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Sumter County Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
Sumter County Administration Building
Third Floor, County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman; James Byrd, Jr., Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Carlton B. Washington.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Mary W. Blanding, Helen Roodman, Johnathan Bryan, Joe Perry, Gary Hawkins, Valerie Brunson, and two Sheriff Deputies.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 35 members of the public attended the meeting.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item Newspaper, Shelby Goulding.

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Councilman Vivian Fleming McGhaney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led By U.S. Air Force Veteran (Retired) Lt. Col. Albert Davis served our Country for 31 Years and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He is a Gulf War Veteran who also served in Saudi Arabia. His last duty station was Shaw AFB, and he decided to make Sumter his home. He is currently the Midlands Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers President, a member of the Sumter Behavioral Health Services Board, member of the American Legion Post 202, and a proud member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. He is married to Alice Clair Davis for 49 years and has one daughter, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He lives in County Council District 2. Thank you for your Service!



APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2021

The Chairman stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda for December 14, 2021.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman McGhaney, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the agenda for the December 14, 2021, as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Special Meeting Tuesday, November 23, 2021, and Special Meeting Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion concerning action on the three minutes that are on the agenda for approval.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman McGhaney, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of County Council’s Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, and the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, and Special Meeting held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, as presented.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:

Planned Development/Rezoning Requests:

NOTE RZ = *Rezoning Of Property As Applicable In Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards.*

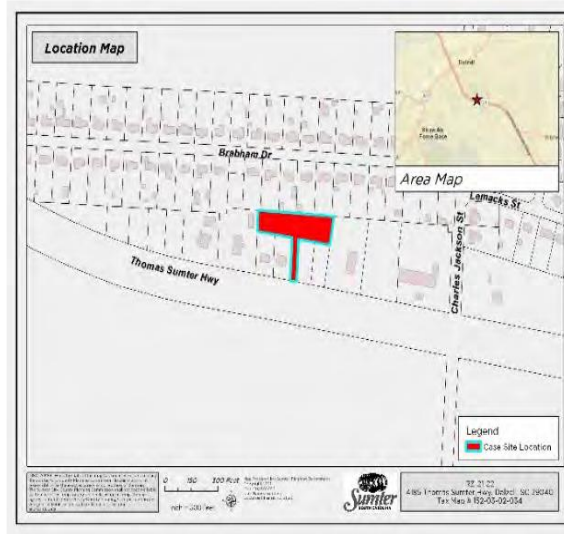
AC = *Agricultural Conservation As Applicable In Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards.*

NC = *Neighborhood Commercial As Applicable In Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards.*

LI-W = *Light Industrial-Warehouse As Applicable in Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards.*

1. **RZ-21-22 -- 4185/4189 Thomas Sumter Highway -- (County) -- First Reading -- A Request To Rezone +/- 1.35-Acres From General Commercial/Agricultural Conservation (GC/ AC) To General Commercial (GC). The Property Is Located At 4185/4189 Thomas Sumter Highway And Is Represented By Tax Map #/S 152-03-02-034 And 152-03-02-044.**

Mrs. Helen Roodman, the Planning Director presented this proposed rezoning request to Council for first reading consideration. Mrs. Roodman stated that the authorized Agent for the Property Owner is Mr. Christopher Patten. The property at 4185 and 4189 Thomas Sumter Highway is being requested to be rezoned from General Commercial/Agricultural Conservation to General Commercial. The applicant is planning to utilize the subject property, as well as an additional property located at 4179 Thomas Sumter Highway for an Automotive Dealer Business. These lots were created prior to the 1999 zoning Ordinance and prior to the establishment of the Highway Corridor Protection District (HCPD) overlay. The lot at 4185 Thomas Sumter Highway has been developed and contains two commercial warehouse buildings, one of which houses a plumbing services company. The lot at 4189 Thomas Sumter Highway has not been developed and is currently vacant.



Mrs. Roodman also noted that the area north of the rezoning request is residential in nature and was established as a formal subdivision (Pecan Acres) in the 1970s. It is near Kel Sam Subdivision. Land to the east and west of the property with frontage on Thomas Sumter Highway, contains commercial Land uses. Also, Land to the south of the property, on the opposite side of Thomas Sumter Highway, is currently agricultural.

Mrs. Roodman also said that should the site be redeveloped for a specific use at a future date, proposed development at the subject property will have its transportation impacts evaluated at time of site plan approval with appropriate mitigation measures required. After all comments, Council took action on first reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval of this rezoning request.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (1) Ordinance #21-965 -- An Ordinance Authorizing (1) Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Sumter County, South Carolina And A Company Known To The County As Project Honey, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits For The Benefit Of A Project In The County; (2) The Enlargement Of The Boundaries Of An Industrial Park Previously Created By Sumter County And Lee County To Include Certain Property Located In Sumter County, South Carolina Now Or To Be Hereafter Owned And/Or Operated By Project Honey, Or One Or More Companies Related Thereto; And (3) Other Related Matters. (Council Will Take Action On Second Reading Of This Ordinance Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

The County Attorney, Mr. Johnathan Bryan, presented this ordinance to Council for second reading and public hearing. He stated that this ordinance is in reference to a project that will be placed just off of Highway 15, North which is currently called Project Honey and will be a Solar Farm. Mr. Bryan also informed Council that on Council's agenda tonight is a Resolution with the particulars about Project Honey, R-21-11.

Mr. Bryan informed Council and the public that the terms of the agreement are as follows:

- (1) the incentive of a FILOT for a term of 30 years, and having a fixed assessment ratio of 6% with a fixed millage rate equal to the lowest millage rate permitted pursuant to Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(D) of the Act, the terms of which shall be further set forth in a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreement between the County and the Company ("Fee Agreement");
- (2) the placement of the Project in a multi-county industrial or business park of which the County is a member county;
- (3) the provision of an annual Special Source Revenue Credit against those FILOT payments made by the Company to the County for the Project equal to the difference between a net FILOT payment liability of \$2,000 per megawatt of alternating current generation output at the Project and such FILOT payments due (for example, if the anticipated megawatts of alternating current generation output is 2.0, the net FILOT payment would be \$4,000); and
- (4) any other incentives that may be set forth in the Fee Agreement or other agreements by and between the County and the Company (collectively, the "Incentives");

Also, Mr. Bryan stated that because of the location of the proposed project, Council may want the company to look at the buffering that may need to be placed at the location.

After Mr. Bryan's comments, the Chairman convened a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed ordinance as presented. The following persons spoke during public hearing.

- Chip Finney (The Honorable Ernest Finney, III, Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor) spoke to Council concerning this proposed project. He stated that he is speaking on behalf of the residents of Runnymede Subdivision this is located on Highway 15, North. Mr. Finney stated that this

subdivision was developed many years ago and is still very active; however, several of the residents are older and are concerned about what is being developed in the neighborhood. He also stated that the community members would appreciate as much information as possible so that they will be aware of what to expect such as the type of buffering, site and noise, etc. and any other information that they can have in reference to this project.

Chairman McCain stated that the information would be provided to the Community prior to third reading.

Councilman Washington asked the Chairman if the Solicitor would be able to address Council again once the information about buffering, site development, etc., are provided to him. The Chairman stated that Mr. Finney will have the privilege to speak to Council again about this matter once the Solicitor received his answers as mentioned above.

Councilwoman McGhaney informed the County Attorney that she would like to be privileged to the information that will be shared with the Solicitor and that she would also like to be a part of a site visit to this development along with the Solicitor and others. Councilman Washington also stated that he would like to attend this visit as well if it was okay with Councilman McGhaney; she agreed.

➤ Lewis Watkins then spoke to Council concerning the rezoning request. He stated that the agenda does not speak to the issue; with City and County Council. Mr. Watkins further stated that the agenda addresses the property and it does not address the project. Also, Mr. Watkins stated that there is no more than ten percent of information given to the public about what is actually happening with an industrial project. He further stated that coming to these meetings and City Council meetings does not give the public a clear picture of what is going on with these industrial projects and how it impacts the community. Mr. Watkins stated that the development on Broad Street reminds him of Concord Mills; which takes a person almost an hour to move through traffic. Lastly, he stated that the environmental impact is not spelled out during these meetings and the information on the agenda does not help the public to know what is going on with the projects; therefore, he is not in support of this project.

The Chairman asked if anyone else wished to speak during public comment; no one else spoke, then the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Council members continued to discuss this matter, which is listed under Old Business as well as action on second reading of this ordinance.

(2) **Ordinance #21-966 -- An Ordinance Authorizing An Option To Lease Property To FTC Communications, LLC. (Council Will Take Action On Third Reading Of This Ordinance Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)**

Mr. Johnathan Bryan presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading consideration. He stated that during the last meeting for second reading and public hearing, Councilman Edens asked for information concerning the proposed lease. Mr. Bryan said he had a draft lease for the property located at the back of the Library on Wesmark Boulevard. He further stated that the company is asking for a 90 year lease. Mr. Bryan commented that Council does not have to agree to the suggested terms of the lease and can provide the company with an alternate timeline for the lease. He also said that the lease has

language in it that states that the lease is in ten year intervals until the 40th year and after that the lease is in place from forty years to ninety years. Council has the option to terminate the lease after ten, twenty, or thirty years.

