



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
October 16, 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.  
Johnny Ravenell  
Harry F. Wimberly  
Heyward H. Livingston  
Willie B. Owens**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Janie Cooper-Smith**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 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**

**October 2, 2017 (RS)**

**Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).**

**Chairman Wright advised the citizens of the purpose of public comments agenda items and public comments of other matters.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Attorney Charlie Williams with Williams and Williams law firm came before County Council on behalf of Steve and Gail Bolt in reference to item number nine (9) on the agenda. To advise Council this item came from the Planning Commission as a three tie vote and this property off the North road is under the comprehensive plan. It is currently zone for FA (Forest & Agriculture) but it right up the street from Wal-Mart across from Tractor Supply Company. The main kick back was because of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and they submitted some names but they were lacking the actual residence not saying they are not Orangeburg residence but the main concern that wasn't fair for them to say it would interfere with their church services everything he could find about them was a Wednesday night service and a Sunday morning service. The plan now is to expand the Plant Depot which Steve and Gail Bolt own on Chestnut Street to maximize that area. There was a boot dealer that was in the running for that spot but because of the timing, that boot dealer has found another area in Orangeburg County.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**OTHER MATTERS**

Cheryl Dalton the president and CEO of Dalton house for Veterans and None Veterans, came before Council to express the organization financial need and concerns for Veterans who have nowhere else to go. One facility is at 1231 Eutaw Street and that is assistant living for the disabled and the homeless facility at 167 Benthomp Road.

Councilman Owens advised one thing was her organization did not come before Council when they were trying to develop their budget. Secondly, he had not heard about her in the community and she is in his district. Thirdly, if she would have asked him personally he would have given her some money. He advised that she be more forward with soliciting funds for the house or your program and if she sponsor a public relations campaign for your program to get more funds which you are doing but he believe she would do a whole lot better. He wished her the best.

Robert Decelles came before Council to express his concern about an article in the T&D newspaper in which the County Administrator Harold Young was quoted about EMS.

Jimmy Page came before Council to express his concern about the constant noise at an event at Yonder Field.

Janice Wiles came before Council to express a noise concern at Yonder Field and the concern for citizens doing a three point turn right before a curve.

Pam Macarthur came before Council to express her concerns about Yonder Field.

Councilman Willie Owens advised the County need to hold Yonder Field accountable for what they said they were going to do.

Councilman Harry Wimberly the problem is they are adverting everything on Log Cabin Road it need to be advertised on Tom Rod Lane.

Chairman Wright closed public comments of other matters at 6:06 p.m.

**1. PRESENTATION FROM THE COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER PACK**

Chairman Wright yielded to Mrs. Lovell Brothers, Chairman of the Community of Character Pack. Mrs. Brother on behalf of the Community of Character Pack came before Council present the winners of our Character trait for the second and third quarter of 2017. The Community of Character Pack presented awards to Jamie Abraham the character trait of Loyalty for the month of May 2017, Andre Washington character trait of Diligence for the month of June 2017, and Andrea Bidwell the character trait of Curiosity for the month of August 2017.

Chairman Wright congratulated all the winners and thanked the Community of Character PACK for all their hard work and effort.

**2. PRESENTATION OF REBUILD OUR ROADS & GAS TAX FROM KEVIN GANTT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Chairman Wright recognize Mr. Kevin Gantt. Mr. Gantt gave Council an in depth report on the rebuild our roads and the new gas tax for the State of South Carolina.

**3. RESOLUTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE THREE RIVERS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

**4. ORDINANCE THIRD READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT PROFILE, ACTING ON BEHALF OF ITSELF, AND/OR ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES OR RELATED ENTITIES (THE "COMPANY") TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY; (2) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND SUCH PROPERTY; AND (3) OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson for an explanation. Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised item four (4) is also related to item five (5). Item four (4) seeks the approval of an SSRC agreement and item five (5) deals with placing the expansion in a

multi-county industrial park. The prospect name is Hansa Hotels Group, Inc because it is third reading the name of the prospect can now be disclosed. The arrangement is for a minimum of \$8,000,000 in investment, fifteen (15) full time jobs and five (5) part time jobs. The SSRC agree to would be 35% percent SSRC break for ten (10) years and then eleven (11) through fifteen (15) it would change to 25% percent. The prospect has the ability to attend the 25% SSRC for an additional five years, if they announce the construction of a like property or construction in year ten (10) and start the construction in year twelve (12).

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for item four (4) and item five (5) for third and final reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

#### **5. ORDINANCE THIRD READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EXISTING AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBUR0G 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 A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT PROFILE, AND/OR ONE OR MORE COMPANIES RELATED THERETO; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

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 Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

#### **6. ORDINANCE THIRD READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND THE SHULER GROUP INC PERTAINING TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ORANGEBURG COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY TO THE SHULER GROUP INC; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson for a brief summary, Attorney Anderson advised this ordinance to approve the sale of surplus property that the County owns to the Shuler Group Inc. in regards to the Way building which is down town Orangeburg. It is in need of great repair and the Shuler Group has an agreement with the County to purchase the property and do the upgrades.

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 Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

**7. RESOLUTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION THE CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM ROBERT SMOAK, JR. & ROBERT BLAKE BRUNNER DBA MUTT KUTZ, LLC TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 782 LAKE EDISTO ROAD, ORANGEBURG, SC TAX MAP #0142-06-01-003.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL) DISTRICT TO FA (FOREST & AGRICULTURE) DISTRICT FOR A DOG GROOMING BUSINESS**

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety.

