



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building -- County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Johnathan Bryan, Mary W. Blanding, Joe Perry, Keysa Rogers, George McGregor, Allen Dailey, and Two Sheriff's Deputies.

MEDIA: *The Item Newspaper*

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McCain called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Councilman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda for the July 23, 2019, meeting of Sumter County Council.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the July 23, 2019, agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes for County Council's July 9, 2019, meeting.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the July 9, 2019, minutes of County Council's meeting as presented.

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

- (1) **RZ-19-08 -- 828 Bethel Church Road -- (County) - Public Hearing/Second Reading -- A Request To Rezone A +/- 0.80 Acre Portion Of A +/-2.33 Acre Parcel From R-15 To General Commercial (GC). The Property Is Located At 828 Bethel Church Road And Is Represented By Tax Map # 223-08-01-004. (Prior To Council Taking Action On Second Reading, A Public Hearing Will Be Held.)**

Mr. George McGregor, Planning Director, stated that the applicant, Mr. Burke Watson, Jr., is requesting on behalf of the property owners to rezone 828 Bethel Church Road from Residential 15 to General Commercial. Mr. McGregor stated that this request is to rezone a +/- 0.8 acre portion of a 2.33 acre split zoned parcel R-15 to General Commercial (GC). Currently the property is zoned General Commercial along Highway 15 South, and frontage with R-15 zoning on the western portion that fronts on Bethel Church Road. The subject property currently contains two active businesses, Sportsman's Stop and Shop and Bethel Tire Services. Sportsman's Stop and Shop is a convenience

store located on the northeastern corner of the property, while Bethel Tire Services is an auto service use located on the western corner of the property. The current zoning on the western portion of the property does not allow for auto service uses, but as the auto service use was established prior to the adoption of the current zoning and developmental standards, it is considered a grandfathered nonconforming use and is allowed to continue to operate. The Planning staff and Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request. After Mr. McGregor's presentation, Chairman McCain called for a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the rezoning request. No one spoke to this issue, therefore, Chairman McCain closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this rezoning request.

- (2) **RZ-19-09 -- 3909/3901/3875/3855/3885 Camden Highway -- (County) - Public Hearing/Second Reading -- A Request To Rezone Five (5) Parcels From Agricultural Conservation (AC) To Limited Commercial (LC). The Property Is Located At 3875, 3855, 3885, 3901, and 3909 Camden Highway And Is Represented By Tax Map #S 190-16-01-003, 190-16-01-004, 190-16-01-005, 190-16-01-016 & 190-16-01-026. (Prior To Council Taking Action On Second Reading, A Public Hearing Will Be Held.)**

Mr. McGregor stated that this rezoning request involves five parcels on Camden Highway. The request would allow for the applicant to change from Agricultural Conservation to Limited Commercial. The applicant/property owner, Trotty McCarty, is requesting this rezoning in order to facilitate future commercial development on the site. Part of the site (3909 Camden Highway) is the current location of the McCarty's Convenience Store. The rest of the site is either vacant or undeveloped. The Planning staff and Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the rezoning request. No one spoke to this issue, therefore, Chairman McCain closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this rezoning request.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Annual Report From Midland's Fatherhood Coalition.

Mr. Keith Ivey, State Director for Midland's Fatherhood Coalition, introduced this matter before members of County Council. Mr. Ivey introduced Ms. Tina Adams, the Data Collections Director, presented Council with information collected to evaluate the growth of the program and its

participants. Ms. Adams stated that once the data is collected it is used for Key Performance Indicators on those that are participating in the program. Information is collected about the Father, his children, his health, etc. The participants are contacted bi-weekly.

Job readiness, co-parenting, and relationships with the children are measured frequently through key performance indicator in the program. Ms. Adams provided a PowerPoint on this presentation and the information was placed in Council's Dropbox for review by Council members in the future.

Council thanked Mr. Ivey and Ms. Adams for their work in this program. Several Council members said that they were pleased to know that the fathers are being kept away from the correctional centers which do not help the fathers, the children, the mothers, or the County expenses at the Detention Center. This report was received as information.

ACTION: Received as information.

- (2) **It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Economic Development Matter, An Employment 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 At 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, In County Council's Conference Room 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC. (McCain, Edens, and McGhaney)**
- (a) **Executive Session: It Is Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss Two Contractual Matters Pertaining To Property And One Economic Development Matter, And It May Be Necessary To Discuss Other Appropriate Items For Executive Session -- And To Take Actions Thereafter On Any Of These Matters.**

Chairman McCain stated that the Committee discussed several executive session matters; and the following actions was taken after the executive session.

1. **Republic Waste Services:** The Committee voted to recommend to Council to deny approval of the continuation of the existing contract and the rate increase request by Republic Waste Services and at the appropriate time to prepare and put out for bid for a residential waste service pick up accordingly for Sumter County residents.

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by the Committee to approve the recommendation from the Committee as presented above.

2. **Property In Wedgefield:** The Committee recommended that the County Administrator continue negotiations with proposed purchaser for property located in Wedgefield.

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by the Committee to approve the recommendation from the Committee to allow the Administrator to continue negotiations concerning selling the purchasing of property owned by the County and located in Wedgefield, SC.

3. **Property In Sumter:** The Committee recommended that the County Administrator continue negotiations to purchase property located in the Sumter area.

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by County Council to approve the recommendation from the Committee to allow the Administrator to continue negotiations concerning purchasing property in Sumter County.

NOTE: Councilman Edens recused himself from discussions and voting on this matter.

(2) **Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, And/Or Conferences; And Any Other Council Comments.** *(Note: A Forfeited Land Commission Meeting Will Be Held On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, In County Council's Conference Room at 4:45 p.m.)*

1. Councilman McGhaney reported that Sumter County's Sheriff, Anthony Dennis, was elected as the President for the Statewide S. C. Sheriff's Association at the Sheriff Association Annual Conference held in July. She asked that Council members invite the Sheriff to Council's next meeting so that he can be recognized by Council.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- SCAC Conference - Program-at-a-Glance
- Commander's Breakfast Announcement

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Mixon did not have any comments; however, he asked Council to permit Ms. Rogers to introduce the two students that were present at the meeting.

Keysa Rogers introduced two students from the Sumter County Summer Youth Program which is funded by County Council. She also thanked Council for providing this opportunity for the students.

- A. Nicolas Miller - Clerk to Council/County Attorney
- B. Brice Shannon - Sheriff's Department

PUBLIC COMMENT

Devon Owens was present on behalf of the 2020 Beto O'Roarke President Campaign who will be sponsoring a barbeque, on August 10, 2019, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Swan Lake Gardens; the Garden Street Shelter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. after a motion by Councilman Baker, seconded Councilman Sumpter, 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: August 9, 2019

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- Date Posted: July 22, 2019
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- Date Notified: July 19, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding