



Minutes
County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 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 Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Allen Dailey, Two County Deputies, James Michaelson, Robert Harden, Joe Perry, and Cassandra Turner

MEDIA: The Item Newspaper, Adrienne Sarvis

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

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

INVOCATION: Council Member Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda for the May 22, 2018, meeting of Sumter County Council.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman McCain asked for a motion concerning the approval of the minutes for Council's May 8, 2018, minutes.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the Minutes as presented.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:

Planned Development/Rezoning Requests

1. None

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(1) 18-887 - Third Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Lease Of Property To FTC Communications, LLC. (Council Will Take Action On Third Reading Of This Ordinance Immediately After Public Hearing, Or During Old Business.)



Johnathan Bryan presented this proposed ordinance to Council and the public. Mr. Bryan stated that this ordinance would allow Sumter County to provide a ten-year lease of this property to FTC Communications, LLC. This company will install a Cell Tower on the property and pay a Lease Fee of

\$400 per month to the County. There are no changes to the ordinance since second reading. After all comments, the Chairman convened a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed ordinance. No one spoke during public hearing; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on this matter as listed under Old Business.

- (2) **18-888 - 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, 2018, 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 Of This Ordinance Immediately After Public Hearing, Or During Old Business.)**

Gary Mixon presented the proposed ordinance for second reading approval. Mr. Mixon stated that this is the County's Annual Budget Ordinance \$52,752,483 for the general fund, additional requests from other agencies, capital request of \$2.5 Million Bond; \$700,000 for EMS Building, \$300,000 for removal of old Correctional Center and the construction of a new parking lot at a cost of \$500,000. It is proposed for third reading at June 12, 2018. Additionally, there will be an addition to the employee handbook which will be part of the ordinance. Additional information will be provided at third reading.

Then Chairman McCain convened a public hearing asking if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing on this matter and Council took action on second reading as listed below under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) **18-889 - First 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.**

Mr. Mixon presented this proposed ordinance to Council for first reading approval. This is a General Obligation Bond for approximately 15 mills equaling \$2,500,000 for Capital purchases. Frannie Hazier is the bond attorney for this ordinance.

After the presentation, Council took action on this proposed ordinance as presented.

ACTION: Motion was made by Councilman McGhaney, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval of this proposed ordinance as presented.

- (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) 18-885 -- Second 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 A Company Identified For The Time Being 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.

Johnathan Bryan presented this proposed ordinance to Council for second reading approval for a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement for Project Bulldog. This is the fictitious name for the company since the name has not yet been announced. There have been no changes to this ordinance since first reading. After Mr. Bryan's presentation, the Chairman called for a motion on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval to this ordinance as presented.

- (2) 18-886 - Second 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 A Company Identified For The Time Being As Project Bulldog; And (2) Authorizing Other Matters Related Thereto.

Mr. Bryan, the County Attorney, presented this proposed ordinance for second reading approval. It was noted by Mr. Bryan that Project Bulldog is requesting that this company be placed in a Multi-County Industrial Park. It is the desire of Sumter County to place this Company in the Sumter Lee Industrial Park. After all comments, the Chairman called for a motion on second reading.

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

- (3) 18-887 - Third Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Lease Of Property To FTC Communications, LLC.

Mr. Bryan presented this ordinance to Council for third reading approval. After his comments and the public hearing, Council took action on third reading of this ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Mixon presented this proposed ordinance to Council for second reading approval and public hearing. After the public hearing, 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 approval as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) **Fiscal Tax, and Property Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, At 5:00 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room.**

Chairman McCain, the Chairman of the Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee meeting was held and an executive session matter was discussed in the executive session; no action was taken.

- (2) **County Council Budget Workshop/Special Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, At 5:30 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room.**

All Council members were present at this the budget workshop along with Gary Mixon, James Michaelson, and Mary Blanding.

Budget Calendar:

May 29, 2018 – Supper at 4:00 p.m. and meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Department Training Center – Presentation by the Sumter School District.

- Capital Request Bond -- \$2,500,000
- \$7000,000 EMS Station
- \$300,000 Demotion and Removal of Old Jail Building
- \$500,000 Renovation of and construction of parking lot for Sheriff's Department and renovation of the Training Center.

June 12, 2018 – 3rd Reading of the County's Budget and discussion and possible action on Resolution for School District.

Capital Bond Ordinance

- 1st Reading, May 22, 2018
- 2nd Reading, May 29, 2018
- 3rd Reading, June 12, 2018 – Public Hearing

NOTE: Councilman McGhaney informed Council that she spoke to the S. C. Ethics Commission concerning her ability to vote on the School District's Resolution. She has received an affirmative from the Ethics Commission that she is free to vote on the resolution.

After all questions and comments, the workshop was adjourned after a motion by Councilman Edens, and seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried by Council. Council then began its Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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



Councilman Baten reported that he attended the OPIOID Summit presented by Santee-Lynches Regional Council On Governments. The Summit had participants from the Regional Counties which

included Lee, Kershaw, Clarendon, and Sumter Counties. It was agreed by the participants that this region does have an OPIOID problem. Additionally, it was agreed that Santee Lynches would act as the collection agency to collect all possible information concerning this OPIOID epidemic. The EMS Director stated that EMS has received 134 calls about OPIOID overdoses; however, the Behavioral Health Department has recorded only 11 deaths.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- 1) Planning Commission Meeting
- 2) Building Department Report
- 3) Iris Festival 2018
- 4) Taste of The Gardens
- 5) Memorial Day Ceremony

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No additional comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke during public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

After all business and comments from the public, upon motion by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council, the meeting of Sumter County Council adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council
Sumter County Council

Approved: June 12, 2018

I certify that public and media notification of the above-mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows required by Freedom of Information:

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Date Posted: May 21, 2017

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Date Notified: May 18, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding