



MINUTES
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 -- 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,

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: All council members are present.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Lorraine Dennis, Keysa Rogers, Mary W. Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Kent Hall, Helen Roodman, Robert Hingst, Lt. Richardson, two members of Sheriff's Office, and Chief Deputy Hampton Gardner.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item and Joe Perry from Sumter County

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 18 members of the public

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Or Vice Chairman Of Sumter County Council

INVOCATION: Council Member, Staff Member, Or Local Citizen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Chairman McCain asked the Clerk if there were any changes to the agenda. The Clerk to Council, Mary W. Blanding, asked Council to consider moving items #1, #2, and #3 under New Business to immediately after the approval of the Minutes of March 12, 2019. The Chairman stated that he would entertain a motion concerning the approval of the agenda as presented by the Clerk.

ACTION: MOTION was made Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously approved by Council to amend the agenda as recommended by the Clerk to Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Chairman McCain stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019, minutes as presented by the Clerk with any changes as necessary.

ACTION: MOTION was made Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously grant approval of the minutes with any corrections if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition Of Kent Hall For Receiving The Statewide *Jack Niles Award* for Outstanding Achievements in EMS Education.

- (1) Mr. Robert Hingst, the EMS Director for Sumter County, introduced Henry Kent Hall, who is the Assistant Director of EMS and the Training Director. Mr. Hall was recognized during the State Emergency Management Services Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC. Mr. Hingst stated that Mr. Hall was recognized for Outstanding Excellence through Educational Training. Mr. Hall is constantly

training the employees at EMS and groups throughout Sumter County. He worked with the Sheriff's Office to make sure that he was trained and up-to-date on the Active Shooter Training and has also conducted the Stop the Bleed Training. Mr. Hall also campaigned for the private schools to be trained in Stop the Bleed Training by seeking funding for these schools. The State of South Carolina provided a grant for the Stop the Bleed Training in all public schools but no funds for the private schools. Mr. Hall has also taught an EMT Class and 80% passing rate was accomplished through this class.

After all comments from Mr. Hingst the Chairman presented Mr. Hall with a gift from Council and Mr. Hall made comments. He said that it is an honor and a blessing to be employed by Sumter County. Mr. Hall further stated that he truly believes that he was called by God to be a paramedic and an educator. He further stated that as long as God keeps him in this profession, he will continue to train and education his co-workers so that the citizens of Sumter County can receive the best care that we can provide.

ACTION: Received as information.

- (2) Presentation By Robert Benfield From South Carolina Association Of Counties Insurance Section.
Mr. Benfield stated that he is representing the Insurance Trust Program through the South Carolina Association of Counties. He stated that every year the Insurance Trust Program evaluates the statewide County Programs and Sumter County has been and continues to be outstanding in its Risk Management Program practices. In January Sumter County was recognized at the Insurance Trust Conference for being the second fastest reporting County in the SCAC group of Risk Management reporting and Sumter County has reduced its number of cases. Through the reduction of claims and cases, the County is saving the taxpayers money. Mr. Benfield thanked Robert Galloway, Erik Hayes, and Donna Dew for their untiring work in this area.

ACTION: Received as information.

- (3) Award Proclamation Proclaiming April As Fair Housing Month In Sumter County, South Carolina.

Chairman McCain introduced this proclamation as listed below, and Council took action on its adoption as presented.

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

WHEREAS, *Sumter County Council desires that its citizens be offered the opportunity to attain a decent and sanitary living environment; and,*

WHEREAS, *Sumter County Council recognizes that 2019 marks the 51st Anniversary of the 1968 passage of the Federal Fair Housing Law that prohibits discrimination in housing; and in 1989, South Carolina passed a Fair Housing Law that provides rights and remedies substantially equivalent to those found in the Federal Fair Housing Act; and*

WHEREAS, *Sumter County Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, ancestral status, and disability; and,*

WHEREAS, *Sumter County desires that every citizen be offered the opportunity to live in the home of his or her choice; hence, Sumter County Government does not discriminate in its housing practices;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that we the members of Sumter County Council do hereby proclaim April as FAIR HOUSING MONTH in the County of Sumter, South Carolina and recognize the importance of Fair Housing benefits for its citizenry; Council will continue to promote and advocate fair housing for all of its citizens.*

