

February 14, 2022

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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 Daniel 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 Councilmen Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, the minutes for February 1, 2022 and February 7, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Daniel, Atkinson, Bedenbaugh and Vice Chairman Anderson expressed their condolences to the Strawbridge family. Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked Officer Steven Byrd for his years of service to the county. He also thanked the volunteer fireman and employees for the work they do.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

Vice-Chairman Anderson opened the Public Hearing 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.

Ben Emanuel from Cypress Creek signed up to speak and thank the Council for their work on this project and he also asked Council if they had any questions regarding the project.

No one else signed up to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh third 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.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson second 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 Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson second 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.”

J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to fund the Increase in the Employer’s Portion of Health Insurance from Contingency not to exceed \$36,574.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to fund the vehicle purchase from State Surplus for the Coroner’s office from Vehicle Reserve not to exceed \$19,450 and retain the current vehicle as a spare for the Coroners Office. Councilman Daniel asked the Coroner, Keith Turner about using the vehicle as a spare. The Coroner clarified that the older vehicle would be ok for short term use but was not a dependable vehicle for everyday use. The Coroner thanked Council for their support of his office. Councilman Bedenbaugh thank the Coroner’s office for their work and it was stated that he had already had 60 deaths this year.

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On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to order the Fire Coordinators vehicle through the Enterprise Lease Program. Josh Morton explained that the current vehicle was 17 years old and needs to be replaced soon. He would like to go ahead and plan to have that ordered now with the realization that we would not receive it until the first part of 2023.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

Justin Anderson, Vice-Chairman

March 14, 2022

Date Approved