



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
March 21, 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
Deloris Frazier**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Willie B. Owens

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 21st day of March 2022, Chairman Wright called to order the regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:37 p.m. with a roll call due to having a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 7, 2022 RS

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Joseph Garvin made the motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay**

PROCLAMATION

1. **Proclamation Bishop Johnnie James Johnson Day March 26, 2022.**

Chairman Wright yielded to Vice-Chair Cooper Smith to read the proclamation in its entirety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the proclamation as read. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kenneth McCaster. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Third Reading & Public Hearing

2. **An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Intergovernmental Agreement To Exchange Real Estate And Harvest Lumber By And Between Orangeburg County And The Orangeburg Consolidated School District Pertaining To Certain Real Property; Authorizing The Exchange Of Such Real Property By The County; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

Chairman Wright open the floor for public hearing questions. There were none.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

3. **An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Orangeburg County, South Carolina And A Company Known To The County At This Time As Project Stallion With Respect To Certain Economic Development Property In The County, Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject To Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes, Including The Provision Of Certain Special Source Credits; The Execution And Delivery Of A Special Source Credit**

Agreement By And Between Orangeburg County And The Company; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

Chairman Wright open the floor for public hearing questions. There were none.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay**

Ordinance Third Reading

- 4. The Consideration Of A Request From Red Pill Partners, LLC To Rezone Property On Old State Rd. (US 176), TMS# 0338-00-01-078.000, Holly Hill, SC 29059 From “FA (Forest Agricultural) District” to “RG (Residential General) District” For The Purpose Of A Residential Development.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Joseph Garvin made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay**

Ordinance Second Reading

- 5. An Ordinance Authorizing The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park In Conjunction With Calhoun County, Such Industrial/Business Park To Be Geographically Located In Calhoun And Orangeburg Counties And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended; To Provide For A Written Agreement With Calhoun County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier made the motion. Councilman Kenneth McCaster seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

Ordinance First Reading

6. An Ordinance to Amend the Orangeburg County Code of Ordinances Chapter 4 Animal Control, Including Violations, Penalties, and Other Related Matters.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

7. An Ordinance to Amend the Orangeburg County Code of Ordinances Chapter 34 Solid Waste, Including Violations, Penalties, and Other Related Matters.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

8. An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Amended And Restated Agreement For Development Of Joint County Industrial Park Dated May 17, 2010, By And Between Dorchester County, South Carolina, And Orangeburg County, South Carolina, To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Real

Property Located In Orangeburg County Related To Project Stallion, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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 Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay**

Ordinance First Reading by Title Only

- 9. An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Agreement To Buy And Sell Real Estate By And Between Orangeburg County And Claflin College Pertaining To Certain Real Property Owned By Orangeburg County; Authorizing The Sale Of Such Real Property By The County To Claflin College; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading by title only. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay**

Planning Commission Resolution and Ordinance First Reading

- 10. The Consideration Of A Request From Betty Williams To Rezone Property At 203 Third Street TMS# 0347-12-03-002.000, Eutawville, SC 29048 from “RG (Residential General) District” to “RC (Rural Community) District” For The Purpose of Allowing A Second Manufactured Double-Wide Residence.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution from the planning commission and ordinance first reading. Councilman Kenneth McCaster made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

RESOLUTION

11. A Resolution Exempting a Purchase of Heavy Equipment from the Orangeburg Procurement Code; Authorizing Orangeburg County to Purchase Heavy Equipment from Blanchard Machinery Company; Authorizing Orangeburg County to Enter into an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation; and Other Related Matters.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion and Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– Yay

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TAX AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the Orangeburg County Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee met on March 15, 2022, for their special-called meeting. The following funding recommendations were made by the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee:

- Town of Branchville is requesting funds to perform Freight Depot renovations, and purchase tables, chairs, and equipment, as well as perform improvements to grounds (ex. bring in rocks). These things would help the Depot be used for meetings and as a rental for events. \$25,000.00**
- The IP Stanback Museum & Planetarium is requesting funds to support marketing of launching a new event celebrating higher education, and highlighting HBCUs and their yearly events \$10,500.00**

Total Funds Requested:	\$35,500.00
Funds Available for Disbursement:	\$79,840.68
Difference for Funds to Remain on Hand:	\$44,340.65

PROCUREMENT

a. Emergency Transfer Generator Switch.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the recommendation for the emergency transfer generator switch. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kenneth McCaster. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier– 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. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier – Yay**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Contractual Matters –Claffin University
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. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of March 21, 2022, stands adjourned. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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
Councilwoman Deloris Frazier – Yay

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council