



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building -- 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, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Chris Sumpter.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Mary W. Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Lorraine Dennis, Keysa Rogers, Sheriff Dennis, George McGregor, Allen Dailey, Maribel Alicea, Joe Perry, James Michaelson, and Dorothy Edwards

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Approximately twenty-two members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

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

INVOCATION: Rev. Dale Edwards, local pastor, gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman McCain asked the Clerk to Council if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mrs. Blanding, the Clerk to Council, stated that there were no changes to the agenda. Then Chairman McCain called for a motion on approving the agenda.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for May 28, 2019, as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes for the following meetings of Sumter County Council.

1. Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2019
2. Budget Workshop Tuesday, May 14, 2019
3. Budget Workshop Tuesday, May 21, 2019

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Councilman McGhaney, and unanimously carried to approve all three sets of minutes, as presented.

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

- (1) **RZ-19-05 -- 526 Godwin Street (County) -- Second Reading/Public Hearing -- Request To Rezone A +/-4.98 Acre Parcel Located At 526 Godwin Street From Residential-15 (R-15) To Agricultural Conservation (AC). The Property Is Represented By Tax Map # 245-06-02-003. (Prior To Action On Second Reading, Council Will Hold A Public Hearing on This Rezoning Request.)**

Mr. George McGregor, the Planning Director, presented this proposed rezoning request to Council for second reading and public hearing. The applicants, Camille and John Jolly, are requesting this rezoning

in order to legally use the property for an automotive repair service. This request is on the heel of a Planning/Rezoning Investigation. Once the report from the investigation was completed, the Jolly's took action to comply with the findings of the investigation. The Planning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request.

After Mr. McGregor's presentation, the Chairman convened a public hearing on this matter. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the rezoning request. No one spoke during public hearing. Therefore the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McGhaney, and unanimously carried to approve second reading presented.

- (2) **RZ-19-06 -- 1449 Camden Highway (County) - Second Reading/Public Hearing -- Request To Rezone +/-45.78 Acres Located At 1449 Camden Highway From Agricultural Conservation (AC) To Residential-15 (R-15). The Property Is Represented By Tax Map # 202-00-03-030 (Part). (Prior To Action On Second Reading, Council Will Hold A Public Hearing on This Rezoning Request.)**

Mr. McGregor also presented this rezoning request to Council for second reading and public hearing. He stated that this request is on behalf of Bradford Meadows, LLC in order to rezone a +/- 45.78 acre portion of a 147.9-acre parcel from Agricultural Conservation (AC) to Residential-15 (R-15). The subject property, is currently an undeveloped parcel of land along Camden Highway Planning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

After Mr. McGregor's presentation, the Chairman convened a public hearing on this matter. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the rezoning request.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Doc Dunlap spoke in support of the rezoning request. He stated that the houses will be in the price range of \$200,000 and up. There will be a mix use of houses and property sizes. Mr. Dunlap asked Council to support this request.
- Rev. Dale Edwards was concerned about the property sizes for the homes and whether or not there will be sidewalks in this area. (**Note:** Mr. Dunlap answered the questions about the type of homes they would be very nice styled homes and nothing that would be less than the homes he is currently building in other subdivisions throughout Sumter.) Mr. McGregor informed Council that the process for the development of the subdivision has not yet happened; therefore, sidewalks would be discussed during the subdivision review process.
- Councilman Baker asked about the property that is across the street from this property and at the traffic light on Camden Highway. He wanted to know if the commercial development was going to take place. Mr. McGregor stated that the commercial development will be underway soon.

After all comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried to approve second reading as presented.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (1) 19-908 -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, 2019, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. (Council Will Take Action On Second Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

Mr. Mixon gave an overview of this proposed budget information.

1. Council has been working on the budget for 2019-2020 since April 30, 2019. At that time, the budget was approximately \$900,000 out of balance.
2. Council meet again on May 14, 2019, and the deficit was reduced to approximately \$200,000.
3. Council also meet on May 21, 2019, and the staff presented Council with a balanced General Fund budget of \$51,908, 042; no tax increase is proposed.
4. There is a three percent cost of living increase for County employees and increases for retirement and insurances for the employees.
5. A Capital Bond in the amount of \$2,800,000 is included in the budget as well. The largest Capital Bond purchase will be Air Packs for the Fire Department which are the safety gear that is required. The Sheriff's department will receive 15 cars, one van for the Detention Center, one ambulance for EMS and a power stretcher, and several other items for different departments.
6. Other Agencies are included in the budget; however, the Santee Lynches Regional request for funding to help with the construction of a new Administration Building was removed from the budget. *(The request for funding a building project will be discussed next year during the budget process.)*
7. Other Funds in the budget will include a \$15 increase for the Road User Fee which will become a total of \$30 for the Road User Fee.
8. On June 11, 2019, the County will hold third reading for the budget and the Capital Bond Ordinance. June 4, 2019, Council will meet with Sumter School District officials concerning their budget. That meeting will be held at the Sumter Fire Department Training Center on McCray's Mill Road.

After Mr. Mixon's presentation, the Chairman asked Council members if they had any questions. Councilman Baten asked Mr. Mixon what affect the School District's budget request will have on the County's budget. Mr. Mixon informed Councilman Baten that there will be no effect on the County's budget because the two budgets are totally separate budgets.

