

MINUTES
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
Sumter County Administration Building – Third Floor
County Council Chambers -- 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Lorraine W. Dennis, Johnathan Bryan, Mary W. Blanding, and two Deputy Sheriff Officers.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item Newspaper, Adrienne Sarvis

PUBLIC PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McCain called the meeting of February 14, 2017, to order.

INVOCATION: Councilman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation. 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council members along with the public repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Chairman McCain asked the Clerk to Council if there were any changes to the agenda. Mary Blanding, the Clerk to Council, asked Council to consider adding to the agenda under New Business the following ordinance by title only.

17-862 - First Reading -- An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 16-849 Of Sumter County, South Carolina (The 2016-2017 Sumter County Budget Ordinance) By Changing The Amount Of Anticipated Funds, Moneys And Revenues Estimated To Be Received By Sumter County From All Resources And Changing The Amount To Be Allocated Toward The 2016-2017 Budget Of Sumter County. (Title Only)

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the agenda as recommended by the Clerk to add Ordinance 17-862 for first reading by Title Only.

Recognition of American Legion Law and Order Recipients

- Deputy Sheriff of the Year – Sgt. Wesley Floyd – Sumter County Sheriff’s Office
 - Major Allen Dailey introduced Sgt. Wesley Floyd and stated that Sheriff Dennis nominated Sgt. Floyd to the American Legion because of Sgt. Floyd’s work in the with the Sheriff’s Department as a member of the community action team, emergency response team and the motor cycle team. He is loyal brave, honest, and dedicated as he works to combat crime in Sumter County.
- Firefighter of the Year – Div. Chief Charles “Bud” T. Ivey – Sumter Fire Department
 - ✓ Chief Bud Ivey was introduced by the County Administrator. Mr. Ivey has been in the Sumter Fire Department for over 40 years. He was commended for his dedication and commitment to Sumter County and the City of Sumter.

- Emergency Medical Technician of the Year -- Lt. Rhonda Pyle - EMS Department
 - ✓ Lt. Rhonda Pyle was introduced by EMS Director, Mr. Bobby Hingst. Lt. Pyle has worked passionately in emergency medical services. She is professional, dependable, competent, mentor, and team player for the Emergency Medical Services for Sumter County Government.
- Correctional Officer of the Year - Lt. Cynthia Kelly - Sumter Lee Regional Detention Center
 - ✓ Lt. Cynthia Kelly was introduced by the Director of the Sumter-Lee Detention Center, Mr. Simon Major. Mr. Major stated that Lt. Kelly has been with the Detention Center since 1993. She has worked full-time while obtaining her Associates Degree, Bachelor's Degree, and Master's Degree. Lt. Kelly also has become a S. C. Certified Detention Center instructor. She is a mentor and she is a dedicated employee, and she maintains a servant attitude as she works to serve the people.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 24, 2017, And Special Meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2017. - Baker/Byrd to approve the ordinance as presented.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017, minutes as presented.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:

Planned Development/Rezoning Requests

- (1) **OA-16-10 -- Temporary Concrete/Asphalt Batch Plants (County) - 17-861 - Third Reading -- Request To Amend Article 5, Section 5.C.6. Permitted Uses To Add Temporary Concrete/Asphalt Batch Plants In The GC, LI-W, And AC Zoning Districts. Request To Amend Article 10, Definitions To Define Batch Plant.**

Mr. George McGregor, the Planning Director, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading approval. He stated that this request is to amend Article 5, Section 5.C.6 to allow for Temporary Concrete/Asphalt Batch Plants in the GC, LI-W, and AC Zoning Districts. There have been no changes since second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilwoman McGhaney, and carried by Council to grant third reading approval. Council Members Baker and Edens voted in opposition. The motion carried.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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Chairman McCain presented this ordinance to Council for first reading consideration. The ordinance will allow for a budget adjustment as follows:

- ✓ Crystal Lakes Golf Course Landscaping and Irrigation Project \$88,000
- ✓ Fire Truck Purchase (Previously Owned) \$25,000

The funds (\$113,000) for these two projects will be secured from the County's Fund Balance. After discussion, the Chairman called for a motion on first reading by title only.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval as presented.

- (2) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Economic Development Matter Or A Personnel Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, Discuss A Contractual Matter, Or Other Matter Pertaining To An Executive Session, And Take Appropriate Actions Thereafter If Required.

No executive session was held at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Internal Affairs Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 3:45 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room. (Committee Members Byrd, Baker, and Sumpter) (All Council Members Are Asked To Attend.)

- ✓ **Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission**

Reappoint: Ronald Price, Mary Sheridan, Holly Chase, Colette Daniels, and Margaret Carpenter
(Note: Gwendolyn Buchanan's name was inadvertently left on the membership roster; however, Margaret Carpenter was appointed on December 8, 2015, to Gwendolyn Buchannan's and the Board list was not revised to show the change; therefore, Margaret Carpenter was reappointed to this position.)

Appoint - Brandy Hall to replace Daniel Hauptman slot.

