



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
June 4, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:34 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**May 21, 2018 (RS)**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**NONE**

**COMMENTS:**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**Rick Leonard principal of Cope Area Career Center came before Council to express his concerns for where the New Orangeburg County Library will be located.**

**Chairman Wright closed public comments of other matters at 5:41 p.m. and went into the regular agenda.**

**1. CENTRAL SC ALLIANCE UPDATE**

**Chairman Wright recognized Mike Briggs Director of President and CEO Central SC Alliance. Mike Briggs gave Council a detail update on the Central SC Region and how it relates to Orangeburg County.**

**Chairman Wright thanked Mike Briggs for the update.**

**2. ORDINANCE THIRD 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# 0154-17-01-011.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY DISTRICT); AND**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on April 11, 2018 to discuss the request of Marion Edgemon Jr. to rezone the property at 114 Amadeus Dr. Cordova, Council District Three (3) from (Residential General) RG to (Rural Community) RC to allow for a single wide mobile home on the property. There were no opposition to the request. There were also petitions submitted from seven neighbors in support of the request. The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend for Council approval.**

**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 Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**3. ORDINANCE THIRD 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# 0246-14-03-001.000 FROM FA (FOREST AND AGRICULTURE) DISTRICT TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL) DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised this was a request from Arun Patel to rezone the property at 6204 Charleston Hwy in Bowman which was the old gas station as soon as you come into Bowman to rezone from FA to CG. The property had been a convenience store in the past and the current owner wishes to open a laundry mat which is not permitted in the FA district therefore it needed zoning approval. There was no opposition to the request and the commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.**

**Chairman Wright asked 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 Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**4. ORDINANCE THIRD 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# 0152-17-07-019.000 FROM RG (RESIDENTIAL GENERAL 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 this was a request from Helen to rezone the property at 2190 Stroman St., Council District Six (6) from RG to RC to allow for a single wide mobile home on the property. There were no opposition to the request. The planning commission voted unanimously for approval.

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

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

**5. ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

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

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised he would yield to the County Attorney D'Anne Haydel. Attorney Haydel advised the project had been discussed in executive session. This is a \$10,000,000.00 project with a minimum of fifteen (15) new jobs. The County will provide the company with a 30% special source revenue credit for ten (10) years. This project will also be located in a multi county industrial park.

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading on items five (5) and six (6). Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**6. ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**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 (PROJECT PARIS) AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

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

**7. ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, 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 asked, the Council if they had any questions?**

**Councilman Harry Wimberly advised in the budget provisos it did not reflect the one 1 milliage increase on page fifteen.**

**Administrator Young advised yes the change needed to be made to the provisos.**

**Chairman Wright asked for a motion to change the provisos.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading.**

**Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion to amend the provisos for Orangeburg County Fire District and change the milliage from seventeen (17) mills to eighteen (18) mills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**Councilman Willie Owens advised Council needed to let the public know there was a concerted effort when they started working with the budget to do the best they could for Orangeburg County. Council really need to raise more taxes but they have not raise taxes**

and he hope it does not come back to bite them in the future. The deliberations were very stiff and he believe the County can live with what Council is passing.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised under outside agency Council has provide funding for OCAB to be using for weatherization he wanted to make sure it state the money is only to be use in Orangeburg County.

Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised the public needed to know the one (1) mill was only for the fire side and not for the entire County budget.

Councilman Willie Owens advised he wanted be open with the general public. OCAB has done an excited job with programs throughout the County and in other areas of their communities and he must give credit where credit is due, he gave the director of OCAB credit for his hard work for running a tight ship.

Administrator Young advised as part of the process in presenting Council with a balanced budget except for the possible change in the fire station please keep in mind the County has sustained several cuts from the State and the Local Government Fund it is not fully funded and the County has just received notice the County will get declining revenues back from other State agencies which one will be the Department of Social Services. The Local Government Fund from the State is still on track to give the County what it had last year but there is some change within the State's budget that will come back to be something the County will have to deal with in the future in October when the County will have to set the mill. So the County has done what you have requested and the is to presented Council with a balanced budget but the County has to frame ourselves and take into account any cuts coming from the State for any services or reimbursements so therefore on the safe side we are adding one (1) mill to fire services.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith advised the increase from the seventeen (17) mil to eighteen (18) mil this still does not reflect an increase in the millage County wide.

Administrator Young advised no ma'am, just the Fire District.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith advised she just want the public to know there is no increase in millage.

## **8. ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, FOR ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, AND FOR OTHER PUBLIC AND SPECIAL EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES TO THE COUNTY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR SUCH PURPOSES**

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. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

**9. ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THOSE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARKS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised this ordinance is an amendment to the current fee in-lieu structure with the joint county industrial park so the County may be able to capture a portion of that fee to go back into infrastructure improvements for economic development as well as repayment for other infrastructure upgrades the County may have done to bring industry here. This is a way for the County to establish a footprint as Mr. Brigg stated the future for our community and our area stems on the County having product for economic development and this is a way the County can assure it has the ability to provide product so we can stay competitive in the markets for economic development for now and into the future.

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

**10. ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND CERTAIN COMPANIES AS SPONSOR AND SPONSOR AFFILIATE, RESPECTIVELY, IDENTIFIED COLLECTIVELY FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT OLIVE, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTER**

Chairman Wright yielded to County Attorney D'Anne Haydel. Attorney Haydel advised this project is for a solar farm and the estimated capital investment is \$28 million, with no new full time jobs, with a fee-in-lieu of 6% and a fixed millage rate of 402.8 mills for a 30 years terms, and a Special Source Revenue Credit for 30 years at \$60,000.00 annually.