After Mr. Bryan’s comments, the Chairman convened a public hearing. He asked if anyone wanted 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 third reading listed under Old Business.

- (3) **Ordinance #21-968 - An Ordinance To Adopt A Revised Business License Ordinance In Accordance With The Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176) (Council Will Take Action On Third Reading Of This Ordinance Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)**

The County Attorney, Johnathan Bryan, presented this proposed ordinance to Council. He stated that due to changes in the state laws, Sumter County needed to revise its Business License Ordinance in order to comply with the requirements of the Act. Therefore, Sumter County has prepared a 2022 Business License Ordinance and the ordinance will be codified as County Code sections 26-23 through 26-45. Mr. Bryan also mentioned to Council that the ordinance must be in place, as required by the State, on January 1, 2022.

After Mr. Bryan’s presentation, the Chairman convened a public hearing on this ordinance amendment. Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, Chairman McCain closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading listed under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Presentation By Eastern Carolina Housing Organization – Veteran Services.

No representative from Eastern Carolina House Organization came to the meeting.

- (2) **Ordinance 21-969 – First Reading -- An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 02-461 Concerning The Sumter County Infrastructure Fund.**

Mr. Johnathan Bryan presented this proposed ordinance to Council for first reading consideration. Mr. Bryan reminded Council that Sumter County Council adopted Ordinance 02-461 on March 12, 2002, establishing the Sumter County Infrastructure Fund. He stated that the original ordinance, as written, provides that money deposited in the Sumter County Infrastructure Fund would be used to pay for Infrastructure Improvements.

He also mentioned that Section 4-9-30 of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina, (2021)* provides that one of the enumerated powers of county governments is to make and execute contracts and that section further provides that specific functions and operations of county governments includes economic development. Sumter County Council recognizes the significant advantage of having a new building ready to occupy (“Spec Building”) in attracting prospective manufacturers or other industries to Sumter County, thereby enhancing Sumter County’s Economic Development. Mr. Bryan and others involved with economic development discussed with Council the importance of having a new Spec Building; it was also

communicated that a Spec Building requires investment by Sumter County or investment by a private developer.

Mr. Bryan stated that this ordinance would allow Sumter County Council to attract private development of Spec Buildings in Sumter County by allowing the funds on deposit in the Infrastructure Fund to be used to assist private developers to fund their construction of spec buildings in Sumter.

Mr. Bryan said that this ordinance would allow Sumter County Council to amend Ordinance 02-461 “The Sumter County Infrastructure Fund” so that the moneys on deposit may be used to fund low-interest loans to private developers for the specific purpose of constructing a Spec Building in Sumter County. The maximum amount of any such loan will be lesser of Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars or Twenty-Five (25%) Percent of the project budget. The interest rate on any such loan will be the same as the interest rate paid for moneys on deposit in the Sumter County General Fund as administered by the Sumter County Treasurer. After review of the ordinance, and it was previously discussed in the Special Meeting of Sumter County Council held earlier today, Council took action on first reading.

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

- (3) R-21-11 - An Inducement Resolution Identifying A Project To Satisfy The Requirements Of Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The South Carolina Code, So As To Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred By A Company Known To The County As Project Honey, Its Affiliates And Related Entities, To Qualify As Expenditures Eligible For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Arrangement With Sumter County, South Carolina; Providing For Other Related Economic Development Incentives, Including Special Source Revenue Credits; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

Mr. Bryan, the County Attorney also presented this resolution to County Council. He stated that the resolution was in conjunction with Ordinance 21-965 in reference to Project Honey, an Economic Development Project. Mr. Bryan stated that the incentives for Project Honey include, but are not limited to the following:

- (1) the incentive of a FILOT for a term of 30 years, and having a fixed assessment ratio of 6% with a fixed millage rate equal to the lowest millage rate permitted pursuant to Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(D) of the Act, the terms of which shall be further set forth in a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreement between the County and the Company (“Fee Agreement”);
- (2) the placement of the Project in a multi-county industrial or business park of which the County is a member county;
- (3) the provision of an annual Special Source Revenue Credit against those FILOT payments made by the Company to the County for the Project equal to the difference between a net FILOT payment liability of \$2,000 per megawatt of alternating current generation output at the Project and such FILOT payments due (for example, if the anticipated megawatts of alternating current generation output is 2.0, the net FILOT payment would be \$4,000); and
- (4) any other incentives that may be set forth in the Fee Agreement or other agreements by and between the County and the Company (collectively, the “Incentives”);

After all comments, the Chairman called for a motion on this resolution.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the resolution as presented and directed the Chairman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the resolution on behalf of the County as presented.