Then the Chairman convened a public hearing on the budget ordinance. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed budget. No one spoke during the public hearing; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading as listed under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Grant Award Presented To Sumter County Sheriff's Office For Litter Pick-Up Project.
Sarah Lyles, Community Service Director for the State of South Carolina Palmetto Pride Department, stated that Sumter County Sheriff, the Honorable Anthony Dennis, and his staff prepared a grant and submitted it to Palmetto Pride to help combat litter in Sumter County. This office was granted a two-year grant of \$20,000 per year to receive funds to strengthen the Sheriff's Department Litter Program.

The grant funds can be used for overtime hours for community service crews, cameras, litter clean-up supplies, and a number of other things and services for Litter Control.

Sheriff Dennis also informed Council that this grant will allow him to have an officer patrol around the recycling centers to ensure that there is no illegal dumping at the recycling centers. Also Sheriff Dennis stated that there is a Detention Center Crew that is now operating to help pick up litter through-out Sumter County. Of course, the grant will be able to help in this area as well.

ACTION: Received as information.

(2) Presentation To The Honorable James T. McCain – Duke Energy Citizen Of The Year Award.

Chris Hardee, President of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, stated that during the Small Business Celebration, the Chamber gave out two Small Business of the Year Awards. Mr. Hardee further stated that Duke Energy also provides an award called the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award. This award has been given out by Duke Energy in many other counties throughout South Carolina and North Carolina.

This is the first year that Duke Energy has presented the award in Sumter County. With the inaugural of this award, Mr. Hardee stated that the Chamber wanted to ensure the person who would receive the award represented all of Sumter County. Therefore, Chairman James T. McCain, Jr., was selected as the recipient of the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award. The award will be hereafter presented at the Small Business Annual Celebration. Mr. Hardee read the criteria of the award.

Mr. Hardee presented the award to Chairman McCain, and Chairman McCain thanked the Chairman for the gesture of awarding him with this honor.

(3) 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) 19-908 – Second 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, 2019, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

Mr. Mixon, the County Administrator, presented the budget information to Council. After Mr Mixon's presentation, the Chairman convened a public hearing; however, no one spoke during the public hearing. Therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to the budget ordinance as presented.

- (2) **19-909 - Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019a, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$2,800,000; 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. (Public Hearing On This Ordinance Will Be Held On June 11, 2019, At Third Reading.)**

Mr. Mixon, the County Administrator presented the bond information which was also presented earlier during the meeting when the budget ordinance was presented. After review of the bond ordinance, the Chairman called for a motion on this ordinance as presented with the items listed in the ordinance as shown below.

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

Capital Items Funded by \$2,800,000 Bond

The following table details the items requested for FY 2020:

Item	Estimate	Recommended
Sheriff's Department Fleet rotation (15 plus equip)	\$623,023	\$623,023
Assessor's Office 5 vehicles	150,000	
Fire Department Airpicks	989,000	989,000
Document scanning/indexing service	68,410	68,410
Fire Department Tanker	287,000	
Detention Center SUV, Charger and Van and equip only	112,835	52,635
Patriot Hall, Bathrooms etc	575,000	
Patriot Hall HVAC	800,000	
EMS 4 Ambulances	540,000	135,000
EMS 4 Power Stretchers	70,000	17,500
Fire Department Engine	342,000	
Opticom	30,000	30,000
30 Sets Personal Protective Fire Gear	70,000	70,000
Van for Fire Department	28,800	
2 Fleet vehicles (full size)	56,400	56,400
1 Fleet vehicle (compact)	20,000	20,000
PW Fuel farm tank replacement	165,643	165,643
Technology - Replace Windows 7 PC's out of life	183,294	183,294
Rec Track update	17,173	17,173
Backup solution	100,000	100,000
CAMA	234,000	
Animal Shelter		250,000
Landfill Compactor	687,166	
Total	\$6,150,144	\$2,778,078

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Budget Workshop To Be Held At 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, May 28, 2019, In County Council's Chambers.

This information was presented during the budget ordinance presentation.

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

No reports from Council members.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Ribbon Cuttings

- SEACO
- The Retreat
- 1 On 1 Educational Business

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator announced that because of the renovations in the County Administration Building, the remaining departments in this building will need to relocate. The departments left in this building (Administrator, Human Resources, County Council, County Attorney, Finance, and Procurement) will move to the third floor of the Courthouse with the first Council meeting of September being held in that building. Council's meetings will be held in the small courtroom of the Courthouse and there is also a meeting room for the Committee meetings on the same floor. There will be directional signs to aid in finding the rooms. More information will be on-the-way.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McCain asked if anyone would like to speak during public comment. The following person spoke.

- **Jamal Jones** talked to Council about his concern that Council turned down the request from the Veterans Affairs Office for a part-time person. He stated that he was shocked and felt that the request went down in flames.

ADJOURNMENT

After all discussion and all comments from the public, motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to adjourn the meeting of Sumter County Council at 6:40 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 11, 2019

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 27, 2019
- 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 24, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
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