



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
January 4, 2016
5:30 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:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Johnny Ravenell
Willie B. Owens
Janie Cooper-Smith**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clyde B. Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Faith E Carter, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 4th day of January, 2016, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:32 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**December 21, 2015 (RS)
December 7, 2015 (RS)
November 5, 2015 (SS)**

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the minutes of the regular sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on December 21st, 2015 and December 7th, 2015 as well as the minutes for the Orangeburg County Council special session on November 5, 2015 be approved as written. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

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OTHER MATTERS

NONE

1. PRESENTATION BY DR. TOBIN, PRESIDENT, ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Chairman Wright recognized Dr. Tobin. Dr. Tobin took the podium and advised the following updates:

- **The most in-demand occupation in the Lower Savannah region at this time is truck driving.**
- **Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College produces Truck Drivers in eight weeks and they can earn wages above the median income in Orangeburg County.**
- **The College is hosting an event on June 5 in hopes of connecting its students with trucking companies across the state.**
- **The College is involved in work based learning opportunities by engaging with five different industries to support apprenticeship programs: Koyo, SI Group, Phoenix Specialty, Zeus, and Starbucks in Calhoun County.**
- **OC Tech evening college will launch this term with classes beginning January 11th, 2016. OC Tech evening college will consist of online opportunities and face-to-face classes.**
- **The College continues to support new industry in the County. The College has trained 169 individuals through the ReadySC program specifically for GKN and GKN has hired approximately 130 individuals. The next class begins in February.**
- **The College continues to work with Sigmatex as they ramp up production and the facility opens.**
- **The College is in the process of creating a master plan for the Industrial Technologies programs. The College has realized that some programs enrollment growth does not support the space that they occupy. An architect has been hired to make recommendations about additional construction. The focus areas are Megatronics, Instrumentation, Industrial Maintenance, Machine Tooling, and Welding.**
- **The Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program was recently recognized as ranking 151 out of 1200 programs in the eastern region of the state. The College was ranked by the Nursing Journal as one of the best nursing schools in the state.**
- **In December the College graduated the first class of ADN Flex students. These are practical nursing students who are already working but wanted to have the registered nurse credential. In one year a PN could be an RN.**
- **The College is seeking to integrate mobile technologies in their health sciences programs. Each student will be given an IPAD that they will be allowed to keep through graduation.**
- **The Certified Nursing Assistant Program has a recent licensure passage rate of 97% which is among the highest in the state.**
- **The College had a SACS visit in October of 2015 which is their regional accreditation visit. The College received no recommendations or findings from the**

committee. They have also adopted their quality enhancement plan which focuses on three areas: soft skills, written and verbal communication, and use of technology.

- The College has begun the process of constructing the new Health Science and Nursing building. The College will be working with an architect at the end of this month with possible construction in early 2017.

Dr. Tobin thanked the Council for their support and advised he would answer any questions they have about the College.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Ravenell. Councilman Ravenell inquired about the cost of the specialty equipment needed for industry specific training and the amount of time it takes to train an individual to work for a specific industry. Dr. Tobin advised that the College trains for entry level positions with a curriculum that lasts approximately eight to twelve weeks. Dr. Tobin advised that the College has been able to provide the equipment and technology in partnership with ReadySC.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens inquired if Orangeburg County is meeting the labor force needs. Dr. Tobin advised that labor market research indicates that the tops needs right now are truck drivers and nurses. Dr. Tobin advised that is why the College is investing in the new building to expand the program.

Councilman Owens commended Dr. Tobin for the excellent work he is doing at the College and hopes that the good work continues.

Dr. Tobin thanked the Council.

2. RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM B. COX, SR., ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUSINESS HALL OF FAME 2015 INDUCTEE AND LAUREATE

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Chairman Wright recognized Mr. William Cox, Sr. Mr. Cox, Sr. advised that he and his family believe Orangeburg County is a great place to live and a great community. Mr. Cox, Sr. advised the public and the Council to take the time to improve their relationships with their fellow man. Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Cox, Sr. for all of his contributions to Orangeburg County and his words of wisdom to the community this date.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Heyward Livingston. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that agenda item number two (2) be approved. Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

3. RESOLUTION HONORING FRANK P. TOURVILLE, SR., ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUSINESS HALL OF FAME 2015 INDUCTEE AND LAUREATE

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Mr. Robert Jennings III accepted the resolution on behalf of Mr. Frank P. Tourville, Sr. Mr. Jennings III advised that Mr. Tourville regrets that he could not be present to accept the resolution however, he really appreciates this award. Mr. Jennings III advised that he would like echo Mr. Cox, Sr. sentiments about relationships. Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Jennings III for his comments and advised that relationships are very important to the success of the County.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number three (3). Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Ravenell. Councilman Ravenell motioned that agenda item number three (3) be approved. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

4. RESOLUTION HONORING DR. T. ELLIOTT WANNAMAKER, ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUSINESS HALL OF FAME 2015 INDUCTEE AND LAUREATE

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith read the resolution in its entirety. Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number four (4). Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens motioned that agenda item number four (4) be approved. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

5. RESOLUTION HONORING DR. M. MACEO NANCE, JR., RECIPIENT OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUSINESS HALL OF FAME 2015 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith read the resolution in its entirety. Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number five (5). Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that agenda item number five (5) be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

6. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS GOVERNING OUTDOOR RECREATION AND EVENT CENTERS

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that this is an amendment to the zoning ordinance to provide clarity for regulating outdoor recreation and event centers. Administrator Young advised that this is considered necessary by the Planning Department and staff in order to better deal with the increased number of events centers and recreation centers being built in the County.

