



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
April 16, 2018  
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  
Harry F. Wimberly  
Ray W. Sabalis  
Willie B. Owens  
Johnny Ravenell  
Heyward H. 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:34 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 2, 2018 (RS)**

**Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith 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**

**Attorney Gerald Davis who represents Brenda and Dennis Edmunds on agenda item number five (5). He advised Council there were numerous of people in attendance to speak on their behalf that are in favor and in support, if there were no opposes to the agenda item.**

**COMMENTS:**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**NONE**

**Chairman Wright closed public comments of other matters at 5:38 p.m. and went into the regular agenda.**

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

**Chairman Wright yielded to Lovell Brothers, Chairlady of the Community of Character Pack. The Community of Character Pack presented awards for the fourth quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018 to Lameka Turner from the Assessor's Office in the month of October 2017 for the character trait Respect. Barbara Truesdale from the Library in the month of December 2017 for the character trait of Generosity. Gertie Jennings from Administration Switchboard in the month of January 2018 for the character trait of Cheerfulness. Sandra Griffith from GIS in the month of February 2018 for the character trait of Honesty. Mrs. Griffith also won the citizen of the month. Stuart Galloway from GIS in the month of March 2018 for the character trait of Perseverance.**

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN DORCHESTER COUNTY AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK (ALLIED AIR ENTERPRISES, INC.)**

**Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.**

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

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised this is an addition to the industrial park agreement that is allowed through the tax laws which comes along with industrial parks when allowed to partner with another County in order to create tax savings when it is use as an incentive to lower industrial. In this case Orangeburg County has partnered with Dorchester County this agreement would allow the County to expand the park to allow for additional investment to go into the park.**

**Chairman Wright asked, the Council if they had any 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 Councilwoman Ray Sabalis. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

### **3. ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THE INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE FROM CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ORANGEBURG TO BE INCLUDED IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK ESTABLISHED BY ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND DORCHESTER COUNTY.**

**Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised this is a new investment for the purpose to adding it to a multi county industrial park the only difference in this investment is it's located within city limits of Orangeburg therefore the County created this ordinance to make sure five (5) percent of the revenues from this fund goes back to re-inverse the City of Orangeburg.

Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Jerrod Anderson for a brief summary Attorney Anderson advised this ordinance is seeking to approve the internal distribution of fees that will be coming from Project 01 (New Zeus Expansion). Part of the project is in City limits as well as the County limits. The ordinance requires not only county approval for the multi-county industrial park exclusion but also that of City. The County/City want to define how the millage rate in proration will be and how the funds will be distributed to the City as well as the County. This ordinance explains everything out and it is in conjunction with the multi-county industrial park agreement Orangeburg County has with Dorchester County.

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

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

#### 4. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

##### AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE STRUCTURED PROCESS FOR THE PERMITTING OF OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY.

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised due to growth and popularity of Orangeburg County the County has seen several large events come to the County on scales that has been unprecedented so therefore the County would need prior notice from these events in order for the County to do what it needs to do not only to make these events safe but also to protect the communities in which these events may be held. This ordinance is basically an ordinance that outlines what the event owners and managers are supposed to do prior to having an event of more than two thousand (2,000) people within Orangeburg County.

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. 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

**UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS# 0082-00-01-024.000 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL) DISTRICT TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY) DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the submission from the planning commission met on March 14, 2018 to discuss the request from Brenda and Dennis Edmunds to rezone the property at 2972 Slab Landing Rd, Council District three (3), from Forest and Agricultural to Rural Community. The owners bought and renovated the house to run a boarding home and the zoning does not currently allow for that. The next door neighbors came to the meeting to speak against the request, citing safety concerns and an incident that has already occurred with one of the residents coming onto their property. The planning commission voted 3-2 to recommend approval of the request. It should be noted that similar uses such as substance abuse facility and adult and child day care service are already permitted in this district.**

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

#### **6. 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# 0140-00-05-009.000 FROM RS (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) DISTRICT TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY) DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the submission from the planning commission met on March 14, 2018 to discuss the request from Deena Atkinson to rezone the property at 861 Kucks Ct. Council District 6, from residential single family to rural community. The owner wants to put a mobile home at this location. The area is predominately mobile home already. Staff recognizes this as an area that should be rezoned in the zoning ordinance update. There was no opposition to the request and the commission voted unanimously to approve and recommend to you as Council.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion. The motion was seconded Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

#### **7. 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# 0140-07-03-001.000 & 0140-07-03-002.00 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL) DISTRICT TO RC (COMMERICAL GENERAL) DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the submission from the planning commission met on March 14, 2018 to discuss the request from Edward J. Williams to rezone the property at 2929 Bamberg Rd in Council District 6, from Forest and Agricultural to Commercial General. This is the Orangeburg Flea Market and the rezoning is to put up a digital sign for marketing. There was no opposition and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**8. RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR THE 5311 SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT GRANT**

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety.

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised Cross County Connection service that runs throughout the County that provides vital service for transportation for our citizens. The County has to go after different grant funding to be able to make that service vital. 5311 is a part of the process that allows the County to do special programming transportation and because of that we have to submit applications to the Department of Transportation as well as the Federal Transportation Authority. This resolution would allow the Administrator to have authorization on the behalf of Council to apply for funds for this transit system.

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

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

**9. APPOINTMENT – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES**

**a. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD**

Chairman Wright advised there two applications to appoint board members to the Special Needs and Disabilities Board. Ms. Everleen McFadden and Dr. Robert Johnson.

Chairman yielded to Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith for any comments about the appointees from her district.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith advised she had spoken with both appointees and they have agreed to serve and she know they will do a great job on the Disabilities and Special Needs Board and she hoped that Council would approve her appointees.

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

Chairman Wright asked were there any comments from any council member before he asked for a vote for adjournment.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised he wanted to thank everyone, the staff, Council, and the public for the many prayers, the phone calls, and the visits. He thanked everyone for their prayers that were sent up on his behalf because he know their prayers were answered.

Councilman Willie Owens expressed his strong concerns for dilapidated houses unkempt lots in various communities in Orangeburg County. If the County does not have one there is a need for an ordinance so these houses rather they are vacant, rather they are unkempt lots, or rather they are dilapidated can be torn down. So we can make our County and communities look a lot better.

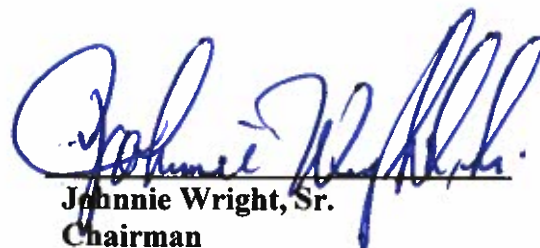
Administrator Young advised there is a bill in the State House that will give County Government an easier path and simplify the process.

**16. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

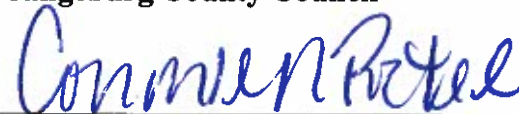
Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of April 16, 2018 stand adjourned. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Jhonnie Wright, Sr.  
Chairman  
Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee  
Clerk to Council  
Orangeburg County Council