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

- (1) **RZ-19-01 – Second Reading/Public Hearing -- 4980-4984 Cane Savannah Road (County) -- Request To Rezone A +/- 5.0 Acre Parcel Located At 4980-4984 Cane Savannah Road From Agricultural Conservation (AC) To General Commercial (GC) Or In The Alternative, General Residential (GR). The Property Is Represented By Tax Map # 157-00-04-001. (Prior To Action On Second Reading County, Council Will Hold A Public Hearing On This Rezoning Request.)**

Helen Roodman presented this proposed rezoning request. Mr. Charles Smith was present on behalf of the request. The Mobile Home Park's name is Oak Groves Mobile Home Park. Currently there are three mobile homes in the park. However, during the earlier stages of this mobile home park, there were ten mobile homes in the park. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this request for General Commercial. After Mrs. Roodman's presentation, the Chairman convened a public hearing on this second reading request.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this rezoning request. No one spoke to this issue, therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

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

- (2) **OA-19-02 -- Second Reading /Public Hearing -- Outdoor Pistol, Rifle, Or Skeet Ranges In HI District (County) - (19-906) -- Amend Article 3 Section 3.L.4: Heavy Industrial District (Special Exception), Exhibit 5: Permitted And Conditional Uses In The Commercial Industrial, Agricultural, And Conservation Districts, And Article 5 Section 5.B.3.F: Special Design Review Criteria (Outdoor Pistol, Rifle Or Skeet Range) Of The Sumter County Zoning & Development Standards Ordinance In Order To Include The Outdoor Pistol, Rifle Or Skeet Range (SIC Code 7999) Use As A Special Exception In The Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning District. (Prior To Action On Second Reading, County Council Will Hold A Public Hearing On This Ordinance Amendment.)**

Helen Roodman also presented this proposed ordinance to Council for second reading approval. Chief Gardner and Lt. Richardson were present on behalf of this request. The request would allow for a permitted and conditional use in the Commercial Industrial, Agricultural, and Conservation Districts. This request is from the Sumter County Sheriff, the Honorable Anthony Dennis. After Mr. Roodman's presentation, the Chairman convened a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this ordinance amendment. No one spoke to this issue, therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this rezoning request.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (1) 19-904 -- Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Infrastructure Credit Agreement To Provide For Infrastructure Credits To A Company Identified For The Time Being As Project Batch; And Other Related Matters. (County Council Will Take Action On Third Reading Immediately After Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

Johnathan Bryan, the County Attorney, presented this ordinance to Council. The ordinance for Project Batch is actually, Florence Concrete Products. This Company is committed to invest \$4,000,000, and eight jobs to have a Special Source Revenue Credit. After Mr. Bryan's comments, the Chairman called for a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this ordinance. No one spoke to this issue, therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading listed under Old Business.

- (2) 19-905 - 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 Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Property Owned And/Or Operated By A Company Identified For The Time Being As Project Batch; And Other Related Matters. (County Council Will Take Action On Third Reading Immediately After Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

Mr. Bryan, presented this ordinance to Council for second reading and public hearing. He stated that Florence Concrete has requested to be in a Multi-County Industrial Park. This ordinance will allow for this Company to be in the Sumter-Lee Multi-County Industrial Park. After all comments, the Chairman convened a public hearing on this ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this ordinance. No one spoke to this issue, therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading listed under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (4) 19-907 - First Reading -- An Ordinance To Amend Sumter County Code Of Ordinances, Sections 6-19, 6-20 And 6-23 Of Chapter 6, Article II, Relating To Dogs And Other Animals. (Title Only)

Mr. Johnathan Bryan also presented this ordinance in Title Only to County Council. He stated that the proposed ordinance was discussed in the Public Safety Committee of Sumter County Council and additional information will be included in the ordinance once it is fully developed and prepared for

the April 9, 2019, meeting of Sumter County Council. After Mr. Bryan's presentation, the Chairman called for action on first reading in Title Only.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to this ordinance by Title Only.

