

MINUTES ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL **PUBLIC WORKS** COMMITTEE



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

December 21, 2015 4:00 P.M.

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: Johnny Ravenell, Chairman **Heyward Livingston** Harry Wimberly

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marion Lloyd, Senior Deputy County Administrator Sinkler Boone, Deputy County Administrator, Public Services Jerrod Anderson, Deputy County Attorney Faith Carter, Clerk to Council

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Ravenell, Chairman Chairman Johnny Ravenell called to order the special session of the Orangeburg County

Public Works Committee on December 21, 2015 at 4:13 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 7, 2015

Councilman Harry Wimberly motioned that the minutes for the committee meeting on December 7, 2015 be carried forward to the next meeting of the committee. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (3-0-0-0).

1. CLOSURE REQUEST NASSAU ROAD

Chairman Ravenell recognized Deputy County Administrator Sinkler Boone. Administrator Boone advised that the department received a call that was opposed to this request. Administrator Boone advised that the traffic counter recorded a total of 178 hits for a two week period with 65 hits within the first week.

Councilman Wimberly inquired about the call which expressed opposition. Administrator Boone advised that the caller was not easily understood and simply wanted to express some general opposition to the request. Administrator Boone advised that he believed that the caller did not live on the road but had a family member who lived on the road.

Chairman Ravenell inquired about complaints filed from families that live on the road. Administrator Boone advised that the County has not received any complaints from families on the road.

Councilman Heyward Livingston inquired about the families living along the road. Administrator Boone advised that most of the residents along that part of the road are members of the Berry Family.

Chairman Ravenell advised that Berry Family has expressed a desire to see the road paved.

Councilman Wimberly motioned that the County abandon maintenance on the requested portion of the road after the other portion of the road is paved. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (3-0-0-0).

2. CLOSURE REQUEST UNDERBRUSH COURT

Chairman Ravenell recognized Deputy County Administrator Sinkler Boone. Administrator Boone advised that there were questions at the last meeting about if there were houses on this property. Administrator Boone advised that Karen Brown is waiting to address the committee. Administrator Boone advised that she is the realtor representing Pinkney Mitchum and L.R. Bilton. Administrator Boone advised that they own the property in question.

Councilman Heyward Livingston inquired about the cleared field. Administrator Boone advised that they are not requesting closure of the entire road.

Karen Brown entered the committee meeting at this point. Administrator Boone introduced Ms. Brown to the committee.

Councilman Wimberly inquired about the legal steps for closing the road. Deputy County Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised that the process begins with the county agreeing to abandon maintenance on the road in question. Attorney Anderson advised that the road is not completely closed to the public without a court action requiring it which is done by filing a suit with the appropriate court.

After some discussion, Councilman Wimberly motioned that the County abandon maintenance on the discussed portion of Underbrush Court after the sale of the property and send a letter to that effect. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (3-0-0-0).

After some additional discussion, the Committee agreed to bring these recommendations before the Council at the regular session at 5:30 pm this date.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the special session of the Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of December 21, 2015 be adjourned. Committee Member Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0-0).

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Faith E Carter, Clerk to Council

Johnny Ravenell

Chairman

Public Works Committee