



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
August 16, 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 6:13 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, Chairman Wright called to order the regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:31 p.m. with a roll call due to having a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**July 19, 2021 RS  
August 5, 2021 SS**

**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 Second Reading**

1. The consideration of a request from James L. Sharperson to rezone property at 3099 Rowesville Rd., Orangeburg, SC 29115, TMS# 0185-00-00-023.000 from “FA (Forest Agricultural) district” to “CG (Commercial General) district” for the purpose of operating a business.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second 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

2. The consideration of a request from WTC of Bowman, LLC to rezone property on Bowman Ave./Charleston Hwy., Bowman, SC 29018, TMS# 0246-14-02-001.000 from “FA (Forest Agricultural) district” to “CG (Commercial General) district” for the purpose of developing a general retail store.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Garvin. 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. The consideration of a request from Pierre Mercure & Tonia Stone to rezone property at 5979 North Rd., Orangeburg, SC 29118, TMS# 0115-00-08-004.000 from “FA (Forest Agricultural) district” to “BI (Business Industrial) district” for the purpose of an auto salvage business.

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

**Ordinance First Reading by Title Only**

- 4. An Ordinance Authorizing Orangeburg County to Enter into an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass first reading by title only. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Kenneth McCaster second 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 Only**

- 5. An Emergency Ordinance Allowing Electronic Meetings of Orangeburg County Council.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading only. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Garvin. 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 Only**

- 6. An Emergency Ordinance Requiring Use of Face Coverings in Certain Situations.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading only. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Garvin. 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**

- 7. The consideration of a request from Paulette Robinson to rezone property at 2729 Binnicker Bridge Rd., Cope, SC 29038, TMS# 0078-00-04-001.000 from “FA (Forest Agricultural) district” to “CG (Commercial General) district” for the purpose of operating a business.**

**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 Councilman Joseph Garvin. 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**

- 8. The consideration of a request RTB Capital, LLC to rezone property on Riverbank Dr./Jessamine Dr., Orangeburg, SC 29118, TMS# 0142-12-06-010.000 from “FA (Forest Agricultural) district” to “RS (Residential Single-Family) district” for the purpose of a single-family residential development.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution from the planning commission and ordinance 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**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**9. A Resolution Supporting The Request For Modification To The Current Federally Authorized Lakes Marion And Moultrie, South Carolina, Project.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper 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. A Resolution to Express Orangeburg County Council’s Request That the South Carolina General Assembly Allow Counties to Increase the Millage Cap Set by Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws in the Limited Manner Set Out in Senate Bill 401.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. 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

**11. A Resolution to Express Orangeburg County Council’s Request That the South Carolina General Assembly Take the Necessary Actions to Continue to Allow Local Governments to Collect User Fees That Fund Critical Needs Such as Public Safety and Infrastructure.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. 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

**12. A Resolution Authorizing Orangeburg County to Enter into a Management Services Contract with The Young Men's Christian Association of Columbia Regarding Two Orangeburg County Recreational Facilities.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith 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

**13. Inducement Resolution Providing for A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Orangeburg County and Project Shamrock 2.0.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Garvin. 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

**14. A Resolution Authorizing Orangeburg County to Enter into An Annexation Covenant With The City Of Orangeburg To Obtain Utility Services To Real Property Owned By Orangeburg County.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Vice-Chair Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. 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

**15. A Resolution Authorizing Orangeburg County to Enter into an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Johnny Ravenell 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

**APPOINTMENT - BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES**

**a. Appointment to the Orangeburg County Human Relations Council for District #7**

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens advised he will appoint Dr. Windy Ann Mack Stephenson to the Human Relations Council as the representative from district seven (7).

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Willie B. Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kenneth McCaster made 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

**UPDATE**

**COVID-19**

Chairman Wright recognized Administrator Young. Administrator Young gave a detailed update on the rise of COVID-19 cases and vaccine rate within Orangeburg County.

**VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

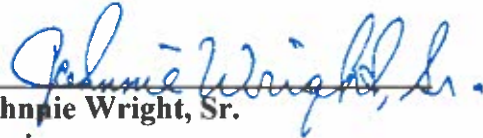
Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of August 16, 2021, stands adjourned. Councilman Joseph Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

**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 6:36 p.m.**

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

  
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**Connie N. Portee**  
**Clerk to Council**  
**Orangeburg County Council**