



**Minutes**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 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, Lorraine Dennis, Johnathan Bryan, Allan Dailey, James Michaelson, Joe Perry, Helen Roodman, Mary Blanding, and two Sheriff's Deputies.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Item Newspaper

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Approximately 11 members of the public were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman James T. McCain, Jr., 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, June 11, 2019

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda, if there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The Clerk to Council informed the Chairman that there were no changes or corrections to the agenda.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the agenda for Council's regular meeting of June 11, 2019, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2019

*(Note: Council held budget meetings on May 28, 2019, and June 4, 2019, no action taken at the workshops.)*

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion concerning the approval of the minutes of May 28, 2019, as prepared by the Clerk.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the minutes as presented.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:**

**Planned Development/Rezoning Requests**

- (1) **RZ-19-05 -- 526 Godwin Street (County) Third Reading -- 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.**

Mrs. Helen Roodman, Zoning Administrator, stated that this request is to rezone approximately five acres of land from Residential-15 to Agricultural Conservation to allow the property to be in compliance with its current usage. There have been no changes to this rezoning request from first reading. The Planning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of the request as presented.

The Chairman asked Council members if they had any additional questions; there were no additional questions. Then the Chairman called for a motion on third reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council for third reading.

- (2) **RZ-19-06 -- 1449 Camden Highway (County) - Third Reading -- 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).**

Mrs. Roodman also presented this proposed rezoning request to rezone approximately 46 acres of property from Agricultural Conservation to Residential-15 to allow for the development of a Subdivision. The Planning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of the request as presented.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council for third reading.

#### **OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- (1) **19-909 - 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. (Council Will Take Action On Third Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)**

The County Administrator stated that this ordinance is known as the County's Capital Bond Ordinance. The bond is up to \$2,800,000, and will be a private sale sometime in July. The list of bond items are shown under Old Business. Then the Chairman convened a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on this reading as listed under Old Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- (1) **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) **19-908 - Third 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 stated that Council is receiving a balance budget of \$51,908,042. The Budget includes the a 3% COLA for County Employees and funding request for other agencies. Mr. Mixon said that the funding for the Santee Lynches Regional Council on Governments' (SLRCOG - COG) construction project is not included in the budget. He also said that the County Administrators in the four COG's County Region will be meeting to discuss what can be done about the COG's construction project.

Also included in this budget information a change to the Employee Handbook for travel reimbursement as cited by IRS and one change made in the Headcount for the Detention Center from 51 officers to 50 which was requested by the Sheriff.

<b>County Operations:</b>	
General Government Administration	\$16,231,413
Public Safety	21,552,653
Transportation	200,030
Health And Human Services	5,641,884
Recreation	3,986,000
Environment And Housing	120,000
Appropriations For Other Agencies – Exhibit C	3,032,562
Other General Expenditures	1,143,500
<b>Total General Fund Appropriations</b>	<b>\$51,908,042</b>

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council for third reading and adoption.

- (2) **19-909 - Third 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.

After a brief description of the items within the bond ordinance by County Administrator Gary Mixon, (see list below), the Chairman convened a public hearing. No one spoke during public hearing; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council for third reading.

### 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 Airpacks	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's	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
PWV 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,150,144</b>	<b>\$2,778,078</b>

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Public Safety Committee Meeting To Be Held at 5:45 p.m. On Tuesday, June 11, 2019, In County Council's Conference Room.

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Chris Sumpter stated that the Committee received a request to name the lobby of the Sheriff's Office as the Ira Byrd Parnell Lobby. The Committee recommended approval of the request.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and approved by Council to name the lobby at the Sheriff's Office as the Ira Byrd Parnell Lobby. The County Administrator and the Sheriff will coordinate this dedication program.

- (2) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, And/Or Conferences; And Any Other Council Comments. (FYI: The Forfeited Land Commission Will Also Meet On June 11, 2019, At 5:30 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room.)

No Council member spoke during this time.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
- Ribbon Cuttings: SEACO, The Retreat, and One On One Plus

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **Budget:** The County Administrator, Gary Mixon, thanked Mrs. Lorraine Dennis and Mr. James Michaelson along with the Department Heads (Team Sumter County) for all the work that was done

on the Budget. Mr. Mixon also thanked Council for their support in working to get the budget in a way to help the employees, as well as other agencies too.

- **Temporary Move:** Mr. Mixon reminded the public that Council, Administrator, Finance, the County Attorney, Human Resources, and Purchasing will be moving from this building to the third floor of the Old Court House. The first meeting for County Council in September will be held in that building. Council's meetings will be held in the small courtroom and there is a conference room for Council's Committee meetings. Council members will be in the Courthouse until sometime in January or February of 2020.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman McCain asked if anyone would like to speak during public comment. He reminded the public that each person would have three minutes to speak and all comments would be made to the Chairman. Also, there would be no interchange about the comments and if necessary, the person(s) speaking would be directed to talk to a staff or Council member after the meeting as directed by the Chairman. The following person spoke:

- **Mrs. F. D. Schmidt** - stated that she is trying to refresh her thoughts and memory that Sumter County has given the School Districts all monies that the State of South Carolina mandates and has not given them money to waste. (*No Comment was made to Mrs. Schmidt.*)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

After all discussion and all comments from the public, motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to adjourn the meeting of Sumter County Council at 6:20 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 25, 2019

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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 bulletin board on third floor of the Administration Building.
- Date Posted: June 10, 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: June 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary W. Blanding*  
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