- (4) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Employment Matter, An Economic Development 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) Ordinance #21-965 -- Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing (1) Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Sumter County, South Carolina And A Company Known To The County As Project Honey, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits For The Benefit Of A Project In The County; (2) The Enlargement Of The Boundaries Of An Industrial Park Previously Created By Sumter County And Lee County To Include Certain Property Located In Sumter County, South Carolina Now Or To Be Hereafter Owned And/Or Operated By Project Honey, Or One Or More Companies Related Thereto; And (3) Other Related Matters.

This ordinance was presented to Council under Public Hearing with comments from the public and several Council members. After the public hearing was closed, Councilman Edens asked the County Attorney what happens if this company walks away from the project after several years. Mr. Bryan stated that information in reference to closing a solar farm is in the County's Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance. Councilman Edens also asked if the Attorney felt that the zoning regulations would be enough to protect those if the solar farm is discontinued. He also voiced his concern that he hopes that after 20 years the Solar Farm is still operational; however, if the company ceases operation, what are the guarantees that Sumter County has that the company will not leave all its solar panels in place. Mr. Bryan reassured Councilman Edens that the Planning Staff will follow the guidelines that are already set out in the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance. Councilman Edens restated that he would prefer that Council has some input in what needs to be done or will get done.

Councilman Washington stated that he agrees with the Councilman from the Wilson Hall area and Mr. Watkins who spoke earlier during public comment that Council needs to get its arms around the proposed developments and allow the public to be made aware of what is coming into the community. Councilman Washington referenced the developments that would be coming on Highway 261 had the community not worked together to fight those projects. He asked the Chairman if there is a current committee or would a committee need to be created to review this concern. Chairman McCain stated that he would look into what can be done.

Councilman Baker stated that he is willing to go on with second reading, but would like to make sure that the Company meets with those residents and Council members about the buffering around the

proposed site.

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

NOTE: It was requested by the Chairman that a meeting concerning this proposed company be held between the Company, Runneymede Subdivision members/representatives, Councilwoman McGhaney and Councilman Washington, and other Council members prior to third reading of this ordinance.

(2) **Ordinance #21-966 -- Third Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing An Option To Lease Property To FTC Communications, LLC.**

Council members discussed this matter prior to the public hearing; then Chairman McCain convened a public hearing. No one spoke during public hearing; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing -- and stated that he would entertain a motion concerning third reading on this ordinance.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Washington, and carried by Council to grant third reading approval of this ordinance as presented.

(3) **Ordinance #21-968 – Third Reading – An Ordinance To Adopt A Revised Business License Ordinance In Accordance With The Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176)**

Mr. Johnathan Bryan presented this ordinance to Council for third reading consideration. After his presentation, the Chairman held a public hearing. Once the public hearing was concluded, Chairman McCain called for a motion on third reading of this ordinance.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(1) **Special Meeting Of Sumter County Council Scheduled For Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. In County Administration Conference Room, 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC. (All Council Members)**

Mr. Gary Mixon stated that the following items were discussed in the Special Meeting and that minutes will be available for that meeting.

- **Signing Agent, Opioid Litigation:** Council appointed the Administrator as the Signing Agent in the Opioid Ligation and any funds will be held in trust.
- **Ordinance 21-970 Budget Amendment:** Council gave first reading to an ordinance to allow for up to \$100,000 to be secured from the County’s General Fund Account to be used for the purchase of a fire truck.

- **ARPA Update** – Council received a Report for the ARPA Mobile Home Repair Project by Mr. Bobby Galloway and Mrs. Uvette Rogers. Also, Council gave approval of an additional \$165,000 for premium pay.
- **Redistricting Process:** Sumter County Council must complete its redistricting Process by March 1, 2022. Council voted to allow for the redistricting development to be completed in-house with input from the County’s Mapping Department and guidance from the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of Sumter County Council. All Council members will have input with the redistricting process and the first Redistricting Meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrator’s Conference Room.

