

January 10, 2022

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 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 6:02 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

Absent was: Chairman Jerry Strawbridge

B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Anderson 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 budget work session 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 Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, the minutes for December 13, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Daniel, Atkinson and Bedenbaugh wished everyone a happy new year. Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked the county employees for the work they do and expressed his appreciation for them. He also wished Chairman Strawbridge a speedy recovery.

Vice-Chairman Anderson asked for everyone to say a prayer for Chairman Strawbridge's health and recovery.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Vice-Chairman Anderson recognized Mr. Theo Lane, Duke Energy District Manager. Mr. Lane presented a \$5,000 donation for the purchase of equipment for Saluda County Fire Service.

Vice-Chairman Anderson recognized Frank Rainwater and Paul Athey of the SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to speak on redistricting plans and process. Mr. Rainwater wished Chairman Strawbridge the best and had hoped to see him. He stated that the county needed to redraw its district lines before filing opens in March. A presentation was made as to how the census affects a district layout and that each council member is to represent as close to the same number of people. Mr. Rainwater notified Council of the laws of redistricting and the steps needed to be made.

Councilman Daniel verified that he needed 483 more people in his district.

I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 14-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE T-HANGARS OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, LOCATED AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT."

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 15-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBERS 06-14, 03-17, 15-17 AND 11-18 LEASING T-HANGERS OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY LOCATED AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT".

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson second reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 17-21 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 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 (“FEE AGREEMENT”), BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT THUNDER II, AS SPONSOR, AND ONE OR MORE EXISTING OR TO-BE-FORMED OR ACQUIRED SUBSIDIARIES, OR AFFILIATED OR RELATED ENTITIES AND CERTAIN SPONSOR AFFILIATES, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY COMPRISING THE PROJECT; APPROVING CERTAIN SPONSOR AFFILIATES TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE FEE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson first reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 01-22 “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR (4) SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE ELECTION OF A GOVERNING BODY OF SALUDA COUNTY AS PROVIDED FOR IN S.C. CODE ANN. SEC. 4-9-90. WHEN ADOPTED, THIS ORDINANCE WILL REPLACE SALUDA COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-11 AND PROVIDE FOR NEW COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS BASED UPON THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS AS REQUIRED BY S.C. CODE ANN. SEC. 4-9-90”

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson first reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 02-22 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY COMPRISING THE PROJECT AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BOJ OF WNC, LLC AND SC SALUDA MAIN, LLC, WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Anderson it was unanimously agreed to issue an Invitation for Bid to repair the roof at the Delinquent Tax Office.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh 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 salary plan and economic development.

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On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to accept the Salary Plan as submitted by council staff to be implemented on pay period 16.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to change the detention center officers from pay grade 12 to 13 and Jail Corporals from grade 13 to 14. Step increases are to be applied to approved employees in the detention center and be funded from the current detention center salary accounts to be implemented on pay period 16.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

Justin Anderson, Vice-Chairman

February 1, 2022
Date Approved