



**Minutes**  
**Sumter County Council Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 25, 2022 -- 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, Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, and Carlton B. Washington.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vivian Fleming McGhaney

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

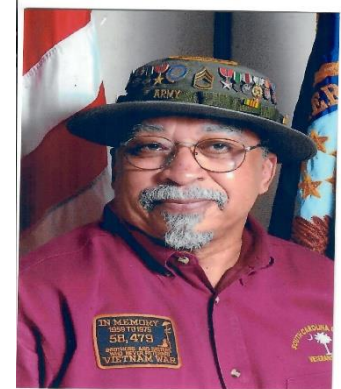
**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Item Newspaper, Shelbie Goulding.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:** Approximately 38 members of the public were present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman of Sumter County Council, the Honorable James T. McCain, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clerk to Council, Mary W. Blanding, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led By Veteran David Wilson, Sr., Council District 1 Retired US Army Veteran David Wilson, Sr. served our Country from January 1960 to March 1980. He is a Vietnam War Veteran that served in Korea, Dominican Republic, and Germany with a combined total of 11 years foreign service. He is a past commander of the Sumter, SC Combat Veterans Group and he currently lives in County Council District 1. Thank you for your service.



**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman McCain called for a motion on the approval of the agenda as presented for Council's meeting of October 25, 2022.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the October 25, 2022; agenda of Sumter County Council as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman McCain asked for a motion concerning the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Sumter County Council held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

**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) None

#### OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(1) None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Request For Approval: A Proclamation Proclaiming Wednesday, October 26, 2022, As **Cassandra Marie Bolden Day** In Sumter County, South Carolina.

Chairman McCain asked the Clerk to Council to publish the proclamation as Ms. Cassandra Marie Bolden stood at the presenter's podium along with Councilman Washington who is the Council representative for Ms. Bolden's area. (See Proclamation below.)

After the reading of the proclamation, the Chairman asked Ms. Bolden to make comments if she so desired. Ms. Bolden made the following comments: She stated that she is the proud granddaughter of James and Bessie Rickenbacker Williams from Bishopville, SC by way of Bamberg, South Carolina. She also stated that she is the daughter of Henry and Maggie Dinkins Bolden of Dalzell, and her father is the Rev. Elijah Bolden and his wife is Ernes Bolden.



She also said that she is third to the youngest of 16 children: nine girls and seven boys. One of her brothers asked her, "why do you want to go into a profession where they would have to fight their way out after each game. Her answer was because we were winning. Ms. Bolden said that she grew up during the times where she planted cotton, chopped cotton, picked cotton, and when they went to town, they could not afford to buy cotton. However, her father always said, they were never poor, "they were blessed." Ms. Bolden further stated that her family's legacy is a legacy of love; Love thy neighbor as thyself; I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me; Ecclesiastes - to everything there is a season.

She further stated that she worked 33 years at Wade Hampton High School and three years at Briggs Preparatory School. However, she was forced into retirement after her accident. She informed Council that she was standing before them as a bionic woman, but not with bionic money and she thanks God for being on this side of the dirt. She also thanked the Clerk to Council, Mary Blanding, for being an inspiration to her, the community, and the members of the church. She also gave greetings to Council from Hopewell Baptist Church, Dalzell, SC, with Rev. Richard Addison as the pastor, and Kenneth

Blanding as her Deacon. Ms. Bolden said that at the first Hall of Fame she had 55 people present to support her, at the second Hall of Fame she had 57 people. However, Mrs. Blanding informed her that Council Chambers would not hold that many people. Ms. Bolden had approximately 20 plus people present with her at the meeting with her oldest sister, Mrs. Emma Russ (92), and youngest brother. She added that she was raised knowing that it takes a village to raise a child. Lastly, she stated that her family members have been her biggest mentors, heroes, and supporters. She thanked Council for the honor of the proclamation and the gift that was given. She also stated that she hopes that she made her mom and dad proud – Always be a lady!

Then Chairman McCain asked for a motion on the approval of the proclamation as published.

*Whereas, County Council members recognize that few would understand the gravity of the commitment, desire, patience, and prayers it takes for one to become devoted to a lifelong journey in teaching others to become the best that they can be whether it is in the classroom, on a basketball or volleyball court, or any given opportunity to help impart intangible assets which matures each hearer into a giant of a person; and*

*Whereas, the members of Sumter County Council are pleased to know that Sumter County is honored to know one such person, former Coach Cassandra Bolden of Dalzell, South Carolina, who dedicated her career to coaching and has now been privileged to receive two State Hall of Fame recognitions – **South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association** and the **South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports**, and she has also received two College Hall of Fame inductions – **Charleston Southern Athletic Hall of Fame** and the **Wade Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame**; and*

