



Minutes
Sumter County Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
Sumter County Administration Building
Third Floor, County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman; James R. Byrd, Jr., Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Carlton B. Washington.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Mary W. Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Joe Perry, Helen Roodman, Valerie Brunson, Greg Hawkins, and two Sheriff Deputies

MEDIA PRESENT: Shelbie Goulding, The Item Newspaper, was in attendance.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 13 members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Or Vice Chairman Of Sumter County Council
Chairman James T. McCain, Jr. called the meeting of March 14, 2023, to order.

INVOCATION: Council Member Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by US Air Force Veteran Curtis L. Helms is a retired Chief Master Sergeant with 30 years of Honorable service. He served our country from Aug 1989 to August 2019. He is a Gulf War Service Veteran that supported the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. He currently lives in County Council District 1. Thank you for your service.



APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Chairman McCain asked the Clerk to Council if there were any changes to the March 14, 2023, agenda. Mrs. Blanding stated that there were no changes to the agenda. Then the Chairman called for a motion on the agenda.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Chairman McCain asked for a motion concerning approval of the minutes of February 28, 2023.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes as presented.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:

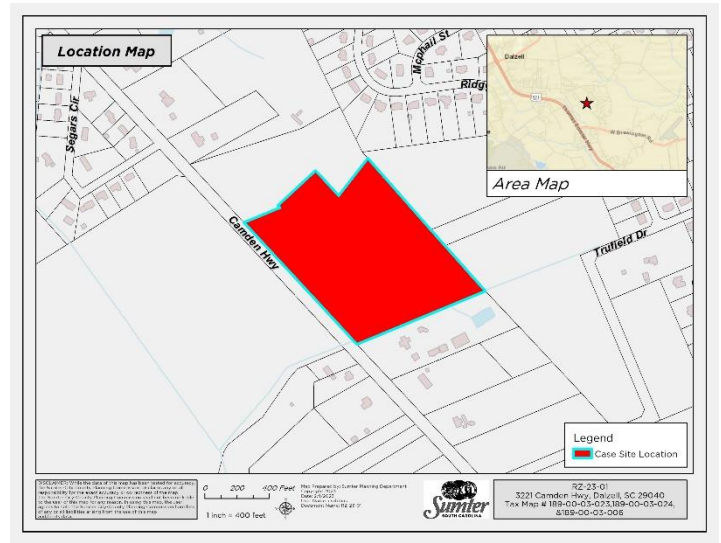
Planned Development/Rezoning Requests:

NOTE: RZ = Rezoning Of Property As Applicable In Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards.
AC = Agricultural Conservation As Applicable In Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards.
NC = Neighborhood Commercial As Applicable In Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards.
LI-W = Light Industrial-Warehouse As Applicable in Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards.

- (1) **RZ-23-01 -- 3221 Camden Hwy. -- (County) -- First Reading -- A Request To Rezone Three (3) Separate Parcels Of Land Totaling +/- 20.12 Acres From Residential-9 (R-9) To Agricultural Conservation (AC). The Property Is Located At 3221 Camden Highway And Is Represented By Tax Map #'S 189-00-03-006, 189-00-03-023, & 189-00-03-024.**

Mrs. Helen Roodman, the Planning Director, presented this proposed rezoning request to Council for first reading consideration. She stated that Mr. Christopher Raffield, the property owner, hopes to have three separate parcels of land, totaling 20/12 acres from Residential-9 to Agricultural Conservation. The property is located at 3221 Camden High.

Mrs. Roodman also indicated that the owner is requesting rezoning to allow for the placement of mobile homes in accordance with applicable County requirements. The current zoning designation does not permit mobile homes. Also, it was indicated by Mrs. Roodman that the property is part of a larger area of R-9 zoning generally bounded by W. Brewington Road and Camden Highway to the south. Queen Chapel Road is to the north, and Ebenezer Road is to the east, and Thomas Sumter Highway is to the west. The property is situated almost directly in the center of this area.



It was also noted by the Planning Director that the property is in close proximity to public water, but it is not near an existing public sewer infrastructure; therefore, the lot size is limited by the capacity of the land to carry a private septic system.

