

**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
April 3, 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  
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman**

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2017, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:30 p.m.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Moment of silence observed**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**March 20, 2017 (RS)  
March 27, 2017 (SS)**

**Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman Willie Owens 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**

Patricia Pardue came before County Council to ask Council about the redirection of Log Cabin Road and if the work had been completed.

Chairman Wright asked the Public Works Director Henry Summers had the road been completed.

Henry Summers advised that the road had been completed.

Patricia Pardue asked Council if speed and curve up ahead signs could be put up.

Chairman Wright advised Mrs. Pardue to give a list to the County Administrator.

Dr. Daniel Avosso came before County Council on behalf of the Medical Staff for the Regional Medical Center and he read a letter on the behalf of the Medical Executive Committee to advise Council that only having two physicians on the board of trustees for their opinions would not make their hospital successful in the future. They believe they need a robust dialogue within the board, they believe the board of trustees should be composed of eight physicians, eight community leaders, and one nurse. Should Council decide to make changes there was a list of staff members who would be willing to be on the board.

Patti Padgett asked Council, had Orangeburg County received the traffic study from Yonder Field and had there been any changes to the event schedule?

Administrator Young advised that Orangeburg County had not received the study yet and there had not been any changes to the event schedule.

Willie Johnson came before Council to express his concern about young people leaving the County and offered a suggestion for Council to extend an invitation to high school and college graduates from the Council to offer them jobs in order to keep the educated work force here in Orangeburg County.

Harvey Elwood express to Council in order to retain the young people here within the County he suggested to put them in voluntary positions within the subcommittees that we have in County Council. If we could find young people in their twenties and allow them to grow government at a younger age. If you give young people the keys, they then have responsibility they feel like they're involved, they have a reason not to leave because they would become a part of what this is.

Chairman Wright closed the public comments session at 5:41 p.m. and began the first item on the agenda.

#### **1. CHECK PRESENTATION BY SENATOR MATTHEWS**

Chairman Wright recognize Senator John W. Matthews, Jr. Senator Matthews advised Council about the Port Enhancement Zone Act bill that passed in the senate. The Port Enhancement Zone is an area of twenty-five (25) miles per radius at the intersection of I-95 and I-26 so it takes in most of Orangeburg County and it does take in the County industrial parks. It will enhance any particular manufacture, ship, or supplier who are located within that Port Enhancement Zone if they are shipping product through the Charleston port. The projections are that when the Jasper port is completed by 2025 it will create about a million jobs and it will have a significant economic impact and opportunity for growth. He requested for Council to send a letter of endorsement and someone from County Council to show up at

the appointed hearing date. Senator Matthews advised Council to look at the proposal to fix State Roads.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith asked Senator Matthews about the gas tax and if there were opposers against it?

Senator Matthews advised there was no way to fix the roads unless the State have reliable and predictable revenue over a period of time so it could be planned and the only way to do that in this State is through gas tax, if it is paid for through the budget than that means 100% of the taxes will come from the citizens that live in this State but if it is done by gas tax 30% of that tax will come from people who live outside of the State. Senator Matthews presented a check to go into the County Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$346,281,00.

## **2. RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2017 FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

## **3. A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REGARDING SICK LEAVE BANK**

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. 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 THE UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS# 0072-00-03-006.000 FROM FA (FOREST & AGRICULTURAL) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL); AND PROVIDING FOR SERVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised on February 8, 2017, the planning commission met to consider this request to rezone the property at 909 Middle Way Rd in Neeses, SC from FA (Forest and Agricultural) to CG (Commercial General). The property is already in use as a commercial property as a farm equipment and tractor trailer repair shop. As the requested zoning reflects what is currently there the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**5. ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS# 0258-00-04-003.000 FROM FA (FOREST & AGRICULTURAL) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL); AND PROVIDING FOR SERVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised on February 8, 2017 the planning commission met to consider this request to rezone the property at 2423 Homestead Rd in Bowman, SC from FA (Forest and Agricultural) to CG (Commercial General). The property is already in use as a commercial property and is next to the County fire station and other Business Industrial zoned property. As the requested zoning reflects what is currently there the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**6. ORDINANCE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND LABON TECHNICAL FIBER, INC. PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Chairman Wright read the ordinance entirely.

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

Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson for a brief summary Attorney Anderson advised this was an ordinance seeking to approve an infrastructure credit with Labon Technical Fiber, Inc. The company has promised a minimum of \$2,100,000.00 investment, that is with \$930,000.00 in building and \$1,170,000.00 in machinery and equipment. With a minimum creation of twenty-three (23) new jobs. The SSRC (Special Source Revenue Credit) will be a thirty (30) years with the year first three (3) years being at 43% and thirty-one (31) through forty (40) years the SSRC (Special Source Revenue Credit)

will be for 25%. It is also the request with item seven (7) to place this expansion in a multi county industrial park.

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).

#### **7. ORDINANCE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK DATED MAY 17, 2010, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY (LABON TECHNICAL FIBER, INC.) AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

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

#### **8. UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wright yielded to the Chairman of the Public Works Committee Councilman Johnny Ravenell to give an update. Councilman Ravenell advised that the Public Works Committee met at 4:00 p.m. today. There were two roads requesting to come into the County Maintenance System. The first road was Army Road but this road did not qualify to come into the County system and the committee did not take any action. The second road was Navy Road the committee saw issues with the road because it would have been dumping settlement into a nearby pond. The committee made a motion to have the owner get a signed easement or affidavit that will not hold the County responsible and once Navy road has been brought up to County specs the committee will review the request again, so the committee did not take any action on Navy road.

#### **VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

#### **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

##### **1. PROJECT HALO**

**2. PROJECT COLUMBUS**

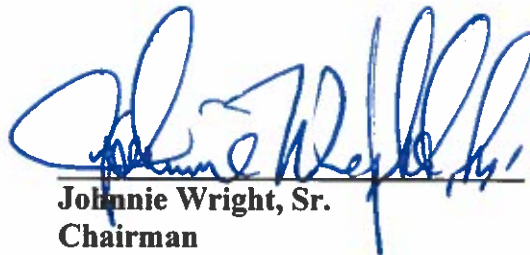
**S.C. CODE §30-4-70(A)(5) (DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE PUBLIC BODY)**

**10. 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 April 3, 2017 stand adjourned. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.**



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



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