



Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
Sumter County Courthouse, Third Floor, Room 308
County Council's Chambers - 141 North Main Street, Sumter, SC
"Revised"

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Lorraine Dennis, Johnathan Bryan, Mary W. Blanding, Keysa Rogers, Kelsey Andrews, Joe Perry, and Allen Dailey.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Due to the COVID-19, Sumter County Government Offices are closed to the public.

MEDIA: No member of the media attended the meeting. However, proper notification was given to the media about the meeting. Additionally, the meeting was shown on the County's YouTube Channel.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman James T. McCain called the meeting to order for Council's Tuesday, May 26, 2020 meeting.

INVOCATION: Council Member Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Chairman McCain asked the Clerk to Council, Mrs. Mary W. Blanding, if there were any changes to the agenda. The Clerk asked Council to consider adding the words "Title Only" to the 2020-2021, budget ordinance, Item #4 under New Business.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman McGhaney, seconded by Councilman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the agenda as recommended for amendment by the Clerk to Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020, meeting of Sumter County Council.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of Sumter County Council's meeting of May 12, 2020, as presented.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:
Planned Development/Rezoning Requests**

1. None

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution Adopting The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan For The Santee-Lynches Council On Governments Region.

Chairman McCain stated that the Clerk to Council had presented a copy of this proposed resolution to members of Sumter County Council. He asked if there were no changes to the resolution, then he would entertain a motion for its adoption.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the resolution as presented and directed that the appropriate signatures be affixed to this document and delivered to the appropriate agencies/departments on behalf of the County.

Whereas, Sumter County Government recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, an adopted hazard mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding of mitigation projects; and

Whereas, Sumter County Government participated jointly in the planning process with the other units of government in the Santee-Lynches Region to prepare a hazard mitigation plan; and

Whereas, Sumter County Government is aware that revising and updating the plan is critical for active and effective hazard mitigation and that Sumter County Government will monitor and record hazard related data and events that can be used to update all hazards mitigation plan; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Sumter County Government hereby accepts and approves the Sumter County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2020-2025 and its designated portion in its entirety as its official plan and will undertake annual recording of its hazard events, their impact duration and cost.

Be it further resolved, that the Sumter County Council, accepts the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan from Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee, and the submission on behalf of the participating

counties and municipalities the adopted Hazard Plan to the State Emergency Management Division and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for formal review and approval.

2. **20-926 - First Reading -- Little John Lane Ordinance No. 20-926 An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Little John Lane To The Adjoining Property Owners.**

Mr. Johnathan Bryan, the County Attorney, presented this ordinance to Council for first reading consideration. He stated that a portion of Little John Lane is a paper street but has not been maintained. Mr. Bryant Simmons hopes to acquire this portion of Little John Lane so that he can maintain this as part of his property and to ensure that he has egress and regress in this area. Mr. Bryant stated that those that have property abutting to Little John Lane have stated that they are not interest in owning any of the property and Mr. Simmons is interested in. After all comments, the Chairman called for a motion concerning first reading of this ordinance. (See ordinance below.)

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval of this ordinance as presented.

WHEREAS, Little John Lane is a street in the Sherwood Forest subdivision that was originally designed to connect Hort Street to Nottingham Drive; and

WHEREAS, the western part of Little John Lane, which connects to Hort Street, was developed and has residences located on both sides but the street was not completed so there now is a separate and unimproved part of Little John Lane connected to Nottingham Drive and appears on Sumter County Tax Map Sheet 268-16; and

WHEREAS, Bryant Simmons owns the property on the southern end of the unimproved section of Little John Lane, identified as 143 Little John Lane and Sumter County Tax Parcel 268-16-02-004; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Yates owns a house and lot on the southwest of the intersection of Nottingham Drive and the unimproved section of Little John Lane, which is identified as 1004 Nottingham Drive and Sumter County Tax Parcel 268-16-02-005; and

