



**Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, February 28, 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, Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Christopher Sumpter

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Eugene R. Baten

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Lorraine W. Dennis, Johnathan Bryan, Mary W. Blanding, Allen Daley, Ken Bell, Keysa Rogers, Joe Perry, two Sheriff Deputies.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item Newspaper, Adrienne Sarvis and Blogger, Braden Bunch.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 13 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman James T. McCain, Jr. called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Council Woman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

The Clerk to Council asked Council members to add one item (*Introduction Of New Staff Member by Lorraine W. Dennis*) on the Agenda for this meeting right after approval of the Minutes of February 14, 2017. Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda with the addition as requested by the Clerk.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the agenda for the February 28, 2017, meeting of County Council as amended by adding "Introduction of New Staff Member"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017, as presented by the Clerk.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the Minutes of February 14, 2017, as presented by the Clerk.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBER:

The Assistant County Administrator, Lorraine W. Dennis introduced the County's new Communication Coordinator, Mr. Joe Perry. Mrs. Dennis stated that Mr. Perry will be covering various events and meetings for Sumter County Government. This is a new position for the County; however, there are no new monies for the position. The position was a reclassification of a former position within the County. Then Mr. Perry spoke to Council about his previous work experience and his hopes for providing service to the County in his new position.



Mr. Perry stated that two of the most important events in his life happened here in Sumter. He met his wife here and they were married at the Church of the Holy Comforter and he his son was born at Tuomey Hospital. Joe stated that he is here to tell the story about Sumter County, its businesses, industry, farming, recreational events, and all other happenings around Sumter County Government. He further stated that a YouTube channel will be developed and this will boost Social Media Input. Mr. Perry thanked Council for having him here as an employee of Sumter County working in the Information Technology Department.

Chairman McCain welcomed Mr. Perry to the County's staff.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:

Planned Development/Rezoning Requests

- (1) OA-16-08 -- Solar Farms (County) - (16-858) -- Third Reading -- Request To Amend The Sumter County Zoning And Development Standards Ordinance, Specifically, Article 3, Sections 3.K.3, 3.L.3, And 3.N.3, 3.O.3, 3.P.3; Amend Article 3, Exhibit 5, To Add Solar Energy System - Primary Or Accessory, With SIC Code 4911, As A Conditional Use In The Light Industrial (LI-W), Heavy Industrial (HI), Agricultural Conservation (AC), Conservation Preservation (CP), And Agricultural Conservation - 10 (AC-10) Zoning Districts; Amend Article 5, Section 5.B.1 To Add "M" Solar Energy System And Associated Review Criteria; Amend Article 10, To Add Definitions Of Solar Energy System-Primary, And Solar Energy System-Accessory; And To Amend The Ordinance By Adding Appendix D-Decommission Plan For Solar Energy System.

Ms. Donna McCullum, Planning Coordinator, for the Sumter City-County Planning Department, stated that this proposed ordinance would provide for Solar Farms in Sumter County and provide for a definition of Solar Energy System-Primary, and Solar Energy System-Accessory as well as adding information concerning the D-Decommission Plan for Solar Energy System as well as other matters relating to Solar Energy Stems. There have been no changes to this ordinance since first reading. However, Council deferred third reading in November, 2016 to allow for the Sumter Airport and Shaw Air Force Base to provide letter of support or lack thereof. Copies of the letter from the Airport Commission and Shaw AFB were received and each entity is in support of the Solar Farms in Sumter County as outlined in the ordinance.

After the presentation from Ms. McCullum, Chairman McCain asked Council if there were any questions concerning this proposed ordinance amendment. Councilman Baker asked if the adoption of the ordinance would take the moratorium

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) 17-863 - First Reading -- An Ordinance To Authorize The Option And Sale Of Property On North Wise Drive (Title Only).



Mr. Johnathan Bryan, the County Attorney, introduced this proposed ordinance to Council for first reading by Title Only. Mr. Bryan stated that this ordinance would provide for the sale of the property on Wise Drive known as the "Speculative Building/Spec Building." This building will be used for an impending Industrial prospect known as "Project Volcano." As this project continues to move through the Economic Development process, another ordinance will be required for other incentives; however, this ordinance is solely for the sale of the property on North Wise Drive.

After all comments, the Chairman called for a motion on first reading by title only.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading on the proposed ordinance by title only.

- (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.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) 16-859 - Third Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution And Delivery Of A Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement By And Between Sumter County, South Carolina And Mount Franklin Foods South Carolina, LLC, A Company Previously Identified As Project Candy II, Acting On Behalf Of Itself, And/Or One Or More Affiliated Or Related Entities (The "Company") To Provide For Special Source Revenue Credits With Respect To Certain Property Located In Sumter County; (2) The Benefits Of A Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park To Be Made Available To The Company And Such Property; And (3) Other Related Matters.



Johnathan Bryan also presented this proposed ordinance to Council. He stated that this ordinance, if approved, will allow the Mount Franklin Company to receive Special Source Revenue Credits, benefit from a Multi-county Industrial Park Incentives, and other matters relating to this Company opening its business in Sumter County. Mount Franklin has already acquired the industrial building formerly owned by Ausome' Candy Company.

This ordinance indicates that Mount Franklin will invest \$10,000,000 in this company and will provide for up to 225 within a five year period. There is no reduction in the millage ratio; therefore, Mount Franklin will pay 10½ millage-ratio. However, Mount Frankly will receive 6 ½ Special Source revenue Credits for 15 year because of its investment. Also, the company will receive a \$300,000 grant from the County's Infrastructure Fund to reimburse them for the roof repairs in the building which Mount Franklin will be housed. There are claw backs for the Special Source Revenue and for the \$300,000 grant. After all comments from Mr. Bryan, the Chairman called for a motion on this proposed ordinance.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption to this ordinance as presented by the County Attorney and outlined in the ordinance.

