



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
February 7, 2022
5:30 PM**



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.
Johnny Ravenell
Janie Cooper-Smith
Kenneth McCaster
Joseph Garvin**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Willie B. Owens
Deloris Frazier**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

On the 7th day of February 2022, Chairman Wright called to order the regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:35 p.m. with a roll call due to having a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Janaury 18, 2022 RS
January 20, 2022 SS
Janaury 28, 2022 SS**

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Joseph Garvin made the motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

**Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith - Yay**

ORDINANCES

Ordinance First Reading

- 1. An Ordinance to Amend the Orangeburg County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28 Public Services, Article III Policy Manual, to Add Provisions Regarding Commercial Driveways and Flowable Fill.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay

Ordinance First Reading Only

- 2. An Emergency Ordinance Requiring Use of Face Coverings in County Buildings and Vehicles in Certain Situations.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading only. Councilman Joseph Garvin made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kenneth McCaster. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell – Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin -Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith – Yay

RESOLUTIONS

- 3. A Resolution (1) Approving An Amendment To The Existing Amended And Restated Agreement For Development Of Joint County Industrial Park By And Between Orangeburg County, South Carolina And Dorchester County, South Carolina To (A) Enlarge The Boundaries Of The Industrial Park To Include Certain Property Located In Dorchester County, South Carolina Now Or To Be Hereafter Owned And/Or Operated By Foundry Dorchester Commerce Center, LLC And (B) Provide For An Extended Term For Inclusion Of Such Property In The Park; And (2) Authorizing Other Related Matters.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion and Councilman Joseph Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay

- 4. A Resolution Authorizing, Under Certain Conditions, The Execution And Delivery By Orangeburg County, South Carolina Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement With Project Stallion With Respect To An Industrial Project In The County Whereby The Project Would Be Subject To Payment Of Certain Fees In Lieu Of Taxes, And Whereby Project Stallion Will Be Provided Certain Credits Against Fee Payments In Reimbursement Of Investment In Related Qualified Infrastructure; And Providing For Related Matters.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Kenneth McCaster made the motion and Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay

VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for the executive session and entertained a motion to go into the executive session. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. Councilman Joseph Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Legal Briefing- Legal Advice**
Legal Basis - FOIA Exemption S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) (where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege)

2) **Economic Development Update**

S.C. Code §30-4-70(A)(5) (Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body)

- **Project Pizza**
- **Project Stallion**
- **Project EA**
- **Project Independence**

3) **Contractual Matters – Orangeburg County Court House**

Legal Basis - FOIA Exemption S.C. Code 30-4 70(A)(2) (Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Agreement)

VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of February 7, 2022, stands adjourned. Councilman Kenneth McCaster seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0)

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Johnnie Wright, Sr – Yay
Councilman Johnny Ravenell - Yay
Councilman Kenneth McCaster – Yay
Councilman Joseph Garvin - Yay
Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith-Yay

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council