

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson
Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Regina Turner
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Atkinson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilmen Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the agenda was unanimously approved with the following changes: Remove Ordinance #03-22 from Public Hearing and Third Reading and remove the word "Policies" from the Executive Session discussion.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, the minutes for May 9th, 16th, and June 1, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Daniel stated that the peaches were ready and tractors are on the road.
Councilman Atkinson reminded everyone to go vote in the upcoming elections.
Councilman Bedenbaugh said that he was excited about the school funding announcement by Ms. Spearman from the State.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

Vice-Chairman Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 04-22, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PURPOSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: TO PROVIDE FOR LEVY OF TAXES AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR. No one signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Vice-Chairman Anderson opened Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 05-22, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SALUDA COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SALUDA COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022: AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT." No one signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Vice-Chairman Anderson opened Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 06-22, "AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING SALUDA COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST AVIATION, LLC. " No one signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed.

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Ms. Ann Watkins was not in attendance.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 06-22, “AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING SALUDA COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST AVIATION, LLC. “

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel second reading was approved with Councilman Atkinson and Daniel voting for and Councilman Bedenbaugh voting against on Ordinance No. 07-22 “AN ORDINANCE TO CALL A PUBLIC REFERENDUM IN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS WISH TO KEEP THE PRESENT COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH FIVE (5) COUNCIL MEMBERS OR ADOPT THE COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH FIVE (5) COUNCIL MEMBERS.”.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, it was unanimously approved to amend the title of Ordinance No. 08-22 to “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 378 AND NORTH BOUKNIGHT FERRY ROAD IN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO F&A OF SALUDA, LLC.”

On Motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, second reading was approved with Councilman Daniel and Councilman Bedenbaugh voting for and Councilman Atkinson voting against on Ordinance No. 08-22, “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 378 AND NORTH BOUKNIGHT FERRY ROAD IN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO F&A OF SALUDA, LLC.”

K. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Rex Abney and Hardee Horne to the Employee Grievance Committee with terms to expire June 14, 2025.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1), (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss Contracts, Agreements, Economic Development Projects and for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to come out of executive session.

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M. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 P.M.

Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

Frank Daniel, Acting Vice-Chairman

June 20, 2022
Date Approved