Chairman Wright asked for questions from Council. Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith asked about the section labeled Conditions and the language that only pre-existing sites may be less than ten (10) acres.

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young yielded to Deputy County Attorney Lakesha Jefferies. Attorney Jefferies advised the Condition in sub-paragraph one does state that the minimum site area is not less than ten (10) acres unless a pre-existing use is established. Attorney Jefferies advised that what this

condition sets in place is that if there is already a use in place that allows for an outdoor recreation facility or event center in this ordinance then those uses are allowed. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith inquired about grandfathering. Attorney Jefferies advised that this ordinance does allow for that.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith inquired about the amplified music/sound condition. Attorney Jefferies advised that the sound cannot be amplified after 11:00 pm so whatever activity is going on at the event can continue past 11:00 pm but any amplified music or sound must cease and desist at 11:00 pm. Attorney Jefferies advised that this would be enforced much like the zoning ordinances are already enforced by the County.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens advised that the title reads "and event centers". Councilman Owens advised that there is a possibility that we may have an event center without outdoor activities. Councilman Owens inquired if the same conditions apply to centers without outdoor activities. Attorney Jefferies advised that the conditions apply to the type of facility that is being erected on the parcel of land. Attorney Jefferies advised that if it is an outdoor facility then these conditions would apply to the facility as that type of facility. Attorney Jefferies advised that these conditions also apply to indoor facilities. Councilman Owens thanked Attorney Jefferies.

Chairman Wright asked for additional questions. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number six (6). Councilman Owens motioned that agenda item number six (6) be approved in second reading. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

7. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from County Administrator Harold Young. County Administrator Young advised that the Council previously heard, in a regular session, a request from the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC). Administrator Young advised that the SCHAC requested that Orangeburg County form a Community Relations Council. Administrator Young advised that agenda item number seven (7) is listed by title only because the item will need to be referred to committee for discussion to see if this is something the County is willing to establish. Chairman Wright asked for questions.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Heyward Livingston. Councilman Heyward Livingston stated that the item would be referred to committee. Administrator Young advised that this correct.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens advised that he does not have any questions but he thinks that the establishment of the Council is a good idea. Councilman Owens advised that Mr. Cox, Sr. was a man ahead of his time with the idea of open channels of communication. Councilman Owens advised that he believes the Relations Council would open channels of communication in the County and the City of Orangeburg.

Administrator Young advised that the item would be referred to the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number seven (7). Councilman Owens motioned that agenda item number seven (7) be approved in first reading by title only. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Ravenell. Councilman Ravenell inquired how the composition of this council would be determined. Chairman Wright recognized Administrator Young. Administrator Young advised that those details would be worked out in committee. Administrator Young advised that Council needs to select a model and that model would dictate who and how many members would be on the Relations Council.

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith inquired if this was the presentation that Council heard a few weeks ago and she was under the impression that the members of the Relations Council would come from each Council district. Chairman Wright recognized Administrator Young. Administrator Young advised that some counties have appointed from districts, some at-large, and other took volunteers. Administrator Young advised that it just depends on the model that is selected.

Chairman Wright asked for additional questions. No questions. Chairman Wright put the previous motion to a vote. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

8. PROCUREMENT

A) ORANGEBURG-BRANCHVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX

Chairman Wright asked Administrator Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that the County would like to re-visit this item for clarification purposes. Administrator Young advised that the County was asked to renegotiate with the highest scoring proposal, however for clarity sake and to be on the legal side, the motion needs to be restated. Administrator Young advised that the motion was made to send the project back to the Administrator to renegotiate but the first part of the motion was to reject the RFP (Request For Proposal). Administrator Young advised that the County cannot renegotiate if the RFPs are rejected. Administrator Young advised that the County is asking for clarification from Council.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Wimberly. Councilman Wimberly advised that he made a motion last meeting to reject the bids because they were all out of budget and to refer the project back to the Administrator to proceed within budget. Councilman Wimberly advised that the motion should have been stated that the highest scoring proposal be negotiated and proceed with that rather than to reject.

Councilman Wimberly motioned that the highest ranked bid be accepted and referred back to the Administrator for renegotiation. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded that motion.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens asked for clarification of this issue. After some discussion, Chairman Wright put the previous motion to a vote. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

9. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright advised that the Council will now go into executive session for an economic development update. Chairman Wright asked for a vote. All members stated, Aye.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

S.C. CODE 30-4-70(a)(2) FOR (A) [PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND (5)(PROPOSED LOCATION/EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE COUNTY]:

A) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

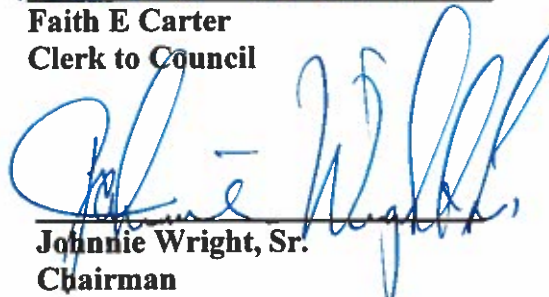
11. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the Orangeburg County Council regular session of January 4, 2016 be adjourned. Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

12. ADJOURNMENT



Faith E Carter
Clerk to Council



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council