

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 19, 2010
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
Janie Cooper
Clyde B. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 Vice Chairwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to approve minutes of July 6, 2010 with corrections, if any. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:	Agenda Items	No comments made
Public Comments:	Other Matters	No comments Made

1. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

An Ordinance (1) To Impose, Subject To A Referendum, A One Percent Sales And Use Tax Within Orangeburg County Pursuant To The Capital Project Sales Tax Act (“The Tax”) To Provide Conditions Precedent To The Imposition Of The Tax, And Conditions Or Restrictions On The Use Of The Tax Revenue; To Specify Purposes And Projects For Which The Tax May Be Used, To Provide The Maximum Time For Which The Tax May Be Imposed; To Establish The Priority Of Expending The Net Tax Proceeds; (2) To Provide For A County-Wide

Referendum On The Tax, Including The Issuance Of Bonds In Connection With The Tax; To Prescribe The Ballot Question For The Referendum, Including All Information Required By Statute To Be Contained In The Ballot Question; To Provide For The Conduct Of The Referendum By The Registration And Election Commission Of Orangeburg County; (3) To Provide For The Administration And The Payment Of The Tax; (4) To Provide For Bonds To Be Issued In Connection With The Tax, Including All Information Required By Statute To Be Contained In An Ordinance That Provides For Bonds To Be Issued In Connection With The Tax; To Provide That The Tax Revenues May be Used To Defray Debt Service On the Bonds Issued In Connection With The Tax; and (5) To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto

Chairman Wright asked for comments from the County Administrator. Mr. Clark stated that at 10 am this morning the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission met to review and approve the referendum question, concluding with a unanimous vote of six to zero, recommending the attached project list to Council. There are 133 projects itemized, broken into categories as was done in the past, \$14 million dollars water and wastewater projects, \$15 million dollars road and transportation projects, representing 64 miles of road improvements, \$13.5 million dollars in economic development related infrastructure projects, and \$28 million dollars municipal and community buildings and facilities.

The ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and third reading August 9, 2010; that is when it will be submitted to the Election Commission for their action and to the Justice Department for their review, for the referendum to be scheduled for the General Election November 2, 2010. The referendum will be for a period that will begin with an effective date of May 1, 2013 at the conclusion of the current 7 year Capital Project period.

Motion made for approval of second reading of the ordinance made by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Works Committee Report – Council Ravenell, Chairman, Public Works Committee

Councilman Ravenell stated the Committee met 4:30 p.m. today about the County tire policy in place. The Committee has proposed a recommendation for Council to accept, as an ordinance for first reading by title only. He asked the County Attorney to elaborate on the highlights of the proposed ordinance.

Ms. Haydel explained the Committee reviewed more in-depth a written policy for the Orangeburg County Waste Tire Policy. The policy is being put in place at the

request of DHEC in order for the County to continue to receive grant funds to defray the cost of disposing of waste tires in Orangeburg County. The policy has changed in terms of adjusting minor wording six times in the last two weeks or so. The reason it is being done by title only tonight is because there was one last set of conditions that needed to be made which the Committee voted on to be inserted in the ordinance and cleared for second reading, so no further changes will be made from that point forward.

The motion is to recommend the Orangeburg County Waste Tire Policy as amended during the meeting of July 29, 2010, County Council have first reading by title only. The second item voted on by consensus, is the Deputy Administrator for Public Services make certain as the policy goes into effect sufficient records are kept so the County can figure out the actual cost of handling waste tires in the County for next year's budget.

Motion made by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens, that Council will by title only have first reading on the waste tire policy ordinance as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Acceptance of Agreement Orangeburg County Home Consortium Agreement – Lower Savannah Council of Governments

Chairman Wright asked the County Administrator to give a synopsis on this matter. Bill Clark stated the letter before Council confirms information back to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development that members of the Lower Savannah Regional Consortium consisting of six counties and 13 municipalities, have a difference in the fiscal year period of Orangeburg County as the lead agency which runs from July to June fiscal year, and the Federal fiscal year which runs from October to September. For coordination purposes, it is important from HUD's standpoint this be documented and brought to everyone's attention so there not be any missed coordination as projects move forward. The letter is requested by HUD to confirm these basic facts. It requires Council's blessing to be sent.

Councilman Wimberly clarified with the County Administrator that Orangeburg County was the lead county in the consortium. Mr. Clark answered in the affirmative.

Motion made Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston, for approval to accept the agreement from Lower Savannah Council of Governments. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Personal Appearance – Recognition of Community of Character Employees of The Month – Second Quarter – Ms. Lovell Brothers

Community of Character employees of the month for the second quarter were introduced by Ms. Brothers and received their medallions and certificates from Chairman Wright and Vice Chairwoman Cooper. Honored were Audrey Asbury of the Auditor's office for "self-control" in April, Evelyn Clark of the Magistrates Traffic Courts for "cleanliness" for May and Deloris Wilson of the Purchasing Department for "courtesy" for June.

Chairman Wright congratulated the employees for their self-control, cleanliness and courtesy, and Council's appreciation for all employees in whatever capacity for what whatever they do, and the the ability to smile, which means a whole lot.

Councilwoman Cooper asked Council to seriously consider whether property taxes can be paid in installments, citing the fact there are people who can't pay taxes when they are due. Councilwoman Cooper expressed concern that property stay in families and not be auctioned off. Chairman Wright thanked Councilwoman Cooper for her comments, indicating he was under the impression this was something that was being looked into, with a proposal on what it would cost and other issues. He will make certain to find out what is coming on with the issue.

Councilman Ravenell mentioned that the County has tax tip guides in the foyer in the Administrative building that individuals can pick up to help them economize and pick up tips.

Motion to adjourn for an executive session to discuss an economic development issue made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion for adjournment made by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Wimberly. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.


Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman