



**Minutes**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 12, 2018 -- 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, Jr., Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Chris Sumpter.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Mixon, Mary W. Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Lorraine Dennis, Keysa Rogers, Allen Dailey, and two Deputy Sheriff Members.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Approximately eleven members of the public were in attendance.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Item Newspaper - Adrienne Sarvis

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman James T. 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, June 12, 2018

Chairman McCain asked the Clerk to Council if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Mrs. Mary Blanding, the Clerk to Council, asked Council members to please consider removing from the agenda -- Item #3 under New Business - R-18-02 to allow Sumter School District time to provide additional information to Council as it relates to this proposed resolution. She also asked Council to add the words "Title Only" to Item #4 under New Business - 18-890. The Chairman called for a motion concerning the proposed changes to the agenda as presented by the Clerk.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the motion to amend the June 12, 2018, agenda as recommended by the Clerk to Council.

**NOTE:** During discussion on the motion to approve the agenda as proposed to be amended, Councilman Baten asked for clarification on the request and the Chairman provided that for Councilman Baten, then the motion was carried out by the Chairman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chairman called for a motion on the approval of the minutes of County Council's Regular meeting held on May 22, 2018.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2018, as presented.

**Budget Workshop Tuesday, May 29, 2018 -**

The Chairman called for a motion on the approval of the minutes of County Council's Budget Workshop/Special Meeting held on May 29, 2018.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the motion to approve the minutes of May 29, 2018, as presented.

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

- (1) None

**OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- (1) 18-885 -- An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax And Incentive Agreement By And Between Sumter County, South Carolina (The "County") And Becton, Dickinson And Company, A Company Previously Identified As Project Bulldog, Acting For Itself, One Or More Affiliates, And/Or Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, The "Company"), Pursuant To Which The County Shall Covenant To Accept Certain Negotiated Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes With Respect To The Establishment And/Or Expansion Of Certain Facilities In The County (The "Project"); (2) The Benefits Of A Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park To Be Made Available To The Company And The Project; (3) Certain Special Source Revenue Credits In Connection With The Project; And (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto. (Council Will Take Action On Third Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

County Attorney, Johnathan Bryan, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for public hearing and third reading approval. He stated that this proposed ordinance is to allow for a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement and other matters relating to Becton Dickinson formerly referred to as Project Bulldog. The Plant Manager, Kevin Johnson, was present on behalf of this ordinance along with the Sumter Economic Development Board Project Manager. The major terms for this ordinance are as follows:

- If Becton Dickinson invests \$2.5 million within five years, they will receive a 6% Assessment Ratio.
- If Becton Dickinson creates at least 75 jobs within eight years, they will receive 25% Special Source Revenue Credit for 10 years.
- If Becton Dickinson invests \$150 million and creates 125 jobs within eight years, they will receive a 4% Assessment Ratio.

After comments from Mr. Bryan, the Chairman thanked Becton Dickinson for growing their business in Sumter. He also thanked them for their longevity in this community.

Then the Chairman convened a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke during public hearing. The Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading as listed under Old Business.

- (2) 18-886 -- An Ordinance (1) Amending The Master Agreement Governing The Sumter-Lee Industrial Park Dated December 31, 2012, Between Lee County, South Carolina And Sumter County, South Carolina So As To Enlarge The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Property Owned And/Or Operated By Becton, Dickinson And Company, A Company Previously Identified As Project Bulldog;

And (2) Authorizing Other Matters Related Thereto. (Council Will Take Action On Third Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

Mr. Johnathan Bryan then introduced this ordinance for public hearing and third reading. Mr. Bryan stated that this ordinance also pertains to Project Bulldog, Becton Dickinson. If approved, this ordinance will allow for the existing Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement between Sumter County and Lee County to be amended allowing for 15 acres of property to be added to the Multi-County Park Agreement to accommodate this expansion.

After the presentation by Mr. Bryan, the Chairman convened a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke during the public hearing. Then Chairman McCain closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading as listed under Old Business.

- (3) 18-889 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018a, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$2,500,000; 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.)

Mr. Gary Mixon, the County Administrator, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading approval. He stated that the ordinance, if approved, would allow for the sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018a not to exceed \$2,500,000 for capital projects. These projects will include (1) Patriot Hall Renovations, (2) Sumter Lee Detention Center, (3) Fleet Vehicles Purchases - Recreation, Public Works and Sheriff's Department, (4) Brush Truck, and (5) Video Storage for Sheriff's Department, etc.

Then Chairman McCain convened a public hearing, and he asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke during the public hearing. Chairman McCain closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading as listed under Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (1) A Proclamation Proclaiming June 15, 2018, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day In Sumter County, South Carolina.

The Clerk to Council presented this proposed proclamation and stated that Santee Lynches Regional Council on Governments requested that this proclamation be adopted by Sumter County Council so that Sumter County would be one of the Counties in the world that adopt a similar proclamation on behalf of older adults and their protection and treatment. After the presentation by the Clerk, Council took action on the adoption of this proclamation.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McGhaney, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the proclamation as presented.

*Older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them*

WHEREAS:

*to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities;*

*WHEREAS: In 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and*

*WHEREAS: June 15, 2018 marks the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and*

*WHEREAS: The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and*

*WHEREAS: As our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and*

*WHEREAS: Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS: Recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and*

*WHEREAS: Preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and*

*WHEREAS: Where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, NCEA urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults.*

*WHEREAS: Join us in our engaging and empowering movement, and putting an end to abuse.*

*THEREFORE; We, Sumter County Council, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2018 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Sumter County, and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.*

*Dated on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018 by Sumter County Council.*

(2) A Proclamation Proclaiming June 16, 2018, As Double Dutch Day In Sumter County, South Carolina.

The Clerk presented this proposed proclamation to Council for approval. She stated that the International Double Dutch Invitational Championship will be held this weekend at the Sumter Civic

Center. The Chairman has been invited to bring greetings and to read a proclamation. She asked Council to grant approval of the proclamation.

After the presentation, Council took action on the adoption of the proclamation as presented.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilwoman McGhaney, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the proclamation as presented.

*Whereas, During the timeframe of June 14-16, 2018, the American Double Dutch League will be celebrating its Forty-fifth Annual World Invitational Championship at the Sumter County Civic Center, in Sumter, South Carolina, and*

*Whereas, Double Dutch enhances the desirability of individuals as athletes nationwide and in foreign countries the opportunity to excel and granted the opportunity to compete in the World Invitational Championship; and*

*Whereas, Participation in Double Dutch builds self-esteem and provides positive and constructive alternatives to anti-social behaviors and enhances the physical health, well-being of individuals, and our communities; and*

*Whereas, It is the right of everyone regardless of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin to participate in Double Dutch Programs and activities.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, I, James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman of Sumter County Council, do hereby recognize June 14-16, 2018, as*

*“Double Dutch Days”  
in the  
County of Sumter, South Carolina*

*And I commend those who are participating in the Forty-fifth Annual American Double Dutch League World Invitational Championship. All citizens are urged to attend these worldwide events and to be ambassadors for Sumter County to our visitors throughout these events.*

*Given Under The Seal Of The County by Sumter County Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.*

- (3) **R-18-02 -- A Resolution by Members of Sumter County Council Adopting Council's Actions On The 2018-2019 Budget Request Of Sumter School District.**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

- (4) **18-890 - First Reading - An Ordinance To Approve The Revised Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center Contract - Title Only.**

Mr. Bryan stated that the County Administrators from Sumter and Lee Counties are reviewing and updating the existing agreement between these two Counties as it relates to the Regional Detention Center. The Sumter County Sheriff, the Honorable Anthony Dennis, has been informed about the revision and he has given input concerning this Contract. Additional information will be provided to

Council at its next meeting as the contract and ordinance are fully developed for Council's action. Lee County Council members are also taking action on a similar ordinance for its Council to approve.

After all comments, Council took action on first reading.

**NOTE:** *Prior to action on this matter, Councilman McGhaney, stated that she would not participate in the voting on this item due to her husband, Daryl McGhaney, being an employee of the Sumter-Lee Detention Center.*

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the first reading of this ordinance as presented by Title Only.

- (5) 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:**

- (1) 18-885 -- Third Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax And Incentive Agreement By And Between Sumter County, South Carolina (The "County") And Becton, Dickinson And Company, A Company Previously Identified As Project Bulldog, Acting For Itself, One Or More Affiliates, And/Or Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, The "Company"), Pursuant To Which The County Shall Covenant To Accept Certain Negotiated Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes With Respect To The Establishment And/Or Expansion Of Certain Facilities In The County (The "Project"); (2) The Benefits Of A Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park To Be Made Available To The Company And The Project; (3) Certain Special Source Revenue Credits In Connection With The Project; And (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto.

After the presentation by the County Attorney and the public hearing on this ordinance, the Chairman called for a motion on third reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading an adoption to this ordinance as presented.

- (2) 18-886 -- Third Reading -- An Ordinance (1) Amending The Master Agreement Governing The Sumter-Lee Industrial Park Dated December 31, 2012 Between Lee County, South Carolina And Sumter County, South Carolina So As To Enlarge The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Property Owned And/Or Operated By Becton, Dickinson And Company, A Company Previously Identified As Project Bulldog; And (2) Authorizing Other Matters Related Thereto.

After the presentation of this ordinance by the County Attorney and the public hearing, the Chairman called for a motion on third reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption to this ordinance as presented.

- (3) **18-889 - Third Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018a, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$2,500,000; 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 the presentation by the County Administrator, Mr. Mixon, and the public hearing on this ordinance, Chairman McCain called for a motion on third reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman McGhaney, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption to this ordinance as presented.

- (4) **18-888 - 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, 2018, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.**

The County Administrator presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading consideration. Mr. Mixon stated that this is a balanced budget with expenditures and revenues at \$52,752,483. He further stated that there is no tax increase; the mills for last year 84.4 are the same mills for this year. There are funds in the budget for a Cost of Living for the employees and the employer share of Retirement increase. Additionally, the budget includes an amendment to the County's Employee Handbook pertaining to no children in the work place.

Mr. Mixon also informed Council that there are appropriations from the Reserve Fund for renovations of the Old City Fire Department to convert it into the EMS Building for the County. Also included in the fund from the Reserve Account are appropriations for demolition of the old Correctional Center, renovations to the Training Center, and creation of a new parking lot as well as renovations to the existing parking lot.

After all comments, the Chairman called for a motion on third reading of the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading approval of this ordinance as presented.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Councilman Baten stated that during the Budget Meeting on May 29, 2018, with the School District's staff and County Council, he asked about the school district seeking fiscal autonomy. Also, the

resolution for the School District's budget was removed from tonight's agenda of Sumter County Council. He asked that the question pertaining to Fiscal Autonomy be added to those questions.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- 1) South Carolina Aeronautics Commission Executive Summary
- 2) Sumter County Sheriff's Office
- 3) Charleston Symphony Orchestra
- 4) Lakewood Links Ribbon Cutting
- 5) SCAC Annual Conference Brochure
- 6) Motown Review Recognition of Mr. Conner
- 7) Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- 8) Downtown Block Party

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Mr. Mixon thanked Council on their support of**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**



- (1) S. D Schmidt stated that she wanted to address Councilman Baten's statement about supporting fiscal Autonomy to Sumter School District. She said there should be only one taxing authority in a County and it should be County Council. There were words exchanged between Councilman Baten and Mrs. Schmidt.



- (2) Patty Wilson asked everyone to support Patriot Hall's events this weekend and other events that the Cultural Commission is sponsoring. Also, she stated that she hopes that Council will support the request from the School District especially since the School District is doing a great job. Lastly, she thanked Council for the work that is being done on Highway 15 South in Sumter.



- (3) Dr. Brenda Williams retired physicians, 5013c - Family United Incorporated. This organization has worked fervently in the last year concerning the closing of several of the schools. She is not in support of the Sumter School District receiving an increase in funding. Dr. Williams asked that Council not balance the school's budget on the back of the rural schools.



- (4) Calvin Bennett - stated that Sumter School District should not have closed the two schools that they closed which has not caused problems with the finances. He asked Council to consider not supporting the school district budget request.



**ADJOURNMENT:**

After all business of Sumter County Council and all comments from the public, after motion by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd and unanimously carried by Council to conclude the meeting of June 12, 2018.

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 26, 2018**

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Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary W. Blanding*  
Clerk to County Council