

MINUTES

County Council Meeting

March 21, 2011

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, March 21, 2011, in the County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC, at 5:30 p.m. The following attended: Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman; Honorables Michael Brown, O'Neal Mintz, David Britt, Jane Hall, Dale Culbreth, and Roger Nutt, Council Members; along with Glenn Breed, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; Edwin Haskell, County Attorney; and William McBee Smith, Assistant County Attorney.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

I.

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order.

Chairman Horton issued a brief statement on behalf of Council expressing condolences to everyone and their families affected by the train accident at Cleveland Park on Saturday, March 19, 2011, and expressing thanks and recognition to our Emergency Medical Services personnel and all our First Responders for their fast response during this time of crisis. A moment of silence was observed to honor those affected by the accident.

Invocation was rendered by Chaplain Jerry Clevenger. Member of Boy Scout Troop 79 led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

- A. Motion made by Ms. Hall to adopt a Resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Ms. Mallory Beckett, Community Development Planner, received Resolution.
- B. Motion made by Ms. Hall to adopt a Resolution proclaiming March 2011 as Disabilities Awareness Month in Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Ms. Murray Cecil, Spartanburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board Chairman, received Resolution.

III.

- A. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider an Application for special Public Event Exclusion from the Noise Ordinance requested by **Greer Dragway** from 4:00

p.m. until midnight on Saturday, April 9, 2011 for a drag race at 1792 Dragway Road, Greer. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.

- B. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider an Application for special Public Event Exclusion from the Noise Ordinance requested by **Greer Dragway** from 4:00 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, April 30, 2011 for a drag race at 1792 Dragway Road, Greer. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.

IV.

- A. Dr. Wilson Smith, Pulmonologist, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System; Dr. Richard Orr, Oncologic Surgeon, Gibbs Cancer Center; and Renee Romberger, Vice-President Professional Services, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, appeared to express their support for smoke free workplaces and smoke free public buildings.

V.

Economic Recruitment and Development Committee – (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

Public Health and Human Services Committee (Honorable Jane Hall, Chairman)

- A. Ms. Kathy Rivers, Director of Community Development Department, presented information in reference to Community Development Block Grant Program and Home Investment Partnerships Program Funding Recommendations. The proposed Annual Action Plan for the FY 2011 Program Year was presented to Council and is included in backup. Motion made by Ms. Hall to approve the FY 2011 Annual Action Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Dale Culbreth, Chairman)

- A. Solicitor Barry Barnett presented information in reference to a request for reapproval and consideration of one Attorney position funded by a Gang Grant and two Attorney positions funded by an Aggressive Case Management Grant. Motion made by Mr. Culbreth to approve this request. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Culbreth to adopt a Resolution recognizing and congratulating Barry Barnette on his appointment as 7th Circuit Solicitor. Motion seconded by Ms. Hall and carried.
- C. Coroner Rusty Clevenger presented information in reference to funding for two part-time Investigators in the Coroner's Office. Motion made by Mr. Culbreth to approve funding for two part-time Investigators in the Coroner's Office. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- D. Ms. Linda Blackerby, Budget Management Director, presented the proposed FY11-12 Budget Calendar for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. The proposed Budget Calendar is included in backup. First reading on the Budget and Capital Improvement Plan will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011. Second reading and public hearing will be held on Monday, May 16, 2011. Third and final reading will be held on June 20, 2011.
- E. Updated financial data and personnel vacancy reports received.

Livability Committee – (Honorable Roger Nutt, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Chris Jennings, Executive Director, Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau,

presented an Update on Tourism related activities. (Presentation is included in backup.) Four new members have been added to the CVB Advisory Board. Culture and Arts; History and Heritage; Agriculture; Recreation and Sports; and Manufacturing are the five pillars represented on the CVB Advisory Board. Marketing products and ads were presented. No action was taken.

Public Safety and Judiciary Committee – (Honorable Michael Brown, Chairman)

- A. Updated information received regarding activities of Building Codes Department.

Land Use Committee (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; Bill Hall, Fire Marshal; and Mike Padgett, Building Codes Director, presented information regarding the International Fire Code Section 307 - Open Burning and Recreational Fires. The International Building Code, as adopted by County Ordinance 10-81 contains requirements and restrictions regarding Deliberate or Negligent Burning (Section 305.4) and Open Burning and Recreational Fires (Section 307). The language included in Article 307 of the Fire Code and current practices as directly related to the language of the Fire Code have been reviewed. Staff recommended modification of our practice to become more active in the enforcement of the provisions of Article 307. Open Burning Guidelines were outlined and included in backup. No action was taken.
- B. Updated Planning Department Reports on Development Activity were received.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Committee (Honorable O'Neal Mintz, Chairman)

- A. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

VI.

No items scheduled.

VII.

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VIII.

All resolutions, ordinances, agreements, petitions and related documents which were read and approved by Council at this meeting for the financing of certain industrial or similar revenue bonds or notes, are incorporated in these minutes by reference as if fully set forth herein. The reference is to all such documents showing execution by the county on the date of this meeting included in the office

of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County.

IX.

No items scheduled.

X.

Motion made by Mr. Culbreth to approve minutes of February 21, 2011 (Regular Meeting). Motion seconded by Mr. Mintz and carried.

XI.

Motion made by Mr. Britt to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Mintz and carried.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Jeffrey A. Horton, Chairman

Attest:

Deborah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council