Additionally, Mrs. Roodman stated that the wetland and topographic data strongly suggests that a Carolina Bay is located over a significant portion of the property. She also informed Council that Carolina Bays are shallow elliptical depressions found in unconsolidated sediments throughout the Atlantic Coastal Plain.

Then Mrs. Roodman explained to Council that the property is located in the Military Protection Planning area; therefore, the request to bring the property into the AC Zoning District is reasonable and is in general alignment with the Sumter 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of this request. After all comments from Mrs. Roodman and comments from Council, the Chairman called for a motion on first reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve first reading to this rezoning request as presented by Mrs. Roodman.

- (2) **RZ-22-14 -- 4605 Patriot Parkway -- (County) - Third Reading -- Request To Rezone +/- 1.89-Acres Of Land From General Residential (GR) To Agricultural Conservation (AC). The Property Is Located At 4605 Patriot Parkway And Is Represented By Tax Map #’S 156-00-01-009.**

Mrs. Roodman stated that there have been no changes to this proposed rezoning request since first reading. The Planning Director stated that the property owner has met with adjacent property owners and the applicant was present at this meeting.

The Chairman called for a motion on third reading to this rezoning request.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve third reading and adoption of this rezoning request as presented as presented by Mrs. Roodman.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Requesting Approval Of A Resolution Proclaiming April As Fair Housing Month In Sumter, South Carolina.

The Chairman introduced this resolution and Council took action on approving April as Fair Housing Month in Sumter, South Carolina.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to adopt the resolution as presented and authorized the Chairman and the Clerk to Council to execute and deliver the resolution on behalf of the County.

Resolution R23-02

WHEREAS, *Sumter County Council desires that its citizens be offered the opportunity to attain a decent and sanitary living environment; and,*

WHEREAS, *Sumter County Council recognizes that 2023 marks the 55th Anniversary of the 1968 passage of the Federal Fair Housing Law that prohibits discrimination in housing; and in 1989, South Carolina passed a Fair Housing Law that provides rights and remedies substantially equivalent to those found in the Federal Fair Housing Act; and*

WHEREAS, *Sumter County Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, ancestral status, and disability; and,*

***WHEREAS,** Sumter County desires that every citizen be offered the opportunity to live in the home of his or her choice; hence, Sumter County Government does not discriminate in its housing practices;*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we the members of Sumter County Council do hereby proclaim **April** as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the County of Sumter, South Carolina and recognize the importance of Fair Housing benefits for its citizenry; Council will continue to promote and advocate fair housing for all of its citizens.*

***APPROVED AND RATIFIED,** in the Sumter County Council regular meeting held this 14th day of March 2023.*

(2) Discussion And Possible Action Concerning Delaine Elementary School.

Councilman Washington presented this agenda item to Council. He stated that there are attachments to the letter that he wrote to Sumter School District Superintendent, Dr. William T. Wright, Jr. His letter to Dr. Wright is in reference to Delaine Elementary School Building and property. It was also noted by Councilman Washington that the community members, that he represents, believe that prior to the School District selling the property, that they should talk with those in the community that have invested in the School and the School's building over the years. Councilman Washington stated that the laws around the school District indicates in *S. C. Budget Proviso 1.113 that "A school district must transfer, or offer for sale or lease, any surplus real property or property which has been vacant, unused, or unused for direct student instruction for the previous four school years and is not currently included in any district capital improvement plan for future use on or before July 1, 2022. All school districts must publish on their website by September 15, 2022, a list of properties that qualify under this provision.* The sale of the school would be an option if it falls under the proviso.

Councilman Washington further stated that the school does not have direct student instruction, but the school is being used for the following:

1. Voting Registration as a polling location.
2. Sumter Sheriff's Office for training.
3. Sumter School District –
 - a. Refrigeration
 - b. Storage

Councilman Washington also stated that there are some potential use by several agencies, organizations, etc.,

1. The County has expressed interest in using the property to move into a portion of the building as the Delaine Community Center because it has a commercial cafeteria, a large gymnasium, property for walking for the seniors, and a playground for the students.