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading on item numbers ten (10) and item eleven (11). Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**11. ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINTCOUNTYINDUSTRIAL PARK DATED MAY 17, 2010, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY (PROJECT OLIVE) AS PART OF THE JOINTCOUNTYINDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

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

**12. PROCUREMENT**

**a. FY18-0515 INDIAN BLUFF SHORELINE STABILIZATION PROJECT**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised this is a request proposal for FY18-0515 Indian Bluff Shoreline Stabilization this was a section of Indian Bluff Shoreline that was washed away during the last storm. The way the shoreline at Indian Bluff has been redesigned and worked with through the Army Corps of Engineers as well as the entities that approve those shoreline renovation. There is 1250 LF of shoreline that needs to be worked on. It was place in the T&D and SCBO newspapers and a total of four (4) contractors' submitted proposals. The lowest bidder has been recommended Porth Contracting from St. Matthews, SC for \$233,800.00. The funding for this project is from FEMA funds with a 25% match (3<sup>rd</sup> penny sales tax) from Orangeburg County.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the recommendation for item (a) FY18-0515 under procurement. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray Sabalis. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**13. RECOMMEDATION FROM TAX & TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wright advised the Tax and Tourism Committee submitted the following recommendations for Council's consideration:

- 1. The Grand American Hunt requested funds to help pay to rent the Fairgrounds, pay utility bill and advertising for the Grand American Hunt. The hunt benefits the economy in Orangeburg by bringing in people from other States and Counties into the hotels and restaurants. \$10,400.00**
- 2. The County of Orangeburg requested funds to lease two billboards to advertise the Orangeburg and Santee YMCA Aquatic Centers on I-26 and I-95. The billboards are located on the two major highways in our county. They will help make tourist aware of the aquatic center here in our County. \$11,922.00.**
- 3. The Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce requesting funds to promote tourism in Orangeburg County in a June and July campaign promoting outdoor activities centered on the Black Water Edisto River. Recreational Calendar Booklet**

which showcases events in Orangeburg County including sporting events, leisure activities, and summer activities. These booklets will be delivered to surrounding hotels and local hotels, also will be placed in County and Visitor Centers. \$3,700.00

4. The Town of North and North Police Department requested funds for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The money will help fund with the cost of fireworks for the celebration. \$2,000.00
5. The Orangeburg County Community of Character requested funds to help fund and inaugural International Character Jamboree event. The basis for the request is to develop culture and tourism, as well as enhance relationships and economic development by growing our reputation as a premier destination for living, working, learning, shopping, and playing. \$2,000.00.
6. The Elloree Heritage Museum & Cultural Center requested funds to promote county tourism through advertising and marketing, updating website to adapt to mobile capability, plus hosting program, speakers, camps, and workshops. \$2,000.00
7. DORA requesting funds to help support upcoming Downtown events such as the Farmers Market, The Patriot's Block Party and kids parade, The Garden City Music Festival and Taste of Orangeburg. For 2018, the goal is to continue to reach outside of Orangeburg County to attract tourist to our county. \$3,000.00
8. The Orangeburg County Military Museum at Springfield request funds for 3 different projects. The 1<sup>st</sup> project is construction of handicap parking area with landscaping and signs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> project is a website for the Museum and the 3<sup>rd</sup> project is handrails for often used side entrance. The projects are needed to improve the venue of one of the biggest attraction in Western Orangeburg County. \$4,4500.00

**Total Recommended Funding: \$39,522.00**

**Funds Available for Disbursement: \$40,598.66**

**Remaining Balance: \$1,076.66**

Chairman Wright asked Council for questions. No questions.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the recommendation of the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion to accept all the recommendations. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

#### **14. APPOINTMENT – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES**

##### **a. APPOINTMENT TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilwoman Ray Sabalis for any comments about the appointees from her district.

Councilwoman Ray Sabalis advised she would like to appoint Tara Williamson she has severed in the past and this is a reappointment.



**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**15. UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Chairman Wright yielded to the Public Works Committee chairperson Councilman Johnny Ravenell to give an update. Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised that the Public Works Committee had a discussion on several items on the Public Works agenda: the committee made the recommendation to abandon maintenance on Jog Road.**

**Chairman Wright ask for a motion to accept the recommendation to abandon maintenance on Jog Road. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised that the Public Works Committee made the recommendation to abandon maintenance on Veneer Street.**

**Chairman Wright ask for a motion to accept the recommendation to abandon maintenance on Veneer Street. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith second the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised that the Public Works Committee made the recommendation to abandon maintenance on Pasadena Avenue.**

**Chairman Wright ask for a motion to accept the recommendation to abandon maintenance on Pasadena Avenue. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised that the Public Works Committee made the recommendation to accept the State policy and the new Orangeburg County policy against obstructing county-maintained roads.**

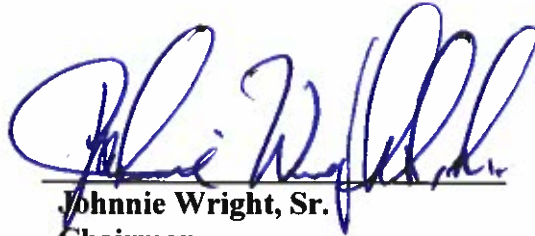
**Chairman Wright ask for a motion to accept the recommendation to accept the policy. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith second the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**16. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of June 4, 2018 stand adjourned. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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

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