ACTION: Motion, second, and unanimous consent was received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to reappoint Ronald Price, Mary Sheridan, Holly Chase, Colette Daniels, and Margaret Carpenter, and to appoint Brandy Hall to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

- ✓ **Accommodations -** Reappoint Tommy Sorrell

ACTION: Motion, second, and unanimous consent was received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to reappoint Tommy Sorrell to the Accommodations Tax, Advisory Board.

- ✓ **Airport Commission -** Reappoint Bill Lynam

ACTION: Motion, second, and unanimous consent was received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to reappoint Bill Lynam to the Airport Commission.

- ✓ **Cultural Commission -** Reappoint Nick Salcido Lynam

ACTION: Motion, second, and unanimous consent was received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to reappoint Nick Salcido to the Cultural Commission.

- ✓ **Planning Commission** - Reappoint Sandra McBride and support Joint Reappoint of Todd Champion and Bertha Willis to the Planning Commission.

ACTION: Motion, second, and unanimous consent was received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to reappoint Sandra McBride and support the joint reappoint of Todd Champion and Bertha Willis to the Planning Commission.

- ✓ **Santee Lynches Regional Council On Government** - Appoint Chuck Wilson to replace Larry Blanding.

Councilman Baten asked the Chairman if he would reiterate the actions concerning the appointment of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commissions. Chairman McCain asked the Chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee, Vice Chairman Byrd, to restate the actions taken by the Committee and by Sumter County Council.

Vice Chairman Byrd stated that reappointments were approved for Ronald Price, Mary Sheridan, Holly Chase, Colette Daniels, and Margaret Carpenter and Brandy Hall was appointed to replace Daniel Hauptman.

Councilman Baten stated that there were other applicants in the pool of applications for the position in which Mr. Hauptman vacated; however, Brandy Hall was approved by the committee although Bandy Hall just filled out an application ten days ago. There was an application in the applicant pool which is that of a very qualified person to serve on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and the application has been in for a long time. However, the Committee overlooked that person. Councilman Baten asked why this person was overlooked for appointment.

The Chairman of the Committee, Vice Chairman Byrd, stated that because the individual applications and persons were discussed in executive session; therefore, it would be inappropriate for this to be discussed in open session.

Councilman Baten stated that he did not want to discuss personalities, he want to discuss qualifications. Vice Chairman Byrd stated that this was out of order and could not be discussed. Councilman Baten asked if there was a reason why this person that applied much earlier than Ms. Hall and had more qualifications than all the applicants was not appointed.

Chairman McCain stated that this was discussed in executive session of the Internal Affairs Committee meeting. No further discussion of those actions can be discussed in open session. The Chairman also said that if Council would like to go back into executive session that would be fine; however, talking about this in open session is out of order.

- (2) **Public Utilities Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room. (Committee Members Edens, McCain, and Baten) (All Council Members Are Asked To Attend.)**

Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Edens, stated that the committee received an update from the County Administrator on the County's two water districts, Shiloh and Wedgefield Water District. The update was on expenses and revenues of the two water companies. No action taken.

- (3) Land Use Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room. (Committee Members Edens, Baten, and Baker) (All Council Members Are Asked To Attend.)

Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Edens, stated that the committee did meet; no action taken.

- (4) Liaison Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room. (Committee Members McCain, Edens, and McGhaney) (All Council Members Are Asked To Attend.)

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman McCain, stated that the Committee discussed the possibility of creating a policy and procedures on how to handle complaints from citizens whose concerns may be under the jurisdiction of another municipality.

The Committee took action to deny the development of any policies or procedures pertaining to this request.

ACTIONS: Motion, second, and unanimous consent was received from the Committee, and carried unanimously by Council to approve the recommendation of the committee to deny the request.

- (5) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room. (Committee Members McCain, Edens, and McGhaney) (All Council Members Are Asked To Attend.)

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman McCain, stated that the Committee discussed the following items during the Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee. Two items were acted upon earlier during action on Budget Amendment Ordinance 16-863 listed above.

- ✓ Rescue Fire Truck -- \$25,000
- ✓ S & R Turf Irrigation -- \$88,000

ACTION: MOTION, second, and unanimous consent was received from the Committee to approve \$10,000 from the Council's Contingency and \$10,000 from the County Administrator's Contingency, and unanimously carried by Council for the following items.

- ✓ **Fatherhood Coalition Program** -- \$10,000 - Council's Contingency
- ✓ **Animal Shelter Program** -- \$10,000 -- County Administrator's Contingency

- (6) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, And/Or Conference.
No reports were given.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- 1) Sumter County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
- 2) Sumter School District Newsletter
- 3) SCAC Mid-Year Conference - February 16-17, 2017
- 4) 2017 Chamber Retreat - February 17-19, 2017
- 5) 2017 Legislative Day - March 8, 2017
- 6) Bridge Replacement Work By SCDOT
- 7) Food Truck Festival
- 8) From Farm To Table Event

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McCain asked if anyone from the public wished to speak during public comment. No one spoke; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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 _____

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Date Notified: February 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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