Councilman Washington stated that he responded to the School Board about the desire of the County. He further stated that the Sumter School Board had a meeting on March 12, 2023, no action was taken on the matter about Delaine Elementary School.

Councilman Washington further stated that he is trying to keep Council informed about what is going on in his Council District that may be being discussed throughout the County. He also stated that one of the other documents that he provided to the Clerk is a letter from Turner Caudell which is a firm that provides legal services to Liberty STEAM Charter School that is located in Sumter and interested in purchasing Delaine School and its property. It was noted by Councilman Washington that the School Board needs to have a conversation with the Liberty STEAM Charter School and the citizens of the Delaine School area. The Councilman further stated that Delaine Community members feel extremely disrespected by the approach that was taken concerning the Delaine School. There will be a community meeting within the next week to discuss matters relating to the Delaine Elementary School. Councilman Washington also said that the School District was contacted last year concerning the Delaine School. Conversations are ongoing and the meeting will be held to hear from the citizens.

Councilman Baker said to Councilman Washington that he is talking about something that Sumter County Council has no power/jurisdiction over. Councilman Washington stated that he is not asking Council to do anything; but he, Councilman Washington, desires the right to come back to Council if they would be willing to take a position, write a letter, or whatever is necessary. However, during this meeting, Councilman Washington was sharing information so that Council would be fully informed.

Lastly Councilman Washington stated that there is an interest by the Delaine Community to use the Delaine Elementary School as a Community Center. Shaw AFB has expressed its desire to use this facility as a leadership academy, food services, IT area, etc. Councilman Washington said that there is a number of items that can be operated out of this school. Also, it was noted that the Delaine Elementary School building structure is the best in the school district. Councilman Washington said it would not be a good financial practice for the School Board to sell a well structure building nor would it be a sound decision to tear down a well structured building. Additionally, he said that it would not be a good idea to sell a public school to an outside entity.

Also, Councilman Washington stated that he hopes that Council members would do what he would do if this same situation was in one of their districts. Then he proceeded to tell everyone what he would be supportive of, what that Councilman was trying to do, particularly in the rural areas. Even a recent news report talked about a lack of bus drivers in “rural area schools.” Council must protect the rural areas and the rural area schools. Councilman Washington ended his statements by saying he has been contacted by constituents in his area and he has a responsibility to represent his constituents.

Councilman McGhaney thanked Councilman Washington for bringing this matter before Council and the fact that the school building is in good condition and the best in the district. She also mentioned that the School Board allowed the community to take over the St. John Elementary School Building when the school was closed. She further stated that she is aware of the Delaine Community School Building and the Community, and it is a very good building and has so much potential for the community as a whole. Councilman McGhaney stated that whatever is to be done should be done fairly and equitably. Lastly, Councilman McGhaney said no one should be given any preferential treatment; the negotiating “playground” should be level, and the idea of good quality of life programs at this facility would be great. There being no further discussion, the Chairman continued with the agenda items.

ACTION: Received as information. See attachments below concerning the discussion on this matter.

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Council District #1

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March 9, 2023

Via Email Transmittal
Dr. William T. Wright, Jr., Superintendent
Sumter School Board of Trustees
Sumter School District
1345 Wilson Hall Road
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Dear Dr. Wright and Trustees:

This correspondence is in follow up to previous conversations and meetings with officials of the Sumter School District regarding the county's interest in acquiring a portion of the F.J. Delaine Elementary School for community utilization.

As you know, a portion of the school is currently utilized by the the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Sumter County Voter Registration and Elections, and the Sumter School District. Current facility usage includes; active shooter training and other tactical emergency exercises, in-person early voting, refrigeration and storage. In addition to the facility's current usage, ongoing conversations and interest regarding additional utilization purposes include; Sumter School District food service operations, Sumter School District transportation and IT hubs, Shaw Leadership Academy, Sumter Adult Education, and Sumter satellite library locations.

