



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
May 15, 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
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 15th day of May 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

May 1, 2017

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

NONE

1. RESOLUTION HONORING SI GROUP AS INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR

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

2. RESOLUTION HONORING JEFF PRICKETT AS AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR FOR 2017-2018

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

3. PRESENTATION FROM CENTRAL SC ALLIANCE

Chairman Wright recognize Mr. Mike Briggs. Mr. Mike Briggs gave Council an in depth presentation of Orangeburg County Economic Overview.

4. ORDINANCE THIRD 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# 0302-00-07008.00 FROM FA (FOREST & AGRICULTURE) 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 March 8, 2017, the planning commission met to consider this request to rezone the property at 7656 Old Number Six Hwy in Santee, SC from FA (Forest and Agricultural) to CG (Commercial General). The property is currently an auto repair and is adjacent to the cement plant. As the property and adjacent property are already commercial uses, there was no opposition to the request. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

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

5. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, FOR ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUDGET FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE COUNTY MAY LEVY A TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES

IN SUFFICIENT TAXES TO PAY FOR THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY MATURING DURING THE FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING TO THE COUNTY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety. Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading by title only. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

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Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety. Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading by title only. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

7. PROCUREMENT

a. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FY17-0214 – EMERGENCY INDOOR WARNING SYSTEM

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised the County requested proposal for FY17-0214 was prepared for the Office of Emergency Services for an Indoor Warning System for the following buildings: County Administration, Magistrate Building, and Orangeburg County Courthouse. The indoor warning system have the ability to give warnings from the National Weather Service. The system would be able to broadcast the alarm and associated instructions specific to the facility. The Office of Emergency Services has received a grant award for the HMG Project for \$173,614.00 as long as the County was prepared to match the funds, from this proposal it is the recommendations of the staff to accept the proposal of ATI System for \$189,176.00.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the recommendations. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

b. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FY17-0502 EMS COLLECTIONS AND BILLING SERVICES

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised there was a requested proposal for FY17-0502 EMS Collection and Billing Services. The request was prepared by EMS, the services were contracted to an outside billing and collection organization. The County is seeking to establish a contract with a qualified organization for providing billing and collection services. The Orangeburg County Emergency Medical Services transports individuals from varied locations to health care facilities in the emergency medical transport vehicles. Transported individuals are charged a transport fee of County and Non -County resident fee, some patients who are not transported are charged a no transport fee when indicated. The collection and billing of fees, all required equipment, software and reporting is the total responsibility of the collection and billing organization. A contracted percentage of collections is then return to the County's revenue assigned account. The proposals were advertise in the T&D and SCBO newspapers and post on County's website. There were six vendors who submitted a proposal for consideration. The lower the collection percentage the higher rate of revenue is then return to the county, from this proposal it is the recommendation of the staff to accept the proposal of Lowcountry Billing Services of Lexington, SC.

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

8. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

b. CONTRACTUAL MATTERS FOR BROADBAND

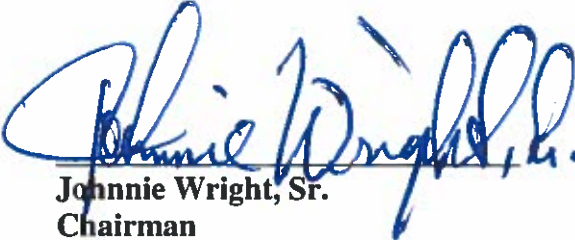
LEGAL BASIS - FOIA EXEMPTION S.C. CODE 30-4 70(a)(2)(DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT)

10. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of May 15, 2017 stand adjourned. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



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



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