WHEREAS, Gerry R. Doll and Bertha A. Doll own a house and lot on the southeast of the intersection of Nottingham Drive and the unimproved section of Little John Lane which is identified as 1006 Nottingham Drive and Sumter County Tax Parcel 268-16-03-001; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Yates does not want to take title to any part of Little John Lane, consents to Bryant Simmons receiving title to the unimproved street but still would like to use part of Little John Lane from time to time to access her property; and

WHEREAS, Gerry R. Doll and Bertha A. Doll do not want to take title to any part of Little John Lane, consent to Bryant Simmons receiving title to the unimproved street but still would like to use part of Little John Lane from time to time to access their property; and

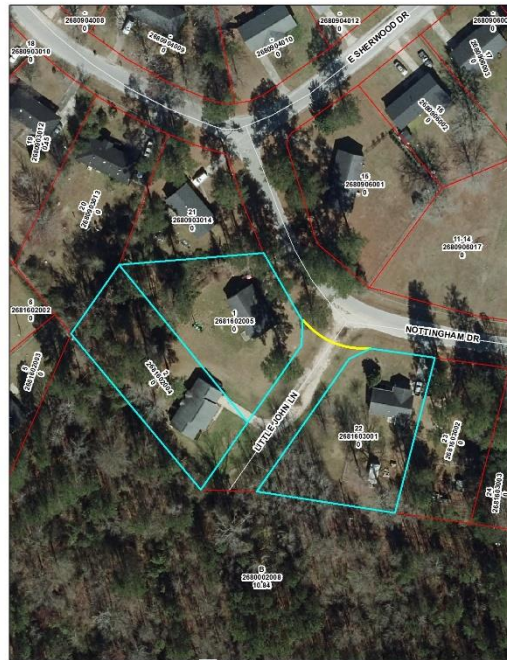
WHEREAS, Sumter County has never accepted Little John Lane for maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County does not currently need the property for any public purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE

AUTHORITY THEREOF:

1. That Sumter County hereby abandons its interest in Little John Lane.
2. That the Sumter County Administrator has complete authority to execute any deeds or other legal instruments necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.
3. That Sumter County confirms easements appurtenant to Dorothy Yates, Gerry R. Doll and Berth A. Doll, and convey to Bryant Simmons by quitclaim deed, its interest in the right-of-way of Little John Lane as shown on the attached proposed revision of the Sumter County Tax Map showing the unimproved section of Little John Lane attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.



3. 20-927 - First Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$3,500,000; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Authorizing The County Administrator To Prescribe Certain Details Relating To The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Bonds And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

The County Attorney presented this proposed ordinance to Council for first reading consideration. Mr. Bryan stated that this ordinance will allow for the purchase of capital needs for Sumter County Government. The principal amount of the Capital Bond is up to \$3,500,000. After all comments, Council took action on first reading of this ordinance.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval of this ordinance as presented.

4. 20-928 -- First Reading -- An Ordinance To Provide For A Levy Of Taxes For County Purposes Of Sumter County, S. C., (Known As The Budget Ordinance) For The Fiscal Year Of Said County

Beginning July 1, 2020, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. Title Only

Mr. Mixon presented this item to Council for first reading consideration as listed below.

	<u>May 26 Version</u>
Estimated Revenue	\$50,581,084
Expenditures	
Personnel Services (wages, payroll taxes, fringe benefits)	32,283,600
Operating Expenditures	<u>18,458,992</u>
Total operating expenditures	<u>\$50,742,592</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over operating expenditures	(\$161,508)

The increase in revenue for this version is based on a 2.5 mill increase and 1.5% growth based upon valuation estimates from the Assessor.

Operating expenditures were adjusted to accommodate the planning and building departments requests and an increase in property and casualty insurance in the amount of \$307,810, as well as the salary study request in the amount of \$727,000 wage study.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval of this ordinance.