- (2) 17-862 -- Second 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.

The County Administrator, Gary Mixon, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for second reading approval. Mr. Mixon stated that this ordinance will allow for the existing budget ordinance

to be amended up to \$113,000. The funds will be secured from the County's Fund Balance for the purchase of a previously owned fire truck at a cost of \$25,000. The fire truck will be placed at Dabbs Cross Road to aid with accidents in that area and the I-95 area. Also, \$88,000 will be used for the purchase of a previously owned irrigation System from Myrtle Beach Golf Course. After all comments, the Chairman called for a motion on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading on the proposed ordinance by title only.

(Note: If the County purchased this irrigation system new, it would cost at least \$200,000. Also the purchase of the Fire Truck would cost nearly the same. The Fire Truck is fully equipped with all the emergency equipment and the high pedestal light on the truck.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, February 28, 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.)

Chairman McCain is also the Chairman of this Committee and he reported that no action was taken.

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



- Chairman McCain reported that he along Steve Creech, Jack Osteen, and Major Joe McElveen flew to Washington DC to meet with the Military Legislative Assistant to Senator Lindsey Graham and Legislative Assistant for Senator Tim Scott. They also visited the Pentagon. Steve Jost. General Charlie Moore and meeting with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force (Dave Goldfind) Lastly, the group met with the Director of the office of Economic Adjustment which allowed them to find out about grants which that can be sought after by the City and County to help with projects that could allow stability of Shaw AFB in our community.

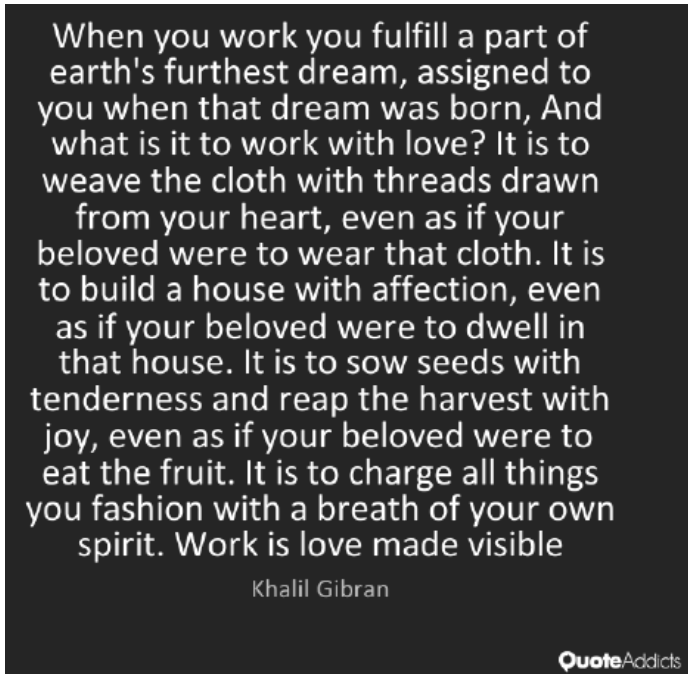
Chairman McCain stated that he thanked Senator Thomas McElveen for arranging the flight on the Governor's second plan.

- SCAC Midyear Conference (McGhaney stated that she, as well as Councilmen Edens, Sumpter and Baten as well as our Chairman attend the Midyear Conference. Councilwoman McGhaney stated that the four top items that will be worked on during this year are as follows: (1) Retirement, (2) Local Government Fund, (3) Business License Bill, and. (4) Road Bill.
- Councilman Sumpter stated that he truly enjoyed the classes that he took.
- Councilman Pen. Chairman McCain informed the audience that there is an official County Council pen that is panned on Council members when they are sworn in for the first time. However, the pen for newly elected Councilman Sumpter was not available at the time of the swearing-in, but is now available. Then Chairman McCain panned the County Council pen on Councilman Sumpter's label.
- Chamber of Commerce Chamber Retreat: Councilwoman McGhaney reported on the Chamber of Commerce; all Council members, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator,

County Attorney, the Clerk to Council, and the Public Works Director attended the Chamber Retreat. Councilwoman McGhane noted that the retreat had three breakout sessions (Education/Workforce Development, Legislative and Military Affairs, and Small Business and Community Development). All the sessions were well attended and information that was shared will be shared to the attendees and the community at a later date.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- 1) Detention Center Reports
- 2) Airport Commission Meeting Minutes
- 3) Legislative Day - March 8, 2017
- 4) Rural Summit - March 6-7, 2017
- 5) Food Truck Festival - Sumter Green - March 4, 2017
- 6) Farm-To-Table - CART Event - March 16, 2017
- 7) Veteran's Black Tie Gala - April 29, 2017
- 8) Former Chairman Louis Fleming -- Gift From Family - The Family members of former Chairman Louis Fleming brought flowers to the office in remembrance of their father and the work that he accomplished as a member of Sumter County Council and his service as Chairman. The also provided the County with the poem listed below which commemorated the ten year of former Chairman Fleming's death.



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator, Gary Mixon gave no report at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McCain asked if anyone from the public would like to speak during public comment up to three minutes. No one spoke during public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 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

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- Date Notified: January 6, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding

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- Date Notified: February 24, 2017

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