

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
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.
Harry Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Clyde Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Janie Cooper-Smith**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold Young, County Administrator
Megan Dangerfield, Clerk to Council
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2014

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

Daryl Johnson, Anna Johnson, and Lee William spoke in support of rezoning the property at 525 Racetrack Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OTHER MATTERS

NONE

Abe Salama requested a task force be put together to build a new library. He suggested a location behind the YMCA. Harvey Elwood agreed there was a need for a new library but said it needed to be downtown.

1. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Chairman Wright read the Resolution in its entirety. Councilman Owens moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried.

2. A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, BY AND BETWEEN DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY SCOUT BOATS, INC. IN DORCHESTER COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK

Chairman Wright asked for a brief summary. Jerrod Anderson, County Attorney for Economic Development, stated this was a standard Resolution to expand the industrial park in Dorchester County as part of the joint county industrial park agreement with Orangeburg County. Dorchester County has already authorized the expansion with an Ordinance. Per the agreement, Orangeburg County needs to approve the expansion in the form of a Resolution. The company is investing 2.5 million dollars and promising 298 new full-time jobs.

Councilman Ravenell moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS TO REZONE 2025 BASS DRIVE, TAX MAP #0308-00-05-060.000 AND 525 RACETRACK ROAD, TAX MAP #0285-00-03-007.000 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL).

Chairman Wright asked for a summary. Mr. Young stated that the Planning Commission heard the presentation in July from New Providence Missionary Baptist Church located at 2025 Bass Drive. The church is requesting a change from FA to CG. The request was found to be consistent with the comprehensive plan, no opposition was stated at the meeting, and the planning commission approved the request. The second request was to rezone the property located at 525 Racetrack Road in Ellore. The property is surrounded by residential housing on all sides and the request was not consistent with the comprehensive plan. Several people spoke in favor of the request at the Planning Commission meeting but

no adjacent property owners were present. Due to not being in line with the Comprehensive Plan, the Commission voted unanimously to not approve the request.

Councilman Wimberly stated that during the creation of the zoning ordinance he felt, and still does feel now, that if an individual grew up in the community and wants to start a business, he should be able to do so. Councilman Wimberly moved that as a Council, they don't change the zoning for the parcel but allow Mr. Johnson to run his barbershop, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston.

Attorney Jeffries stated that the more proper course of action would be to send it back to the Planning Commission to determine if the barbershop use could be a use that may be grandfathered in or as a conditional use as set aside in the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith suggested that they go through the proper procedures and refer the issue back to the Commission. After some debate, Chairman Wright stated that it needed to be determined if that was a legal possibility. Council voted on Mr. Wimberly's motion. Five members voted to approve the motion. Those members voting against the motion were Councilwoman Cooper-Smith and Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith moved to approve the request for the property located at 2025 Bass Drive, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

4. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS# 0308-00-05-060.000 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Owens moved to approve the Ordinance for first reading, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

5. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CELLCO PARTNERSHIP PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL BE THE LESSOR AND CELLCO SHALL BE THE LESSEE

Harold Young stated that the tower the County owns on Ellis Avenue is in need of repair. Verizon Corporation has approached the County about replacing the tower at no cost to the County in return for colocation rights on the tower. Tonight is first reading by title only to have time to prepare the documents.

Councilman Harry Wimberly moved to approve the Ordinance for first reading, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried.

6. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WITH NORTH FAMILY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Harold Young stated the school had been purchased by the County and located in the Town of North. It has been approved for use as a Challenge Center CREST site and this agreement will dictate the terms and the use for the CREST site for the school as well as allow the school administrators to apply for State and Federal Grants.

Councilman Clyde Livingston moved to approve the Ordinance for second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Motion carried.

7. TAX AND TOURISM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith moved to accept the recommendations, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

6. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

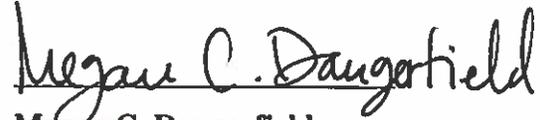
Councilwoman Cooper-Smith moved for Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

Councilman Ravenell discussed his concerns with littering in the County and Council discussed the use of cameras to prevent littering and to help with enforcement.

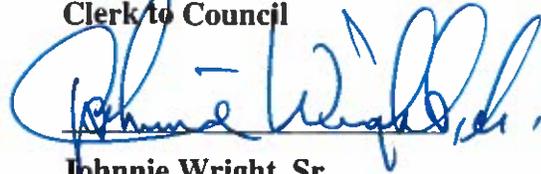
7. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT



Megan C. Dangerfield
Clerk to Council



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman, County Council