5. **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 If Required.**

No executive session was held.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **20-923 - Third Reading -- An Ordinance To Rescind Ordinance 18-844 Which Established And Created A Special Tax District Within Sumter County, South Carolina, Known As The "Boyles Pond Special Tax District."**

The County Attorney stated that originally, Mr. Henry Veatch, President of Boyles Pond HOA, wrote a letter requesting that Council rescind the ordinance, which established the Special Tax District for Boyles Pond Homeowners to help fund the cost for repairing the Dam. However, since that second reading, Mr. Bryan, the County Attorney, received a second letter from Mr. Veatch asking that Council deny the request to rescind Ordinance 18-844. After comments by Council members, Council took action on third reading of this ordinance. (See both letters from Mr. Veatch listed below.)

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to deny third reading of this ordinance as requested by the homeowners.



Boyles Pond HOA, INC. c/o Henry Veatch March 10,2020
3785 Lookout Cove, Sumter, Sc 29154

To: Sumter County, SC Assessor /Sumter County Attorney
Subject: Special Tax District

Please terminate the special tax district assessments of all lots at Boyles pond effective for the tax year 2020 and all future years. The Small Business Loan has been paid off and the special tax district is no longer required. This action is the result of a vote to discontinue the dam restoration project due to excessive DHEC requirements.

Thank you for all your assistance in this effort on the pondowners behalf.

Henry Veatch
President/ 803-847-3386
Boyles Pond HOA, INC.

Letter To Rescind Letter dated March 10, 2020

Boyles Pond HOA, INC. c/o Henry Veatch May 21,2020
3785 Lookout Cove, Sumter, Sc 29154

To: Sumter County Attorney/ Treasurer/Auditor
Subject: Special Tax District for BPHOA,INC.

Please do not dissolve the special tax district at Boyles Pond. Also, please do not assess any taxes on the lots for this current year and the upcoming years. We would like to keep the tax district in place as we are looking at alternatives to possibly continue the dam replacement project.

Thank you for all your assistance in this effort on behalf of BPHOA,INC.

Henry Veatch
President/ 803-847-3386
Boyles Pond HOA, INC.

2. 20-924 - Third Reading -- An Ordinance To Authorize The Sale Of 0.89 Acre Of Property At 1710 South Guignard Parkway.

Mr. Johnathan Bryan, the County Attorney, stated that there has been no change to this ordinance since first reading. He asked Council to consider granting third reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading approval as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget Workshop/Special Meeting Held On May 26, 4:30 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room, Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main Street, Room 308 (All Council Members). (*The Budget Workshop-Special Meeting Will Begin Immediately After The 4:15 P.M. Forfeited Land Commission Meeting Or At 4:30 P.M.*)

No action was taken at this meeting; the County Administrator will continue to work on the budget to try to have a balanced budget prior to June 30, 2020.

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

No report from Council members.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Information ONLY: Sumter County Forfeited Land Commission Will Hold A Meeting On Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 4:15 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room, Sumter County Courthouse 141 N. Main Street, Room 308. This meeting was not held due to the County Attorney determining that the Forfeited Land Commission did not own the property in question.
2. Sumter County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff's Office Monthly report was provided to all Council members.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator gave an update on the reopening of County Offices. He thanked Mrs. Dennis, the Assistant County Administrator, for all her work during the pandemic.

1. Phase in reopening by eliminating the rotating workdays effective June 1, 2020.
2. The County will prepare workstations for employees to keep them safe and will follow the CDC guidelines.
3. The County Office buildings should be ready to reopen to the public by June 15, 2020, or soon thereafter.
4. No decision has been made as of today when the Recreation Programs will restart.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Public Comment Is Suspended Until Further Notice By Sumter County Council.

ADJOURNMENT

After all discussion and all comments from the public, motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens to adjourn the meeting of Sumter County Council at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council
Sumter County Council

Approved: June 9, 2020

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 bulletin board on third floor of the Administration Building.
- Date Posted: May 22, 2020
- 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 Time Warner Cable.
- Date Notified: May 21, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Blanding
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