You should also know, I have received a number of communications from constituents, public officials, and the Sumter Branch NAACP concerning the status of F.J. Delaine Elementary School. Additionally, I am in receipt of the attached correspondence from the law office of Turner and Caudell regarding F.J. Delaine Elementary School. **(SEE ATTACHMENT A)**

The correspondence dated March 1, 2023 is directed to Sumter School District attorney, Allen Smith, from Mary Caudell, on behalf of Liberty STEAM Charter, LSC. The correspondence references a singular criteria contained within Budget Proviso 1.113 that requires a property to be transferred, or offered for sale or lease. The singular criteria cited being a property that "has remained unused for direct student instruction."

However, Budget Proviso 1.113 specifically stipulates:

"A school district must transfer, or offer for sale or lease, any surplus real property or property which has been vacant, unused, or unused for direct student instruction for the previous four school years and is not currently included in any district capital improvement plan for future use on or before July 1, 2022. All school districts must publish on their website by September 15, 2022, a list of properties that qualify under this provision." (SEE ATTACHMENT B)

Per the property's current usage as detailed above, the property is neither vacant or unused and as such was not transferred, or offered for sale or lease, by the district on or before July 1, 2022. Additionally, the district did not publish the property on their website by September 15, 2022, and thereby declare the property's qualification under this provision for transfer, sale or lease.

Furthermore, it is my understanding the Sumter School District instructed Mr. Allen to correspond with the South Carolina Department of Education regarding the current usage and future intended use of the property by the District and other governmental entities, and that said communication was delivered as instructed. Sumter School District's compliance with the provision is additionally inferable in that 5% of all state payments was not withheld, as required if the District were found to be noncompliant.

Per Budget Proviso 1.113:

"If a school district fails to comply with this provision, the Department of Education must withhold five percent of all state payments to the district until the district complies."
(SEE ATTACHMENT B)

Ms. Caudell concludes the solicitation correspondence, requesting the "Sumter School District offer the former Delaine Elementary School facility site for sale and for LSC to have the first right of refusal to purchase the school site as outlined in S.C. Code Ann. Section 59-40-170."

S.C. Code Ann. Section 59-40-170, gives the Sumter School District complete autonomy to determine whether or not F.J. Delaine Elementary School should be considered surplus property and whether or not to sell or lease the property. **"Nothing in this section requires the owner of a building on the list to sell or lease the building or a portion of the building to a charter school or to any other school or to any other prospective buyer or tenant."** (SEE ATTACHMENT C)

While I applaud Ms. Caudell for expressing interest in working in partnership with the Sumter School District, her circumvention of communicating directly with the Superintendent and the Sumter School Board of Trustees, does not invoke teamwork. As you are aware, the most recent inspection report reviewed by the Sumter School District Facilities Committee deemed F. J. Delaine Elementary School the most structurally sound facility in the district. Competition might generally drive performance, however, relinquishing the most structurally sound facility in the Sumter School District, that also provides access to one of the county's most active and diverse student populations, works against the best interest of the District and community.

For background purposes and moving forward, I think it is important to keep in perspective the property's historical usage and subsequent acquisition by the Sumter School District. According to records obtained from the Sumter County Register of Deeds, the property was originally conveyed to St. Michael's Graded School pursuant to a resolution adopted and passed by St. Michael's Church in 1916. The property was later conveyed to Sumter School District #6 in 1956 forever binding the Sumter School District's administration and its successors to the 1916 resolution passed by members and officers of St. Michael's Church.

It is evident the property has continuously served the community since 1916. Moreover, previous reports and those most recently received from members of the community suggest the overwhelming intention was not only for the property to remain in the possession of the Sumter School District and hence the community, naming the school, The F.J. Delaine Elementary School, was in keeping with retaining the school's rich African American legacy.

As stated in my opening, I am interested in furthering our dialogue in regard to the county's intention to pursue an arrangement with the Sumter School District to utilize a portion of the facility. Moreover, we do not anticipate any of the current utilizations or those proposed by the Sumter School District would interfere with the county's intended community utilization plans.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carlton B. Washington". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "C" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Councilman Carlton B. Washington

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A



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March 1, 2023

VIA E-MAIL

Allen D. Smith, Esq.
Halligan Mahoney & Williams
1301 Gervais Street, Suite 1400
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Liberty STEAM Charter

Dear Allen:

I hope you are well. Our firm provides legal services to Liberty STEAM Charter ("LSC"), a public charter school located in Sumter with the mission of providing all students with equal access to a world-class K-12 education in an academically rigorous and student-centered learning environment, creating graduates who will be thoughtful and engaged citizens prepared to take on the leadership challenges of the 21st century.

