



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
February 21, 2017  
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.  
Janie Cooper-Smith  
Johnny Ravenell  
Harry F. Wimberly  
Heyward H. Livingston  
Willie B. Owens  
Clyde B. Livingston**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Harold Young, County Administrator  
Jerrod Anderson, Deputy County Attorney  
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman**

**On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:33 p.m.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Moment of silence observed**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**February 6, 2017 (RS)**

**Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**NONE**

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**OTHER MATTERS**

Dustin Fogle came before County Council and expressed his concerns for why the County should abandon maintenance on Triple Road.

Patti Padgett thanked County Council for helping in getting some of the answers to their concerns addressed regarding the Yonder Field Project, however, there are still more questions. Mrs. Padgett asked if the public meeting scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the correct forum to get clarification on some of the answers to the questions they submitted?

Chairman Wright advised Mrs. Padgett, yes it would be.

Patti Padgett asked Council would, Orangeburg County, Highway Patrol, Orangeburg County Sheriff Office, DHEC, and The Department of Transportation be able to provide some answers that Yonder Field could not?

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young. Administrator Young advised the County are in the process of pulling those individuals together and getting the additional information from those agencies. Those agencies will be invited to attend the Public Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Emergency Service has a meeting scheduled for next week Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Patti Padgett asked, who could address Orangeburg County noise ordinance or process for reporting a concern with noise if one should arrive?

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young. Administrator Young advised it falls under a preview of the Sheriff but it is also a part of the zoning ordinance and we would need to pull those ordinances to give you the correct answer.

Pam McArthur came before County Council to present her research about Yonder Field. The packet consist of a letter from Pam McArthur listing who she had spoken with about an outdoor concert called Bonnaroo in Manchester, TN in Coffee County, TN.

Jimmy Padgett came before County Council to express his concerned against the Yonder Field Project.

Janice Wiles came before County Council to express her concerned against the Yonder Field Project. She advised they met with Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter to voice their concerns with her and they are happy to have her on their side.

Melinda Jackson the president of the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Walt Tobin who serves as Chairman came before County Council to express the role of the Chamber of Commerce, which is to support the quality of life and economic development, they believe the Yonder Field Project does fall under that scope and Yonder Field is a member of the Chamber and on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, the board of Directors, and their membership support their efforts to bring this opportunity to Orangeburg County and they support their effort to promote the growth in Orangeburg County.

Chairman Wright closed the public comments session at 6:09 p.m. and began the first item on the agenda.

## 1. PRESENTATION BY ORANGEBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER

Chairman Wright yielded to Ms. Lovell Brothers, Chairman of the Community of Character Pack. The Community of Character Pack presented awards to the O-C Emergency Services Team for the month of November 2016 the character trait of Responsibility and to Felixia Shuler for the month of December 2016 the character trait of Compassion.

Chairman Wright congratulated all the winners and thanked the Community of Character PACK.

## 2. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND DEMPSEY WOOD PRODUCTS, AS SPONSOR, AND ONE OR MORE SPONSOR AFFILIATES TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS, TO AMEND THE EXISTING AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOW OR TO BE HEREAFTER OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY DEMPSEY WOOD PRODUCTS, OR ONE OR MORE COMPANIES RELATED THERETO; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson to give a brief summary of the ordinance. Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised the prospect is seeking the approval of fee-in-lieu agreement as well as placing the expansion in a joint county industrial park with Dorchester County.

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 Clyde Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

## 3. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EXISTING AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND

**DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OR TO BE HEREAFTER OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY HUSQVARNA CONSUMER OUTDOOR PRODUCTS N.A., INC., LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

**Chairman Wright read the ordinance entirely.**

**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 Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

#### **4. ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS # 0173-15-09-001.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL DISTRICT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on January 11, 2017 for the consideration of a request from Greater Faith Baptist Church to rezone the property 203 Dorchester Street from RG (Residential General) to CG (Commercial General) for the purpose of a digital sign and the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approval the request.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

#### **5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK ("RESTATED AGREEMENT") BY AND BETWEEN DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF A PROPERTY'S INCLUSION WITHIN THE PARK, TO CONFIRM THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN DORCHESTER COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson to give a brief summary of the ordinance. Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised the prospect name is Kion North America Corporation and they are seeking to expand their forklift truck manufacturing facility. They**

anticipate an investment of \$5,700,000 with a creation of fifty-seven (57) new jobs which would be located in Dorchester County.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PUBLIC BENEFIT CONVEYANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SEEKING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised this is a resolution required by the United States General Service Administration when they have property no longer needed by the Federal Government it's offered to the County and the State for specific use. We have applied for Federal Surplus benefits for the location at 287 John C. Calhoun Drive which is the Old U.S. Army Reserve Center for the use of Emergency Services and Public Safety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**7. AN OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY WITH THE TMS NUMBER 0060-08-19-007**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the official action. Councilman Clyde Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**8. APPROVAL OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the 2018 budget calendar. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**9. UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised it is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the request to abandon maintenance on Triple Road.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee. By a show of hands for those were in favor of the recommendation were Councilman Clyde Livingston, Councilman Harry Wimberly, Councilman Heyward

Livingston, and Chairman Johnnie Wright. Those who opposed were Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith, Councilman Johnny Ravenell, and Councilman Willie B. Owens. Motion carried. (4-3-0).

## **10. PROCUREMENT**

### **a. PURCHASE OF VEHICLE – SOIL AND WATER**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the purchase of vehicle for soil and water. Councilman Clyde Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

### **b. STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE FOR REPLACEMENT VEHICLES**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the purchase for replacement vehicles. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Clyde Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

## **11. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

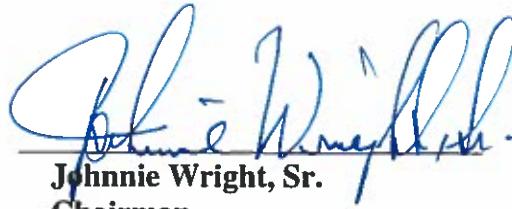
- 1. PROJECT PILLAR**
- 2. PROJECT COLUMBUS**
- 3. PROJECT BLUE LAKE**
- 4. PROJECT SHAMROCK**

**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)**

## **13. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of February 21, 2017, stand adjourned. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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