*Whereas, County Council members have read about Ms. Bolden's commitment, dedication, and many achievements and the fact that she has brought great pride and honor to herself, her family, and to the Sumter Community as a whole including the Dalzell Community, the former Hillcrest High School, and other educational institutions where she taught and coached during her esteemed career; and*

*Whereas, Ms. Cassandra Bolden has graced her care on thousands of students and families; she leaves them with her heart-felt declaration which bonds her with them for life: **You are not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bones; you did not grow under my heart, but you grew in my heart.***

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that we the members of Sumter County Council place on record a testament of our appreciation for Ms. Cassandra Bolden for bringing such notoriety to Sumter County and making Sumter a better place to live, learn, work, play, and worship; thereby, County Council declares that the entire day of **Wednesday, October 26, 2022**, shall forever be known as*

## ***“Cassandra Bolden Day”***

*in Sumter County, South Carolina; given under the seal of Sumter County, South Carolina, on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.*

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the proclamation as presented and directed the Chairman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the proclamation on behalf of County

Council.

- (2) **Ordinance #22-981 - First Reading -- An Ordinance (1) Amending The Master Agreement Governing The Sumter-Lee Industrial Park Dated December 31, 2012, Between Lee County, South Carolina And Sumter County, South Carolina So As To Enlarge The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Property Owned And/Or Operated By Honey Solar, LLC; And (2) Authorizing Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Johnathan Bryan presented this proposed ordinance to Council for first reading consideration. (See ordinance below). He stated that the ordinance adds forty-four acres of land to the Sumter Lee Master Industrial Park Agreement which will allow for Runnymede, LLC to be added to this industrial park as presented in the ordinance.

After all comments, the Chairman called for a motion 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 to this proposed ordinance as presented.

*WHEREAS, Sumter County, South Carolina, a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (“Sumter County”), acting by and through its County Council (the “Sumter County Council”), and Lee County, South Carolina, a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (“Lee County”), acting by and through its County Council (the “Lee County Council”), are authorized pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina 1976, as amended, and specifically Section 4-1-170 thereof (collectively, the “Park Act”), to develop jointly an industrial or business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member counties; and*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to the Park Act, Sumter County and Lee County previously entered into that certain Master Agreement Governing the Sumter-Lee Industrial Park dated December 31, 2012 (the “Park Agreement”), whereby they agreed to develop a multi-county industrial/business park including within its boundaries property located in Sumter County and Lee County (the “Park”); and*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1.01 of the Park Agreement, Sumter County is authorized to unilaterally increase the Park’s boundaries, from time to time by adopting an approving ordinance approving such increase in the Park’s boundaries; and*

*WHEREAS, Sumter County and Lee County desire to amend the Park Agreement to enlarge the boundaries of the Park to include certain property located in Sumter County now or hereafter owned and/or operated by Honey Solar, LLC, as identified and described on Exhibit A hereto (the “Property”).*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, as follows:**

**SECTION I.** Sumter County hereby approves the amendment of the Park Agreement, and specifically Exhibit A thereto, to enlarge the boundaries of the Park to include the Property.

*SECTION II. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases, and provisions hereunder.*

*SECTION III. All orders, ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall be effective after third and final reading.*

- (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 If Required.

No executive session was held.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- (1) **None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (1) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, October 25, 2022, At 5:30 p.m. on the Third Floor of the County Administration Conference Room, 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC. (McCain, Edens, McGhaney)

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman McCain, gave the following recommendations from the Committee meeting.

1. **Executive Session Contractual Matter:** A motion and a second were received as a recommendation from the Committee to direct the County Administrator to enter negotiations with Connelly Development, LLC for the development of a sight which is owned by Sumter County Government.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to recommend approval of the recommendation to authorize the County Administrator to enter negotiations with Connelly Development, LLC on behalf of the County as it relates to a site development for property owned by Sumter County.

2. **Request For Funds From Infrastructure Account:** A motion and a second were received from the Committee to secure \$7,8000 from the Infrastructure Account to be used to repair railroad ties in the Live Oak Industrial Park.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to recommend approval of the recommendation as received from the Committee to secure \$7,800 from the Infrastructure Account to be used to repair railroad ties in the Live Oak Industrial Park, Sumter, SC.