- (5) **It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Receive Legal Advice Leading To A Pending Claim, And It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Economic Development Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, An Employment Matter, Or Other Matters Pertaining To An Executive Session, And Take Appropriate Actions Thereafter If Required.**

No executive session was held.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) **19-904 - Third Reading - Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Infrastructure Credit Agreement To Provide For Infrastructure Credits To A Company Identified For The Time Being As Project Batch; And Other Related Matters.**

The County Attorney presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading. Also, the Chairman convened a public hearing on this ordinance; information on this matter is listed under public hearing. After the public hearing, Council took action 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 ordinance as presented.

- (2) **19-905 - Third Reading - 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 Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Property Owned And/Or Operated By A Company Identified For The Time Being As Project Batch; And Other Related Matters.**

Mr. Johnathan Bryan presented proposed ordinance to Council for third reading. Also, the Chairman convened a public hearing on this ordinance; information on this matter is listed under public hearing. After the public hearing, Council took action on third reading.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) **Public Safety Committee Meeting To Be Held At 5:15 p.m. On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, In County Council's Conference Room. (Sumpter, Baten, and Byrd)**

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Chris Sumpter, stated that all Committee members were present and several members of the public were also in attendance. The Committee discussed information relating to tethering and adoption of animals; however, no action was taken.

(2) Fiscal, Tax, And Property Committee Meeting To Be Held At 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, In County Council's Conference Room. (McCain, Edens, and McGhaney)

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman McCain, stated that all Committee members were present, and the Committee discussed a matter in executive session. However, no action was taken.

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

- Councilman Baker asked Council to consider recognizing "Ja" Morant, a young man that is currently being watched by the NBA as a possible draft pick. "Ja" placed in the College Sweet Sixteen Playoff's and was very fluid in stating that he is from Dalzell, South Carolina. "Ja" Morant is from the Dalzell Community and a former student of Crestwood High School.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- ✓ Shrimp Feast -- April 4, 2019
- ✓ Inspire Festival -- April 4, 2019
- ✓ Chamber of Commerce Gala -- April 4, 2019
- ✓ Volunteer Fire Banquet - April 4, 2019
- ✓ EMS Station Grand Opening
- ✓ Festival On The Avenue

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- ✓ No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- **Jackie Hughes** - Talked to Council about litter in Sumter County. She also provided them with an ordinance that has been adopted by Orangeburg County and Dorchester County. The ordinance will allow for the person to be convicted for littering. The ordinance also includes language about a Litter Officer and a Litter Technician. A copy of the ordinance was given to Councilman Byrd and the Clerk was asked to forward copies of the ordinance to Council members.
- **Glory Scriven McFadden** - Thanked Council for paving High Street and Industrial Road on behalf of herself and her neighbors. She also thanked Council for doing many things to make Sumter County a better place to live. She acknowledged that there have been times that she and others have gotten upset about the process for getting High Street paved, but it is now paved. A special thanks was given to the Chairman and Mr. Mixon for keeping everyone informed during the paving process. Ms. McFadden stated that since she has been coming to the meetings, she has developed a personal interest in County Council. She also stated that they will be coming to Council with more projects, and she also said that who knows, one day she may be sitting where Council members are.
- **Patty Wilson** - Spoke to Council about the Festival On The Avenue from April 11-13, 2019. The Golf will begin on Friday, April 12, with Tee-Time at 8:00 a.m. The Annual Disabilities and Special Needs

Gala will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019. Lastly, Ms. Wilson stated that the VIP group will meet on Wednesday, Mach 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clyburn Center.

- **James Hodge** - stated that he lives at 840 Josh Well Road. He wants to know what County Council can do to improve the road. He stated that when it rains he has to park his car on the side of the road and walk to his house. He asked Council for help. The road is located off of Highway 15, south.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. after a motion by Councilman Sumpter, 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: April 9, 2019

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: March 25, 2019
- 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: March 22, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Blanding
 Clerk to County Council