



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
June 7, 2021
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.
Deloris Frazier
Johnny Ravenell
Janie Cooper-Smith
Kenneth McCaster
Joseph Garvin
Willie B. Owens logged on at 6:01 p.m.**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 June 2021, Chairman Wright called to order the regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:36 p.m. with a roll call due to having a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 17, 2021 RS

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Kenneth McCaster 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**

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Third Reading

- 1. An Ordinance Accepting The Transfer Of The Authority To Conduct Municipal Elections In The Town Of Eutawville From The Eutawville Municipal Elections Commission To The Orangeburg County Board Of Voter Registration And Elections Commission And To Prescribe The Terms Of Such Transfer.**

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 Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith. 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 & Public Hearing

- 2. An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds In One Or More Series, Tax-Exempt Or Taxable, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3,500,000 For The Purpose Of Providing Funds To Defray The Costs Of Public Safety Vehicles And Funding Certain Capital Improvements To The Sheriff's Facility; Authorizing The County Administrator To Prescribe The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Bonds And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Of The Bonds; Providing For Borrowing In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of The Bonds; And Other Related Matters.**

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second 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

Ordinance Second Reading & Public Hearing

- 3. An Ordinance to Provide for Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, And Ending June 30, 2022, For Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, And For Other Public And Special Education Purposes; To Provide For The Levy Of Said Taxes And Other Revenues Coming To The County During The Fiscal Year For Said Purposes.**

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second 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 Second Reading & Public Hearing

4. An Ordinance To Provide Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, And Ending June 30, 2022, For The Orangeburg County Budget For Ordinary County Purposes And For Other County Purposes For Which The County May Levy A Tax; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes On All Taxable Personal And Real Estate Properties In Orangeburg County For All County Purposes, Including Sufficient Tax To Pay The Principal And Interest On Outstanding Indebtedness Of Orangeburg County Maturing During Said Fiscal Year; To Provide For Matters Relating To Orangeburg County; And To Provide For The Expenditure Of Said Taxes And Other Revenues Coming To The County During Said Fiscal Year.

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second 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 Second Reading

5. The consideration of a request from Yolanda Erinn Snell Harper to rezone property at 1991 Graham St., Orangeburg, SC 29118, TMS# 0174-15-01-008.000 and TMS# 0174-15-01-007.000 from “RG (Residential General) district” to “CG (Commercial General) district” for the purpose of operating a bar/lounge.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (5-1-0)

Roll Call Vote

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

- 6. The consideration of a request from Bunch Ford Road, LLC to rezone property on Bunch Ford Rd., Holly Hill, SC 29059, TMS# 0332-12-01-026.000 from “FA (Forest Agricultural) district” to “RS (Residential Single-Family) district” for the purpose of establishing a single family detached community.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Joseph Garvin 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**

- 7. An Ordinance Accepting the Transfer of The Authority To Conduct Municipal Elections In The Town Of Livingston From The Livingston Municipal Elections Commission To The Orangeburg County Board Of Voter Registration And Elections Commission And To Prescribe The Terms Of Such Transfer.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. 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**

- 8. An Ordinance Accepting the Transfer of The Authority to Conduct Municipal Elections In The Town Of Vance From The Vance Municipal Elections Commission**

**To The Orangeburg County Board Of Voter Registration And Elections Commission
And To Prescribe The Terms Of Such Transfer.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. 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

- 9. An Ordinance Accepting the Transfer of The Authority to Conduct Municipal Elections In The Town Of Branchville From The Branchville Municipal Elections Commission To The Orangeburg County Board Of Voter Registration And Election Commission And To Prescribe The Terms Of Such Transfer.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. 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

- 10. An Ordinance Accepting the Transfer of The Authority to Conduct Municipal Elections In The Town Of Norway From The Norway Municipal Elections Commission To The Orangeburg County Board Of Voter Registration And Elections Commission And To Prescribe The Terms Of Such Transfer.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. 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

RESOLUTION**11. A Resolution Establishing and Agreeing to Participate In The Lower Savannah Regional Home Consortium.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. 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

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 May 25, 2021, for their regular quarterly meeting. The following funding recommendations were made by the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee:

- **Grand American Association** requested funding for rent payment and insurance for the event. **\$11,000.00**
- **The Town of Eutawville** requested funding to assist with advertising, entertainment, and overall costs of the 2021 Eutaw Village Festival (Oct. 15-16), bringing the community together, attracting tourists, and bring in more business. **\$10,000.00**
- **Raylrode Daze Festivul** requested funds to advertise their event (Sept. 23-25) via radio, newspaper, banners, brochures, websites, and Southern Living magazine. **\$7,750.00**
- **Orangeburg County** requested funds for the County Fairgrounds after hosting County-sponsored (and as a partner of) COVID testing and vaccination clinics for *anyone* qualified since February 5th, 2021, and to reimburse the fairgrounds for the lost revenue from choosing to host these clinics instead of other events where they could have made a profit. **\$10,000.00**
- **Orangeburg County** requested funds for South Carolina State University to help with their COVID-19 requirements for athletes as their events, games, tournaments, etc. prompt tourism to our area (gas stations, restaurants, etc.) which increase our penny money. It also helps ensure the season is not canceled for athletes, ensures media **\$20,000.00**

advertising at other schools they play against, and ensures the Buddy Pough Show continues.

Total Funds Requested: \$58,750.00

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the recommendation of the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion to accept all the recommendations. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

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
Councilman Willie B. Owens-Yay**

PROCUREMENT

a. FY21-0504-Roadway, Water, And Improvements

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the recommendation for Lindler's Construction Of SC in the amount of \$559,950.00 alternate \$30,000,00 for the roadway, water, and wastewater improvements located in the Orangeburg County. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Garvin carried. (7-0-0)

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
Councilman Willie B. Owens-Yay**

VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Joseph Garvin made the motion. Councilman Willie B. Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

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
Councilman Willie B. Owens-Yay

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) **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)
 - a. **Project Lullaby**
- 2) **Legal Briefing-RMC**
Legal Basis - FOIA Exemption S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1) B)

VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT


Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of June 7, 2021, stands adjourned. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

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
Councilman Willie B. Owens-Yay

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council