It is my understanding that DeLaine Elementary School was closed by Sumter School District at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year and has remained unused for direct student instruction since that time. Budget Proviso 1.113 provides "[a] school district must transfer, or offer for sale or lease, any surplus real property or property which has been . . . unused for direct student instruction for the previous four school years and is not currently included in any district capital improvement plan for future use on or before July 1, 2022." The LSC Board of Directors would like to evaluate the DeLaine Elementary school site as its preferred location to serve additional grade levels to fulfill its mission, as it appears property is available for sale. Section 59-40-170 of the South Carolina Charter Schools Act provides, "[I]f a school district declares a building surplus and chooses to sell or lease the building, a charter school's board of directors . . . must be given the first refusal to purchase or lease the building under the same or better terms and conditions as it would be offered to the public." Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to formally request that Sumter School District offer the former DeLaine Elementary School facility site for sale and for LSC to have the first right of refusal to purchase the school site as outlined in S.C. Code Ann. Section 59-40-170.

LSC looks forward to working alongside Sumter School District as both entities aim to provide quality educational opportunities to local students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary Allison Caudell'.

Mary Allison Caudell
macaudell@turnercaudell.com

/slw

c: LSC Board of Directors

ATTACHMENT B

Part 1B SECTION 1 - H630 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **2022-2023 Appropriation Act**

BUDGET PROVISIO 1.113

1.113. (SDE: Surplus Property) A school district must transfer, or offer for sale or lease, any surplus real property or property which has been vacant, unused, or unused for direct student instruction for the previous four school years and is not currently included in any district capital improvement plan for future use on or before July 1, 2022. All school districts must publish on their website by September 15, 2022, a list of properties that qualify under this provision.

A school district shall comply with the requirements of this provision by transferring such property to another governmental subdivision or state agency that has provided written confirmation of an intent to accept the property for public use by December 31, 2022. Any governmental subdivision or state agency providing such written confirmation must comply with all requirements related to the acquisition of real property or surplus property, and/or requirements related to the establishment of permanent improvement projects prior to accepting property transferred pursuant to this provision.

If no governmental subdivision or state agency confirms an intent to accept the property, the district shall offer the property for sale or lease at fair market value as determined by a neutral appraiser and in compliance with existing law providing for sale or lease of such property by a school district. If a school district fails to comply with this provision, the Department of Education must withhold five percent of all state payments to the district until the district complies.

ATTACHMENT C

South Carolina Code of Laws **TITLE 59. EDUCATION**

CHAPTER 40. Charter Schools

SECTION 59-40-170. Annual listing of buildings suitable for charter school use.

The Department of Education shall make available, upon request, a list of vacant and unused buildings and vacant and unused portions of buildings that are owned by school districts in this State and that may be suitable for the operation of a charter school. The department shall make the list available to applicants for charter schools and to existing charter schools. The list must include the address of each building, a short description of the building, and the name of the owner of the building. Nothing in this section requires the owner of a building on the list to sell or lease the building or a portion of the building to a charter school or to any other school or to any other prospective buyer or tenant. However, if a school district declares a building surplus and chooses to sell or lease the building, a charter school's board of directors or a charter committee operating or applying within the district must be given the first refusal to purchase or lease the building under the same or better terms and conditions as it would be offered to the public.

HISTORY: 1996 Act No. 447, § 2; 2002 Act No. 341, § 1; 2006 Act No. 274, § 1, eff May 3, 2006.

- (3) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Employment Matter, An Economic Development Matter, A Legal Briefing, Or Other Matters Pertaining To An Executive Session, And Take Appropriate Actions Thereafter In Open Session If Necessary.

No executive session.