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

- County Councilman Eugene R. Baten stated that he and Councilman McGhaney attended the Funeral Services of former County Council Member and Chairman, Frank E. Williams, Jr., which was held on Sunday, October 16, 2022. The Clerk mentioned that a proclamation was also granted to the family acknowledging his work on Sumter County Council.
- Councilman Edens thanked Chairman McCain for leadership as the Chairman of the S. C. County Council Coalition. Councilman Edens stated that the Chairman did an outstanding job in coordinating the meeting of the Coalition.
- Councilman Washington stated he did attend the South Carolina Association Of Counties Institute Classes but was unable to attend the SCAC Coalition.
- Councilman Washington thanked Chairman McCain, County Administrator Mixon, and Councilman Baten for attending the meeting with the Sumter School District Superintendent, Dr. William Walker.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

- 1) Sheriff's Department September Monthly Report
- 2) Planning Department and Building Monthly Report
- 3) Chamber of Commerce Sumter's State of Education
- 4) Oyster Roast 2022
- 5) Military Appreciation Day
- 6) SCDOT - Bridge Replacement -- US 76 US 378

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- 1) **Capital Projects Sales Tax Report: Penny For Progress Presentation - Category #4**  
The County Administrator, Mr. Gary Mixon, reported on the Capital Project Sales Tax Projects that are listed as Category #4, Public Buildings/Renovations.

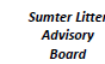
- S. Main Street Building - \$2,500,000
- Mayesville Town Hall - \$1,500,000
- Downtown Accessibility Renovations - \$1,750,000
- Public Services Building - \$5,000,000
- CCTC Classroom Conversion - \$1,000,000

- 2) **Stash The Trash** – Mr. Mixon also reported on the upcoming event called Stash The Trash. He asked Council members if they would like to participate, to please be available on Saturday, November 5, 2022.

Mr. Mixon mentioned that this is the beginning of a yearlong project to try to clean-up Sumter. The County is divided into four quadrants and the City and County will have their new litter pickers at the event to show the citizens how these types of equipment operate. Also, there will be refreshments for those attending the event on Saturday.



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**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 he reminded those present that they will be limited to three minutes each.

1. Rhonda Evans spoke to Council concerning Lime Street which is just off Stamey Livestock Road. She stated that she is concerned about the development that is planned to connect to Lime Street. It was also stated that her grandparents reared their children on Lime Street and her parents and aunts, and uncles reared their children on Lime Street. Therefore, this is an area of legacy per Ms. Evans. She asked Council not to allow this impending street, which has 60 homes on the street to be negatively impacted with the subdivision which will have approximately one thousand homes in the subdivision. Approximately 15 people stood in support of Lime Street.
2. Reginal Evans stated that he along with others have applied for an all-boys school for grades six, seventh, and eighth grade charter school. He added that in February 2023, he hopes to apply for charter school approval from K5 to fifth grade beginning in August 2024. Mr. Evans stated that he has sent communications to the City, the County, and the Sumter School District asking for assistance in this endeavor. Mr. Evans would like to use the classroom on the second floor of the Recreation Department and approximately 20 classes at the Annex Building near the Recreation Department. Mr. Evans also said that they will be applying for the Upper Bound Grant and the Gear-Up grants. The after-school programs will begin in January 2023 with Mr. Evans managing the program at that time. However, later, he hopes to hire a person to manage the after-school program. Mr. Evans also said he is interested in purchasing

property from the City where there is 500 acres of land in that location. Additionally, he said if he cannot purchase the land on Airport Road, he will consider purchasing property on Winkles Road. His desire is that all the schools would be in one location – elementary, middle, and high schools. The focus of the school will be on reading.

3. George Bates recognized Councilman Washington for his assistance in getting some of the roads fixed. He asked Council members not to give up talking to the people in charge in helping with the roads in Sumter County.

He also talked to Council about staffing for the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, he asked Council to provide the equipment for the Sheriff's Office too.

4. Regina Sherod stated that she is in support of the statements made by her cousin about the Dunlap Development wanting to come through Lime Street. Ms. Sherod stated that this development will have larger trucks, busses, more traffic, etc. on this road, when it is not built to handle that type of traffic. Also, there is another route that Mr. Dunlap could take, but he wants to intrude in this quite neighborhood. Ms. Sherod invited Council members to come look at Lime Street to see the calmness of the street.
5. Wanda Lee Jones talked to Council about the needs of sidewalks in her community, Shuler Street and Bultman Drive. She also stated that the streets near Crosswell School also need sidewalks and lights for the sake of the children.
6. Stephanie Edwards stated that she is also a person that has been reared on Lime Street and wondered if the zoning of Lime Street has been changed?
7. Ella Ree Sherod stated that she has been paying the penny tax since 2008, it is time for sidewalks to be in the Crosswell area. It was also mentioned by Ms. Sherod that Bagnel Street needs to be repaired. It was also mentioned by Ms. Sherod that she and her daughter picked up twelve bags of trash near and around the Morris College area. Additionally, the Carolina Avenue is very bad with trash and abandoned cars.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. after a motion by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, 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



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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: October 21, 2022

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: October 21, 2022

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary W. Blanding*

Council Will Take Action On These Minutes On November 8, 2022