

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORIGINAL

Regular Meeting - January 3, 1989 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on January 3, 1989 at 4:30 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Mike Mullinax - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Mr. Jimmy Cox called the meeting to order and Mr. David Watson gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Cox introduced the two new members of Council: Mr. Harvie Banister - District #3 and Ms. Elise Cahaly - District #4.

Mr. Cox said that the next item of business on the agenda was the nomination for the office of chairman and vice-chairman. Ms. Cahaly called for a point of order. Mr. Cox asked Ms. Cahaly to stand and state her point. She explained that as far as she could determine, there were no rules and regulations as to the terms of office of chairman and vice-chairman, and suggested that an acting chairman be appointed until the Administrator and Council could establish rules and regulations for Council. Mr. Cox asked for an opinion from the County Attorney. Mr. Mullinax said that at the time Home Rule was enacted, the Council was elected by referendum to be governed by the Council - Administrator Form of Government and Section 4-9-910 provides that the Council shall select one of its members as chairman and vice-chairman. Council, for the last six years, called for the election of a chairman and vice-chairman and other such officers as it required at their first meeting. There are no written rules. Council continued with the election of Chairman. Mr. Hooper nominated Mr. Jimmy Cox as chairman and Mr. Holden nominated Ms. Elise Cahaly. Mr. Hooper moved that the nominations be closed and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Holden and Ms. Cahaly voted for Ms. Cahaly as chairman. Mr. Banister, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Cox voted for Mr. Cox as chairman. Mr. Cox was elected chairman by majority vote.

Mr. Cox moved to nominate Mr. Hooper as vice-chairman. There were no other nominations. Ms. Cahaly moved that the nominations be closed and

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Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Hooper was elected vice-chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Ronnie Cole asked Council for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. He said the nature of the discussion would be concerning leave time for previous employees of the sheriff's department. Mr. Mullinax's opinion would be that Mr. Cole should discuss with the County Administrator and he will decide if it is a matter that should be brought before Council. A meeting between Mr. Cole and Mr. Watson was set up for Monday at 3 p.m.

Mr. Holden presented third and final reading of Ordinance #268 stating that salaries for the Anderson County Council for the term of office beginning January 1989, shall remain at the sum of \$8,500 and that the expense account allocated to each councilman shall remain at the sum of \$2,500 and that any additional monies previously appropriated to account #401 be transferred to the General Fund for expenditures as may be set by the Administrator and Council. Mr. Holden moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Banister amended the motion that the money be transferred back into each Councilman's Special Projects Fund. Mr. Cox seconded the amendment. Mr. Holden called for the question. Vote on the amendment was two in favor (Cox, Banister), two opposed (Hooper, Holden) and one abstention (Cahaly). The motion failed because of lack of majority. Vote on the original ordinance as proposed was three in favor (Cahaly, Holden, and Hooper) and two abstentions (Cox, Banister). Motion carried. Mr. Banister moved to place the money into the general fund and then transfer the money to special projects. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was four in favor (Cox, Banister, Hooper, Cahaly) and one abstention. Mr. Holden abstained.

Mr. Burns presented information concerning a Litter Coordinator for Anderson County. He asked Council to approve the position. The amount needed between now and July 1 would be \$8,348.50 which includes salary and benefits. There is approximately \$3,000 available in the Beautification Commission's budget that could be applied toward the salary. Mr. Hooper moved to proceed with the position and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns explained the need to purchase a car phone for the Litter Officer. The estimated amount would be \$37.60 per month. Mr. Cox moved to approve the request and to refer to Mr. Crowe to make the purchase. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox informed Council that the Administrator intends to hire Mr. David Standeffer as County Attorney. Mr. Mullinax will provide assistance to Mr. Standeffer for a smooth transition.

Ms. Cahaly informed Mr. Cox that she had a resolution for Council consideration concerning a study for a full time County Attorney. Mr. Cox read the resolution (#488). The resolution instructs the County

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Administrator to research the staff county attorney as it exists in South Carolina Counties (permanent position). Ms. Cahaly moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Cox amended the motion that the report be presented to Council by May, 1989. Mr. Holden seconded. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Vote on the original resolution as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked for Council's approval for the purchase of a front end loader for the Anderson County Airport at a cost of \$2,950. Funds are available in the budget. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the purchase and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe presented a request for the purchase of 1-Mustang sedan pursuit patrol car for the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Taylor informed Council that he would withdraw the request at this time. He said they were in dire need of patrol vehicles, approximately \$66,000 has been appropriated and asked Council for approval of the purchase of approximately 5 new patrol vehicles (State Contract). Mr. Banister moved that competitive bids be requested before the purchase is made and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Sheriff introduced several of his new employees. He also asked Council to approve a budget transfer of \$9,000 to adjust certain salaries. Money is available in the budget. Mr. Holden moved to allow the transfer and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous. Sheriff Taylor said that to take the money for personnel leave time from his budget would be grossly unfair because of mismanagement of another administration and in his opinion it was a direct violation of County policy and the Department's budget cannot afford it at this time. He said he plans to follow County

Mr. Watson expressed his personal gratitude to Mike Mullinax, County Attorney, for an outstanding job. He then introduced Mr. David Standeffer and presented him with a County hat and pin.

Mr. Hooper moved to reappoint Mr. John Ginn to the Civic Center Authority and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox asked for ratification of an appropriation of \$600 from District #1 - Special Projects to the Northern Anderson EMS. He also asked that an additional \$1,000 be appropriated from District #1 Special Projects for the same purpose. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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