OLD BUSINESS

- (1) None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Public Works Committee Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, At 5:00 p.m. In The County Administrator's Conference Room, 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC 29150. (Baker, Baten, Washington)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Baker stated that Karen Hyatt, the Public Works Director gave a detailed report in reference to Road Maintenance, Private Roads, Litter Pick Up, Recycling Centers, the Litter Officers, etc. There will be more discussion on these matters.

- (2) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, And/Or Conferences.

- The Chairman reported that he and Councilman Washington attended the S. C. Rural Summit in Beaufort, South Carolina. The major discussions for the 2023 Summit included Litter. It was noted that Sumter County is ahead of the State on combating litter.

Other discussions during the Summit included Rural Transportation and Brownfields in the communities.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- Statement Of Economic Interest Information
➤ Cultural Musical Festival On March 17, 2023
➤ Farm To Table On March 16, 2023

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- 2023 Budget Schedule for Sumter County

Date	Purpose
April 25, 2023	Council Workshop-Budget Introduction
May 2, 2023	Council Workshop-Elected Officials
May 9, 2023	Council Workshop-1 st Reading
May 23, 2023	Council Workshop-2 nd Reading
June 13, 2023	Council Workshop-3 rd reading (School Dist)

- FTC has received \$3,638,502 Broad Band Funds for the Sumter Community. The Administrator and others have worked closely with FTC prior to the funds being appropriated to ensure that the Company knows the needed areas of the County for broadband.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizens Desiring To Speak Are Limited To No More Than Three (3) Minutes; Comments Are To Be Made Through The Chairman Of Sumter County Council.

Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment and the following persons spoke.

- Former Councilman Roland Robinson spoke to Council and thanked them for the work they are doing. He also addressed Council concerning the Delaine School. He said that Councilman Washington has been helpful with the community in trying to save Delaine School. It was further stated by Mr. Robinson that he attended Delaine School and people in the Community donated property so that the school could be in the community for the children. It appears that there are plans to take this from the community. He said that the Community does not want this to happen. Mr. Robinson said that the community needs Council's help and Council's support to allow for there to be training programs, other operations, and a community center for the Delaine Community. Lastly, Councilman Robinson said that he is looking forward to Council's support in this situation.
- Tasha Gardner, a member of the City County Litter Advisory Board, talked to Council about the upcoming Quadrant Litter Kick Off on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the Civic Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She also talked to Council about the shootings in her community on Patricia Drive, Dollard Drive, and Old Pocalla where the investigators picked up over 25 shells. She asked Council to assist the Sheriff in getting more deputies to patrol the areas that are high in crime areas.
- Elizabeth Kilgore spoke in support of the Delaine School situation. She gave some history on the Brown versus the Clarendon County School District as it relates to desegregation. It was also noted by Ms. Kilgore that African Americans donated the property to the school included St. Emmanuel Church right next to the school. It was donated so that Black Children would have a school to go to in their community. All of this was done during times when black and white children were not allowed to attend the same schools. Ms. Kilgore stated that there are operations ongoing as stated by Councilman Washington. She also thanked Mr. Mixon for meeting with the community and listening to their concerns. Lastly, she said things like this only happen in the Black communities.
- Mr. Kennedy Hastie spoke to Council about the roads in his community near the Sumter-Pinewood area. He stated that he lives on Ervin Lane. Mr. Hastie said that one of the roads in his area, Starks Ferry Road was dirt, but then the County paved the road in the 1990's. However, the road he lives on and two other roads are still in very poor condition and are not paved. He asked Council for help to alleviate the poor condition of their road. Mr. Hastie said the roads are so bad that the kids have to wear one pair of shoes to walk to the bus stop, and put on the clean shoes to go in school. He added that there are plenty of roads in this area but there are only three roads that are not paved. He said that they need Council's help with these three roads.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. after a motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. McCain, Jr.
Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council
Sumter County Council

Approved: March 28, 2023

I certify that public and media notification of the above-mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows required by Freedom of Information:

Public Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas posted on Television on first floor of the Administration Building.

Date Posted: March 10, 2023

Media Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agenda Information is listed on Sumter County's Home Page, and E-mailed to The Item, The Chamber, WIS-TV, WBTW, and Spectrum Cable.

Date Notified: March 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Blanding
Clerk To County Council