

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Gwendolyn C. Shealy called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M. The regular meeting of County Council was originally scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017, but had to be rescheduled to September 18, 2017 due to Hurricane Irma.

Present were:

Vice-Chair Gwendolyn C. Shealy
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padgett
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley

B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chair Shealy delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Shealy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, the minutes for August 8, 14, and 23, 2017 were unanimously approved as submitted.

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

1. County Council Members thanked the Emergency Management department and all supporting County departments, local school officials, state agencies, first responders, utility companies, and volunteer organizations for working together through Hurricane Irma.

2. Coun. Miller thanked Saluda County contractors for calling in support of the Saluda County Building Codes office.

G. PRESENTATIONS

1. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to adopt the resolution for Chairman Donald E. Hancock. (A copy of the resolution is attached hereto and made an official part of the minutes).

Saluda County Council paid tribute to Chairman Donald E. Hancock who died on August 2, 2017. Vice-Chair Shealy recognized Charlyn Staubes and Ann Coker, sisters of Chairman Hancock, and read a resolution praising Chairman Hancock for his service and dedication to Saluda County. The framed resolution and a plaque of appreciation was presented to Chairman Hancock's family.

2. On behalf of Senator Floyd Nicholson, Coun. D.J. Miller presented a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Recreation Director, Paul Ergle. Senator Nicholson gave the memorial to the Recreation department in memory of Chairman Hancock.
3. After the presentations, Ms. Staubes and Mrs. Coker expressed Chairman Hancock's love for Saluda County and how he wanted to leave a legacy in Saluda County and continue to be part of the progress for the County after his death. Ms. Staubes and Mrs. Coker announced Chairman Hancock established The Charlie Foundation, a non-profit organization to benefit Saluda County, focusing on economic development, education, and quality of life for residents of Saluda County.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 13-17, "AN ORDINANCE TO QUIT CLAIM PROPERTY OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY CONTAINING 10 ACRES ON EAST END DRIVE, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA." During discussion Vice-Chair Shealy stated this was Brooks Royston Park.
2. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 14-17, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY AND AIKEN COUNTY ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE I OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-13, TO ADD OTHER PROPERTIES REQUESTED TO BE PLACED IN THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK; TO REMOVE PROPERTY PLACED IN THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK; AND TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT." After the vote, Vice-Chair Shealy recognized Economic Development Consultant, Ed Parler. Mr. Parler asked for Council's consideration to add two more projects to the multi-county park ordinance prior to third reading. Project Thunder would be tax map numbers 106-00-00-007, 106-00-00-008, 106-

00-00-016, and 107-00-01-022. Project Catalina would be tax map numbers 178-00-00-001 and 178-00-00-002. Vice-Chair Shealy said those would be accepted and placed in the ordinance prior to third reading.

3. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 15-17, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 06-14, AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE T-HANGARS OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, LOCATED AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT, TO CHANGE SECTION 5, USE OF PREMISES, OF THE T-HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT." During discussion Vice-Chair Shealy read the proposed changes (highlighted) into the record.
 - b. Lessee shall not store any fuels, oils or other flammables in the hangar or on the leased premises.
 - c. T-Hangars are for storage of airworthy aircraft only. Lessee shall not conduct or allow any fueling or major alterations or major repairs in the hangar or on the leased premises other than "preventative maintenance", as defined in Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 43, and no commercial activities of any nature shall be conducted in the hangar or on the leased premises.
 - d. Hangars are not to be used as sleeping quarters.
 - e. The aircraft owner's automobile may be parked in the hangar only while the aircraft is being flown.
 - f. Kerosene or gas heaters or any type open flame heaters or apparatus are prohibited. Welding nor welding equipment is not allowed in T-Hangars.
 - g. Locks are furnished with each hangar. These locks shall not be replaced, removed, or re-keyed. If lock changes are necessary for any reason, the Lessor must be contacted.
 - h. Lessee shall keep the Premises clean and free of debris at all times. Rubbish, trash, rags, cans, grease, food items, gasoline, or other combustible material in and about the T-Hangars will not be tolerated. Lessee shall keep their T-Hangar clean at all times, and it shall be subject to inspection by the Lessor at any time. If found to be a fire or accident hazard, Lessee shall be so informed and Lessor shall immediately clean the hangar.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 16-17, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT PBM, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY

SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "PROJECT"); (2) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; (3) CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO." During discussion Mr. Ed Parler said the company would invest at a minimum of \$45 million and a minimum of ninety (90) jobs.

2. County Millage

- a. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, Council unanimously approved the millage for Saluda County Operating: 138.60 for County Operating; 1 mill for Law Enforcement; .50 mill for Public Building Maintenance; 3.00 mills for Piedmont Tech Appropriation; 1 mill for Economic Development; 1 mill for Fire Board Service and 2.50 mills for Piedmont Tech Bond which is set by the Auditor and Treasurer in accordance with state law for a total of 147.60.

Saluda School District One Millage

- b. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, Council unanimously approved the millage for Saluda School District One Operating: 140.80 mills for School Operating and with School Bonds to be set by the Auditor and Treasurer in accordance with state law at 22.70 mills for General Bond #1; 4.90 mills for General Bond #2; 4.90 mills for General Bond #3; and 9.20 mills for General Bond #4 for a total of 182.50.
3. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to allow staff to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for local general contractors to provide quotes in order to perform small construction/repair projects for the County. During discussion, Council explained this would allow quotes to be obtained from contractors on repairs needing immediate attention or small projects that the maintenance staff were unable to perform.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss a personnel related matter of the Part-time Risk Management Assistant, economic development matters on Projects Thunder and Catalina, and to receive legal advice, to return at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

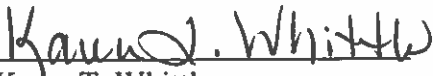
Council returned into open session at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

K. PUBLIC ACTION

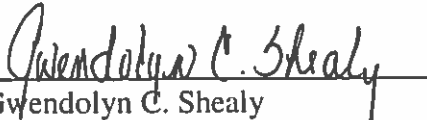
1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to increase the part-time Risk Management Assistant's hours by five (5) hours for a total of twenty-nine (29) hours to assume the duties of assisting with accounts payable, which were duties of the former Registration/Election Director.

L. ADJOURNMENT

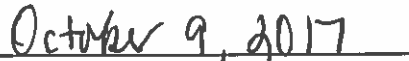
On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Gwendolyn C. Shealy
Vice-Chair



Date Approved

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF SALUDA)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Donald E. Hancock served faithfully as Chairman of the Saluda County Council from January 1, 2011 until his death; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure he devoted his time, talents and efforts to represent his constituents in a distinguished manner; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service no task was ever too large and no responsibility was too small for Chairman Hancock to undertake; and

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call our fellow servant with him on August 2, 2017; and


WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Saluda County Council to express their sorrow and sympathy to the Hancock family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Saluda County Council duly assembled this 18th day of September, 2017 and by the authority of the same that Donald E. Hancock is recognized and thanked posthumously for his dedicated and faithful service as Chairman of County Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hancock family is extended our deepest sympathy and sorrow for this departed friend; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the Hancock family and that a duplicate be inserted in the minutes of the Council meeting.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.


Gwendolyn C. Shealy, Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Karen T. Whittle, Clerk to Council