarding comments heard earlier will be given to Council. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the ordinance on second reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Funding Request by the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation
The committee recommends that the request for funding by the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation be referred to the Finance Department for consideration at budget time, Mr. Tolly said. Mr. Tolly moved that this be approved and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT: Civic Center
Mr. Tolly moved (#R97-003) to direct the Administrator to have the Purchasing Department seek engineering firms for the platting of the acreage for the Sports Complex at the Civic Center. Funds for the survey will be supplied by Recreational Funds from District #1. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous to approve the resolution.

PUBLIC SAFETY/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT: Civic Center Policies:
Mr. Wright stated that the recommendation from the PS/HHS Committee will not be presented until the first meeting in February for Council's consideration. Mr. Wright moved that this be approved and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston presented Resolution #R97-004 - a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sell supplements of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$30,000 from District #1 Asphalt account to help the Town of Williamston purchase a meter pit to help with the water line being run by Duke Power into the Town of Williamston. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$4,000 from District #1 Recreational Funds to help

with the renovation of the ballfields in the Town of Pelzer and \$2,000 from District #1 Recreational Funds for the Town of Williamston for resurfacing the tennis courts. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the paving of the Special Populations Recreation Building parking lot as recommended by Mr. Floyd estimated at \$1,260 and the money to come from District #2 Recreational Funds.

Mr. Holden presented a check in the amount of \$40,000 to Chief Bo Gilreath to be used toward construction of a building at the Fire Training Facility. The money is a result of a \$200,000 grant/commitment made available to Anderson County by Michelin. Mr. Doug Bell from Michelin and Chief Bo Gilreath were present and spoke to Council. Mr. Wright moved to approve and accept the grant of \$40,000 to be placed toward the construction of the Fire Training Facility building. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hunter presented change orders #4, 5, 6 for the Anderson County Detention Center with Matrix Construction Company. Change order #4 would be a deduction of \$1,500 for changes in locks, intercom circuits, #5 change order is a deduction of \$4,724.50 for change in light fixtures and #6 change order is revision of a guardrail around the heating/cooling system on the roof for a total of \$1,463.00. The net deduction for the change orders is \$4,761.50. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. West presented a request to accept Sun Country into the County road system. The subdivision meets all requirements and is recommended by all staff for acceptance into the system, he said. Mr. Wright moved to approve into the County road system and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jack McIntosh presented the renewal of an Agreement of Cooperation, Contract #97-0006-0-0631 which is an agreement with the Department of Social Services for Anderson County's efforts in the area of Child Support Enforcement and for compensation of the Family Court Section of the County. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Preston recognized Myrna McCrary, Animal Shelter Supervisor, David Pisha, Director of the Civic Center, Karolyn Pinson, Clarence Sullivan (absent) (Civic Center Employees), Ron Smith and Earl Higgenbothom (absent) for their outstanding

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jobs with the County.

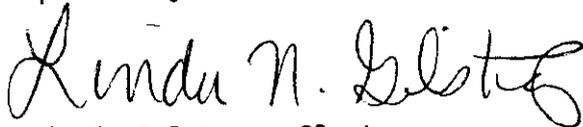
Other matters discussed and information provided during the Administrator's Report:

- Asphalt Paving School - Vulcan Materials Company
- Booth communications Franchise Agreement
- Safety Classes & Minutes
- American Home Ensembles, Inc.
- RFP Motor grader 1995 Caterpillar
- Cherry, Bekaert & Holland Audit Report
- Road Reports for Council Districts
- Recreation fund Accounts (Balances)
- Civic Center Calendar of Events
- Anderson County Budget Preparation Manual

Mr. McIntosh gave a brief update on Adult Entertainment Centers.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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