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

The Chairman asked Council members if they had any reports:

Councilman Washington thanked Mr. Mixon for having the Community Meetings to discuss the impending 2022 Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) referendum. The Catchall-Shaw Community group has since met and developed a list of projects which include only two requests – Roads and a Wellness Center. Councilman Washington stated that several of the community members will be attending Council’s meetings to talk to Council about the importance of both of these projects in hopes that the projects will be placed on the project list for approval by the CPST Commission. Also Councilman Washington said that he and several members from the community will be visiting the City of Columbia to see their Wellness Center. Councilman Washington said that the New Mayor of Columbia, SC is a personal friend of his and will provide an opportunity for the tour of the facility. Councilman Washington invited Council members to join him and others on this visit of the Wellness Center and find out the ins and outs of how it has been funded.

Councilman Washington stated that he is very concerned about the litter condition in his area and he is aware that Sumter County now has a Litter Advisory Board. He further stated that he feels that the Litter Advisory Board should provide monthly reports to Council members so that Council will see the progress of the Board. Councilman Washington also mentioned that there is certainly a need in Council District One to have the litter truck, which was purchased expeditiously by the County Administrator, to help alleviate some of the litter in his Council District. It was also stated by Councilman Washington that he has restrained himself from posting pictures around the recycling center of the amount of trash that is in this location. He believes that the litter problem is different in town than it is in the rural areas of Sumter. It was also said by the Councilman that his district is probably the worst district in the County as it relates to Litter. Vice Chairman Byrd stated that he believes that the worst district would be the District that has the Landfill which is Council District #5. Lastly, Councilman Washington said that he believes that Council should not pass on certain responsibilities to Committees, Commissions, and Boards. Since Council members are charged with these responsibilities, Council should be handling the litter problems and the road problems.

Councilman Edens stated that as long as he has been at the County, any problem with roads or litter have been handled by the Departments assigned to those areas and if it was not handled, then send it through the Administrator to ensure that it is managed properly.

Councilman Baten stated that his concern is when South Carolina Department Of Transportation cuts the grass along the State Roads, there is much trash and litter that is seen. There should be litter and trash pick-ups before the road is cut or immediately after the roads are cut. Councilman Baten said that the citizens must be involved with programs such as Palmetto Pride, and other Litter Pick-up programs including educating the public.

Chairman McCain stated that one of the Litter Committee Members is Mrs. Sandra Riley who will be working with the City and County concerning changing the process of when roads will be cut. It is expected that she will contact the Litter Committee, and possibility the City and County about the Cut Dates and coordinate those dates with Litter pick-up dates. Chairman McCain also informed Council that the educational component for the Litter Advisory Committee is spearheaded by Ericka Williams who will be developing litter, advertisements, getting the schools and community involved in litter pick-up and stopping littering habits.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Sumter County December 10, 2021 COVID-19 Report
2. Sumter County Sheriff's Office November Monthly Report

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Mixon stated that there are a few more 2022 Capital Project Sales Tax community meetings that will be held: Salterstown Community Center, Bethel Fire Department (December 16th and 20th, and two are scheduled for January – Ebenezer Community Center and DuBose Fire Station. He also said that the process has been moving very well and there have been an average of 25 people at the meetings thus far. The Community Groups are given a form to fill out to let us know what type of projects they are interested in. If they are unable to fill out the form at the meeting; the County has placed the forms online. One of the forms ask questions about road needs.

Mr. Mixon also stated that there is a lot of activity going on by the Litter Advisory Board; the Clerk will provide all Council members with copies of all the minutes from the Litter Advisory Board. There should be more activity in the very near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT -- Citizens Desiring To Speak Are Limited To No More Than Three (3) Minutes; Comments Are To Be Made Through The Chairman Of Sumter County Council.

Chairman McCain asked if anyone from the public would like to speak during the public comment portion of the agenda. The following persons spoke.

1. Lewis Watkins stated that the only agency he knows that sends information about meetings is the Water Department. He said that if the County wants to have more people at the meetings, they need so send out information about the meetings.

Secondly, Mr. Watkins said that when he cuts his grass, he cleans up behind himself and racks up or picks up any debris. Therefore, if SCDOT is contracting with a person to cut the grass, they would also be contracted to pick-up the debris after the grass has been mowed.

Lastly, several years ago, a young lady was killed on Pike Road trying to go to one of the stores on the other side of Pike Road. The houses are on one side and the general commercial stores and restaurants

are on the other side. It was also requested for a reduction in the speed limit. However, that has not yet happened. If a walking overpass was built over Pike and US76-378, the people would be able to have a safer route to the stores and other commercial venues on Pike Road. Mr. Watkins asked Council to revisit this request through the 2022 Capital Projects Sales Tax.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. after a motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Baten, 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: January 11, 2022

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: December 10, 2021
- 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: December 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council