



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
December 18, 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**
- Ray W. Sabalis**
- Heyward H. Livingston**
- Willie B. Owens**
- Janie Cooper-Smith**

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 18th day of December 2017, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 4, 2017 (RS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS NONE

COMMENTS: OTHER MATTERS NONE

Chairman Wright closed public comments of other matters at 5:45 p.m. and went into the regular agenda.

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

Chairman Wright recognized Dr. Tobin. Dr. Tobin gave a detailed update on Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College year end overview from the 2017 semester that focused on workforce demand, college and career readiness, and degree obtainment.

Chairman Wright thanked Dr. Tobin for all that he do for Orangeburg County and asked Council if they had any questions for Dr. Tobin.

Councilman Willie Owens asked Dr. Tobin about the advertisement for individuals twenty-five (25) years of age and over to be trained in the technical fields for present jobs.

Dr. Tobin advised when the economy is good adults tend to go to work verse going to school but this is the reason for us trying to recreate a new model that would allow them to do both. He believes once some of these company's moving closer to Orangeburg County and the plant is close to up and running we will see some additional interest in these kind of careers. What the College tries to do is get individuals in the door with some short-term training that would allow them to get employed and then try to get that advance technical training.

Councilman Ravenell asked, does the College offer online courses?

Dr. Tobin advised yes there are several programs that are offered completely online.

Chairman Wright asked was there a website someone could go to in order to see all the information he shared.

Dr. Tobin advised anyone can go to octech.edu to see all of this information.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked, does OCTech offer EMT courses?

Dr. Tobin advised yes and the University has been in contact with Danny Rivers about an apprenticeship program.

2. ORDINANCE THIRD READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR (34) OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND LITTER CONTROL, AMENDING ALL RELEVANT PARTS OF CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR (34) IN CONFLICT, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised this ordinance is a revamping to the County current Litter Ordinance which gives more clarity to the magistrate office whenever they get ready to prosecute, as well as the Litter Control Officers on how to capture individuals who litter. This ordinance also gives stiffer fines and penalties to the Litter Laws of the County. In order to have a cleaner and better looking County. A lot of input came from different committees, one in which Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith spearheaded along with the Soil and Water Conservation, Litter Control and other agencies that work with them. We recommend this ordinance for Council's approval for third reading.

Chairman Wright open the floor for public hearing questions.

Philip Rand came before Council to express his concern for the how the magistrate's office dismiss too many litter cases and until the law gets on the citizens side the problem will not be solved.

Administrator Young advised this ordinance would change that.

Janie Cooper-Smith came before Council as a concerned citizen to express her concerns for litter in Orangeburg County and her support for the amended litter ordinance being passed.

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

3. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE BY AND BETWEEN THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND PROJECT GLOBAL, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE "COMPANY") PERTAINING TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ORANGEBURG COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY BY ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO THE COMPANY; 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 is presented for the approval for the sale of the County Speculative Building. The prospect request to remain anonymous at this time and is referred to as project global that is item three (3) by ordinance and item four (4) is a resolution to approve an inducement resolution. This project is coming to Orangeburg County, the

prospect has promise to invest a minimum of \$6,176,026.00 over a five year period. \$4,000,000.00 will go into buildings and \$2,176,026.00 will go into machinery and equipment. An ordinance seeking a fee agreement along with placing this into a multi county industrial park will come later. The terms of that agreement will be a 6% assessment according to a 402.8 millage for thirty years (30) term and a SSRC (Special Source Revenue Credit) of 35% for ten years. With a promise of a minimum of 124 new jobs.

Chairman Wright asked, the Council if they had any questions? There were none.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass item (3) the ordinance for first reading by title only and item (4) the resolution. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

4. A RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO NEGOTIATE A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND PROJECT GLOBAL; IDENTIFYING A PROJECT FOR PURPOSES OF THE PILOT ACT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

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).

5. A RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO NEGOTIATE A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND PROJECT OZ; IDENTIFYING A PROJECT FOR PURPOSES OF THE PILOT ACT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson for a brief summary Attorney Anderson advised this resolution is seeking the approval of an inducement resolution, the fee agreement and the new expansion in a multi-county industrial park. The prospect has promised the investment of \$14,150,000.00 this a minimum capital investment that would consist of \$5,150,000 in buildings and \$9,000,000 in machinery and equipment. They promise a minimum of 47 new jobs. The fee arrangement will be a 6% assessment at 387.1 millage.

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

6. SOLAR FARM FEE IN LIEU AGREEMENT POLICY

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the solar farm fee in lieu agreement policy. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

7. PROCUREMENT

a. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FY17-1207 STEEL DETENTION CELLS – NEW ORANGEBURG COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised a request for the proposal for Steel Cells for the New Orangeburg County Detention Center were advertised in the T&D and SCBO newspapers. It is the recommendation of the Oakbridge Consulting Management with the acceptance of Orangeburg County to purchase these steel cells. There were two contractors that submitted proposals. It is the recommendation to accept the highest rank proposal of \$2,109,115.00 for Steel Cell of North America.

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

b. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FY-1130 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ORANGEBURG COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised a request for the proposal for the construction of the New Orangeburg County Detention Center bid was advertised in the T&D and SCBO newspapers. The contractors were all pre-qualified to meet all laws and regulations for the contracting of building Jails. The consulting firm of Oakbridge Consulting Management and Project Architects, Moseley and Associates prepared all required documentation, specifications, and drawings to construct a current and future facility for Orangeburg County. This facility will housed a 340 bed capacity. A Request for Qualifications was prepared to pre-qualify all the contractors. Pre-qualifications includes but not limited to verifying proper licensure in the state, past project references, resources, staffing etc. It is our recommendation to accept the lowest responsible bid of \$20,489,764 00 to include alternates from McKnight Construction of Augusta GA.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the procurement proposal. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

8. APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEE

a. APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENT TO LOWER SAVANNAH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to appoint Dr. Renee Ritter to the Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board and to reappoint Mrs. Kenisha Grimes, Mr. Curtis Randolph and Mr. C.W. “Bill” Welch to the Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

9. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) 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 RECYCLE
- b. PROJECT SWEET TEA
- c. PROJECT 01
- d. PROJECT IMPERIALE
- e. PROJECT GLOBAL

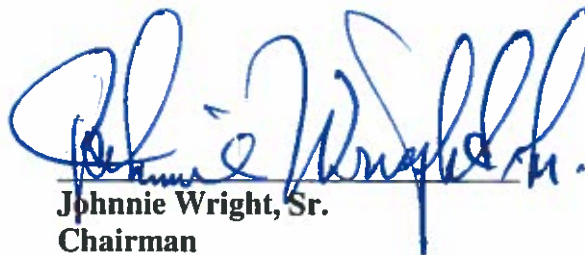
Chairman Wright asked for any comments from Council before he asked for a vote to adjourn. There were none.

11. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of December 18, 2017 stand adjourned. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman

Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council