



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 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: Chairman James T. McCain, Vice Chairman James R. Byrd, Council Members - Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, and Chris Sumpter

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Vivian Fleming McGhaney

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Mary W. Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, George McGregor, Joe Perry, Erika Williams, and two Sheriff Deputies

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item Newspaper, Adrienne Sarvis

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Approximately 19 people were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman James T. McCain.

INVOCATION: The Clerk to Sumter County Council, Mary W. Blanding, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was repeated by all those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Chairman McCain asked Council members to consider adding one item to the agenda right after approval of the minutes of October 23, 2018. **ADD:** Emerging Leaders - Introduced by Erica Williams.

ACTIONS: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the amended agenda (*one item was added as requested above.*)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2018, minutes of Sumter County Council.

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

ADDED AGENDA ITEM: *Emerging Leaders Program:*

County Administrator, Gary Mixon, along with the City Manager, Deron McCormick, met with this group of young bright leaders at the Patriot Park Pavilion. This is a program co-sponsored by the Development Board, S. C. Department of Commerce, City and County of Sumter, the Chamber of Commerce and the School District. Ms. Erika Williams, Communications and Strategic Initiatives Manager, Sumter Economic Development/TheLINK, is the coordinator of this program; she was in attendance with the students. Mr. Mixon thanked the young people for coming to the meeting. He also said that their MOTO is "Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow." Mr. Mixon and Mr. McCormick talked to the group about the City and County Government.

Ms. Williams stated that the program will have several more sessions before May and the session held today is the second session. The students will have a graduation program in May upon completion of all sessions. Once they have completed the program, they will be assigned to sit on different boards and commissions throughout the Sumter area in an ex-officio manner. The students are all eleventh graders representing members from all three public high schools in Sumter; a total of 16 students are in the program. Thank you so much for coming today. These are the students who indicated they would attend County Council's meeting tonight:

1. Briasia Brown -
2. Aaleyah Powell - Crestwood High School
3. Elijah Foe -
4. Diamond Sanders - Crestwood High School
5. Caroline Pruden -
6. Justin Gallimore - Sumter High School
7. Christian Campbell - Sumter High School
8. Aaliyah Davis
9. Naveah Hardy - Lakewood High School

ACTIONS: Received as information.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:

Planned Development/Rezoning Requests

- (1) **RZ-18-10 - 4690 Thomas Sumter Hwy. (County) - Third Reading -- Request To Rezone +/- 3.91 Acres From General Commercial (GC) And Agricultural Conservation (AC) To Light Industrial-Warehouse (LI-W). The Property Is Located At 4690 Thomas Sumter Highway And Is Represented By Tax Map #151-00-01-014.**

Chairman McCain asked Mr. McGregor to present this matter before Council. Mr. McGregor, the Planning Director stated that there have been no changes to this rezoning request since first reading. Prior to action on third reading, Councilman Baker asked whether or not the noise level for this business will be considered since it is surrounded by residential development. Mr. McGregor said that noise, buffering, and appearance will all be considered since this is on the Highway Corridor. After all Comments, the Chairman called for a motion on third reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption to this rezoning request.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) **Two Reports From Santee Lynches Regional Council On Governments (SLRCOG).**
 - a) SLRCOG Transportation Study - Mr. Kelly gave a report to Council concerning a Transportation Study which will cover the time span of now through year 2045 and does not cover the urbanized area of Sumter. The SUAT Committee works with the urbanized area of Sumter. This Transportation Study will include Lee, Clarendon, and the non-urbanized areas of Sumter and Kershaw Counties; it will be completed by spring of 2019 which will meet the deadline of June, 2019. A copy of the 2024 Transportation Map Study was left at the County.

- b) *SLRCOG Economic Development and Community Sustainable Department Report.* Kyle Kelly stated that the Sumter County Economic Development Agency is the main economic development agency in Sumter County; however, the SLRCOG acts in conjunction with Economic Development to be able to support the needs of the local Economic Development Agency. Additionally, Mr. Kelly's department works with Transportation and they are able to leverage additional funds for this area through the COG. Mr. Kelly also stated that he works in conjunction with the local Planning Department and the SUATS Committee.

Mr. Kelly also stated that he works closely with Water Quality Planning with the City and County of Sumter and other areas in the region as well as Housing needs through different Grants such as Community Development Block Grant.

Councilman Baker asked Mr. Kelly about reviewing the conditions of a sewage lagoon in the Sumter Community which may affect water quality. Mr. Kelly said that he would meet with Mr. Baker about this matter.

Council also gave some historical information concerning the widening of Highway 521 North in the Sumter area to I-20. It was noted that if the State does not fund this project, it cannot not be completed through the funds that are available through SUATS and other local transportation funding. Council members also noted that it is not just the widening of Highway 521, it is a safety issue for needing to widen Highway 521 North. The traffic on this portion of th

ACTION: Received as information.

- (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 at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Public Safety Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room. (Sumpter, Baten, and Byrd)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Sumpter, informed Council that the Committee meet and discussed the possibilities of new tethering laws both the pros and cons in Sumter County similar to laws in Florence County, Greedwood, and several other counties. It was recommended that the Sheriff's Department would develop an ordinance and bring the draft ordinance back to this Committee for review prior to taking it to Sumter County Council for First Reading.

The Committee also discussed an executive session matter; however, no action was taken. The Administrator and County Attorney will continue reviewing this matter and bring it back to one of Council's Committee's for action at a later date.

- (2) Technology/Personnel Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room. (McGhaney, Byrd, and Sumpter)

Vice Chairman Byrd, who is a member of this Committee, acted as the Chairman of the Committee due to the Committee's Chairman, Councilman McGhaney not being able to attend this meeting due to a medical issue. Councilman Sumpter also attended the meeting.

Vice Chairman Byrd reported that Council received information from the Interim Master In Equity concerning a personnel recommendation for the Master's Office. The request was received as information. No action taken.

- (3) Internal Affairs Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. In County Council's Conference Room. (Byrd, Baker, and Sumpter)

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission: Appoint the following persons to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:

- Matthew Wilkie to replace Leigh Evans
- Linda Clark to replace Collette Daniels

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried from Council to approve the recommendations as presented.

NOTE: Councilman Baten recused himself from voting on this matter.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Appoint the following person to the Zoning Board of Appeals

- Jason Reddick to replace Colin Davis (*Note:* Mr. Davis was elected to serve as a City Council Member.)

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried from Council to approve the recommendations as presented.

- (4) Land Use Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room. (Edens, Baker, and Baten)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Edens, stated that Committee discussed the County's Political Sign Ordinance; however, there will be no changes to the ordinance at this time. No action was taken.

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

- Councilman Baten thanked Council for being at the Veteran's Day Parade. The Veterans, especially the Combat Veterans, are pleased that Council supports the Veterans and the service that they have provided to the United States and this world.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Sheriff’s Department Monthly Report
2. Chamber of Commerce Retreat – January 18-20, 2018
3. Grand Opening of the Patriot Park Pavilion – November 30, 2018
4. Sumter County Museum Oyster Roast – November 30, 2018
5. December 10, 2018, Council’s Christmas Dinner
6. Legislative Breakfast -- December 4, 2018

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The County Administrator thanked Erica Williams for bring the Emerging Leaders before Council. The leaders met at Patriot Park Pavilion today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment. No one spoke during public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. after a motion by Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Councilman Baker, 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: December 11, 2018 – No meeting was held on November 27, 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 Notified: November 9, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Blanding

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