



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building -- County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

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COUNCIL: 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.

STAFF: Gary Mixon, Mary Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Allen Dailey, Robert Harden, and two Sheriff Deputies.

MEDIA: None

PUBLIC: Twelve members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

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, May 8, 2018

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda for May 8, 2018. The Clerk to Council asked Council to remove Item #1 under Old Business. Then the following motion was received from Council members.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the agenda by removing Item #1 under Old Business as requested by the Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 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 minutes of April 24, 2018, as presented by the Clerk.

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

No Land Use Matters were held at this meeting.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No Other Public Hearings were held at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Presentation -- Santee Lynches Regional Council On Governments (SLRCOG) -- Health and Human Services By Connie Munn.

Chris McKinney, CEO of Santee Regional Council on Governments, introduced the Chief of Health and Human Services for SLRCOG. Mr. McKinney stated that currently the program involves assistance for seniors; however, SLRCOG is looking to expand the offerings to all ages of people.

Ms. Connie Munn stated that currently this program serves the elderly, those persons over 60 years of age. She stated that it is the hope of Santee Lynches COG to get the services to the people. The COG is trying to set up a system to ensure that services are received by all the people that need the services.

- Senior Health Program
- Seniors Raising Grand Children
- Ombudsman Program
- Volunteer Program
- Contract Management
- Needs Assessment
- Insurance Counseling
- Legal Program
- Wisdom Wednesday – Students and Seniors intermingling
- Disaster Relief –Red Bag
- Compassion and Action

After Mrs. Munn’s presentation, Mr. McKinney reiterated that at the present this department is for “Senior Citizens” health and wellbeing; however, it is his hope that this department will become a Human Services Department helping all persons.

Mr. McKinney also reminded Council about the Opioid Summit that will be held on May 10, 2018, which will allow for the participants to brainstorm and try to develop a method of helping those with this problem including those caregivers and family members.

The information was received as information only.

- (2) **18-888 - First 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. (Title Only)**

The County Administrator, Gary Mixon, presented this proposed ordinance to Council. He gave the following information:

A Balanced Budget at \$52,752,483 of revenue and expenses. Included in the budget are the following major items:

- ✓ 3% cost of living
- ✓ 1% Retirement Expense for Employees
- ✓ 2% Health Care Expense for Employees
- ✓ New Position in Sheriff’s Office

- ✓ Other Agencies At Their Requested Amount.
- ✓ Additional Personnel – Seasonal for upcoming elections
- ✓ Capital Fund
- ✓ Funds From The Reserve
 - \$1.5 Million for EMS and Coroner Relocation to building –
 - Demolition of the Old Detention Center and Renovation of Training Center As Well as Parking Upgrades.

After all comments from the County Administrator, the Chairman called for a motion concerning first reading of this ordinance.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to this budget ordinance as presented.

- (3) 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) 18-886 - 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.

This item was removed from the agenda.

- (2) 18-887 - Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Lease Of Property To FTC Communications, LLC.

The County Attorney presented this proposed ordinance to Council for second reading approval. Mr. Bryan stated that this lease is a ten year lease with a ten year renewal; \$400 per month and 2% increase per year. It is not known as of today when the tower will be activated.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) County Council Budget Workshop/Special Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, At 5:00 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room.

The County Administrator, Mr. Mixon, commented on the budget cycle and the budget figures for this year. See first reading of the budget as presented above. Mr. Mixon also stated that this is the first time for Sumter County to present a balanced budget at first reading.

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

No comments were presented.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- 1) Sheriff's Department
- 2) Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
- 3) United States Army Save The Date
- 4) Law Enforcement Prayer Breakfast 2018
- 5) Ribbon Cuttings -- Hyatt Place and Pelican's Snowball

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No additional comments from the Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman asked if anyone from the public wished to speak during public comment. The following persons spoke to Council.

- 1. **Dee Schmidt** spoke to Council about the School Districts request for additional funding. She asked Council to please decline giving the School District extra funds.



- 2. **Lewis Watkins** stated that he lives on Providence Street in Sumter. He said that he wants to be known as an advocate and not a nemesis. Mr. Watkins stated that he is in support of Mrs. Munn's comments. He also stated that he still believes there should be a general phone number or complaint number to call when there is a problem.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. after a motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by 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: May 22, 2018

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Respectfully submitted,
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