

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 18TH, 2015
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
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Faith E Carter, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 18th day of May, 2015, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:30 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 4th, 2015

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council held on May 4th, 2015 as written. Councilman Ravenell motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried. (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

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OTHER MATTERS

NONE

1. RESOLUTION HONORING THE HONORABLE JOHN WESLEY MATTHEWS, JR.

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Vice-Chairman Cooper-Smith read the resolution in its entirety and presented the resolution to Senator Matthews. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith congratulated Senator Matthews on all his accomplishments. Applause.

Senator Matthews thanked the Council for honoring him. Senator Matthews advised that his son, John Wesley Matthews, III and his brother Roosevelt Matthews were in attendance. Senator Matthews advised that he believes that a great deal of progress has been made in Orangeburg County over the last forty years. Senator Matthews commented that Orangeburg County has moved from the least developed county to a moderately developed county and is continuing to move up. Senator Matthews advised that the best days for Orangeburg County are still ahead. Senator Matthews commented that in the arena of Economic Development good things come to those who are prepared.

Chairman Wright thanked Senator Matthews and his family for attending the meeting. Chairman Wright commented that Senator Matthews is a man worthy of honoring and a person is who very committed to his community. Chairman Wright advised that he appreciated everything that Senator Matthews has done and will continue to do for Orangeburg County.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the resolution honoring Senator John Wesley Matthews, Jr. Councilman Owens motioned that the resolution be approved. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

2. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY SECURING A SPECULATIVE BUILDING LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 75,000 SQUARE FOOT SPECULATIVE BUILDING; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR RELATED TO THE SECURING AND CLOSING OF THE LOAN

Chairman Wright opened the floor for public hearing on agenda item number two. No comments. Chairman Wright closed the floor for public hearing on agenda item number two.

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation of the ordinance. County Administrator Harold Young advised that this is a pass through of funds from the electrical co-op for the speculative building. County Administrator Harold Young yielded to the County Attorney for Economic Development, Mr. Jerrod Anderson.

Deputy County Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised this ordinance is for the construction of a shell building at the Senator Matthews Industrial Park. Mr. Anderson asked for questions in regards to this ordinance. No questions.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance in this its third and final reading. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the ordinance be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

3. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-09-19-15 ENACTED ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2011, ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,830,000) WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2011B (PHASE I), OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. County Administrator Harold Young advised that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development has requested that the county change the payment schedule to annual payments. Administrator Young advised that the projects have already been completed and the monies have already been spent.

Chairman Wright asked for motion to approve this ordinance in this its third and final reading. Councilman Owens motioned to approve the ordinance for third reading. Councilman Wimberley seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

4. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-09-06-14 ENACTED ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2011, ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$820,000) WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2011A (TOWN OF VANCE), OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE

PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.”

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Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance in this its third and final reading. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the ordinance be approved in third reading. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

5. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A WASTEWATER SYSTEM TRANSFER AGREEMENT TRANSFERRING THE WEST EDISTO WASTEWATER SYSTEM FROM THE COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG TO THE CITY OF ORANGEBURG

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation of this ordinance. Administrator Harold Young advised it has been discovered that it is in the best interest of the citizens west of the Edisto River to transfer the wastewater system to the City of Orangeburg. Administrator Young advised that this is the first reading in the process of transferring that wastewater system to the City of Orangeburg.

Chairman Wright asked for questions from the Council. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Wimberly motioned to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberly. Councilman Wimberly asked County Attorney D'Anne Haydel if the Council can expect changes from the first to second reading of this ordinance. County Attorney D'Anne Haydel advised that there may be some changes on second reading however, there are no new points. Ms. Haydel advised that the Council has already worked with City Council however, there may be a couple of little points that will need to be worked out. Ms. Haydel advised that the Council has already heard arguments on those points prior to this meeting.

6. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE RAILROAD SPUR EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY,

SOUTH CAROLINA AND INBRA HOLDINGS, LLC; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. County Administrator Harold Young yielded to the County Attorney for Economic Development, Mr. Jerrod Anderson.

Deputy County Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised that what is before Council is an ordinance to ratify an easement agreement between the County of Orangeburg and INBRA, LLC. Mr. Anderson advised that according to Norfolk Southern there is a need to construct a railway spur. INBRA, LLC. purchased the property and immediately deeded it back to the County of Orangeburg. Mr. Anderson advised that the dirt is in the county's name but the easement is needed from the County of Orangeburg to authorize the construction.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Heyward Livingston. Councilman Heyward Livingston asked if the spur was being constructed by the company. Deputy Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised that the company will be constructing the spur.

Chairman Wright recognized Gregg Robinson, Executive Director of Orangeburg County Development Commission. Director Robinson advised that there will be a spur off of the spur for future economic development.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the ordinance be approved. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

7. APPOINTMENTS

1) APPOINTMENT OF A LITTER CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY LITTER CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from the County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Harold Young advised that Mr. Jeffrey Osteen will be filling a vacant position with the department.

Councilman Owens clarified with Administrator Young that this is an existing position. Administrator Young affirmed that Mr. Osteen would be filling an existing position to replace another officer who has left the department.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve Mr. Jeffrey Osteen as a Litter Control Officer with the Orangeburg County Department of Litter Control. Councilman Owens motioned that Mr. Jeffrey Osteen be approved as a Litter Control Officer. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

Councilman's Comments

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Ravenell. Councilman Ravenell advised that the Council had not heard complaints recently about litter in the county and he hoped this was a sign that the litter problem is improving. Councilman Ravenell encouraged the public to continue to be mindful of the litter problem in Orangeburg County.

Chairman Wright thanked Councilman Ravenell for his comments. Chairman Wright advised that the Council has been taking the litter problem seriously and hopes that the situation will continue to improve.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the Council has been receiving updated information from litter control in their agenda packets to be aware of the progress that is being made throughout the county.

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that the county was making an effort to make the Council aware of the efforts that are being made to clean up litter. Progress on litter control is accomplished partially through the demolition of dilapidated structures and the cleaning up of lots in conjunction with other efforts. Administrator Young advised that the Litter Control Department is working its way through the county and continues to make progress.

8. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright asked for a motion that the Council move into executive session for an economic development update and contract negotiations in reference to the West Edisto Sewer System Transfer. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the Council move into executive session for an economic development update and contract negotiations in reference to the West Edisto Sewer System Transfer. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

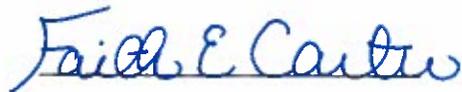
**B) CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WEST EDISTO SEWER SYSTEM
TRANSFER**

10. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright asked for a motion that the meeting of the County Council be adjourned. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith moved that the meeting of the County Council be

adjourned. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0). Chairman Wright thanked the public for attending.

11. ADJOURNMENT



**Faith E Carter
Clerk to Council**



**Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman, County Council**