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the Planning Commission met on September 13, 2017 to discuss a request to change the property located at 782 Lake Edisto Rd from RG (Residential General) to FA (Forest and Agricultural). The property is immediately adjacent to other FA property. There were no opposition to the request and the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass this resolution and accept the recommendation from the planning commission. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

**8. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY**

**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 # 0142-06-01-003.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading by title only. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

**9. RESOLUTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION THE CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM STEVE AND GAIL BOLT TO REZONE THE PROPERTY ON NORTH ROAD, ORANGEBURG, SC TAX MAP #0142-08-05-015.000 FROM FA (FOREST & AGRICULTURE) DISTRICT TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL)**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the Planning Commission met on September 13, 2017 to discuss a request to change the property on North Rd adjacent to Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and across from Orangeburg Baptist Tabernacle. This request was previously remanded back to the planning commission for further review. Formerly the request was in anticipation of getting a buyer to put a boat dealership there. That is no longer the case although it should be noted that rezoning cannot be limited to one use. The property owners were at the meeting making the request. Representatives from the churches and neighbors spoke in opposition and referenced the petition submitted at the first meeting in opposition. The owners and Council submitted their own petition in support. The area is in the four lane section of North Rd and is identified as a growth area in the comprehensive plan. Staff is in support of the request. The commission failed to approve a recommendation to Council with two tie votes, three to three with one abstaining member.

Chairman Wright asked Council if they had any questions.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked, what are there hours of operation on Sundays?

Attorney Charlie Williams advised they are not open on Sundays and they close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised that they the business would not be operating during the churches are operating on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights.

Attorney Charlie Williams also advised during daylight savings time the hours of business will change to 5:00 p.m.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked, what business would this be for?

Attorney Charlie Williams advised originally we had a boot dealership that was going to come in that area but they have found other property in Orangeburg, so Plant Depot community expand their business there but they are looking to bring more businesses into that area.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass this resolution. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

#### **10. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY**

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Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading by title only. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

#### **11. SETTING OF MILLAGE RATES FOR 2017 TAX YEAR**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised Council there will be no net change in the amount of the total mills needed to fund the County's current level of operations. In addition to the county-wide funds shown above, there will be two changes in the amount of mills needed in the various special purpose tax districts. The net change of 2.8 to the New Brookland Lighting districts and .7 to the Brookdale Lighting district. All other fund no change.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the setting of millage rates for 2017 tax year. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

#### **12. FISCAL YEAR 2018 CARRY FORWARD**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised Council there are three project funds that need to be carried over into the new fiscal year FY2018 Project Materials and Supplies \$493,432, Vehicles \$143,540, and Technology Improvement \$236,899.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the fiscal year 2018 carry forward. Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised the citizens the County did not have a tax increase this year but the County did implement the business license which a lot had comments on that but during the business comments session it was said more than once we should look at a sales tax. They County Council is looking at trying to have a sale tax to help this County fund different projects other than the Capital penny sales tax, so they are working very hard to put this thing on the referendum in 2018 for the general election. He ask the public to help the County out as they work towards it, it was ask and stated this was the best way to do taxes in the County so we are listening to the public and now it's left up to the citizens of Orangeburg County to pass it.

Councilman Willie Owens advised this you be providing equity to all citizens.

Councilman Johnny Ravenell asked Councilman Harry Wimberly to clarify, would this offset the business license.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised no, this would only help the County general fund. This will be helping the general fund were the County fall short and if it works we could revisit the business licenses.

### **13. APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES**

#### **a. APPOINTMENT TO THE SANTEE DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMISSION**

Chairman Wright asked Council for any appointments to the Santee Fire Service District. Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that he had one appointee Ms. Joanie Pinter for the Santee Fire Commission. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

### **14. UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Willie Owens the Chairman for an update. Councilman Willie Owens advised the Public Health and Safety committee met at 4:30 p.m. to lay the grounds for an Orangeburg County Humans Relations Council. The grounds were laid and we expect to do more work and report back to the public at a later date.

### **15. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

### **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **1) CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS. EXEMPTION §30-4-70(A)(2)(DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS)**

##### **a. NORTHWOOD ESTATES WASTEWATER SYSTEM TRANSFER**

#### **2) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE 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)**

**a. PROJECT HUNTLEY**

Chairman Wright asked for any comments from Council before he asked for a vote to adjourn.

Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised being the representative of the Yonder Field area. He wanted to let the citizens know what they are saying is not falling on a death ear. He is going to hold the Administrator and Council accountable, we said early on that the County was going to try to help get something done and we are going to do our very best to honor all the obligations on both sides, he cannot make any promises but we can do the very best we can.

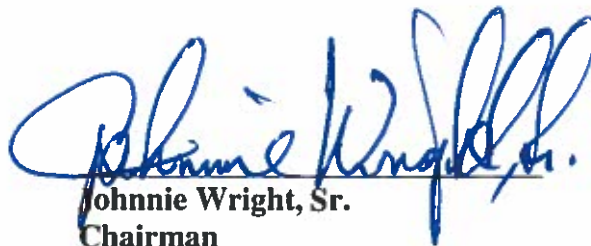
Councilman Willie Owens advised in regards to Councilman Johnny Ravenell statement, he knows this Council will hold Yonder Field responsible for what they said they were going to do, if they said they were going to do it, they should do it. That is only fair.

**17. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Willie Owens motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of October 16, 2017 stand adjourned. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.  
Chairman  
Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee  
Clerk to Council  
Orangeburg County Council