

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jerry Strawbridge called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chairman Jerry Strawbridge  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Councilman Justin Anderson  
Councilman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padget  
Financial & Purchasing Coordinator,  
Heather L. Griffin  
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

Absent:

Clerk to Council, Regina H. Turner

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Atkinson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh the agenda was unanimously approved.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, the minutes for June 2, 2021 and June 24, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

F. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Daniel thanked the citizens for coming out to the meeting.

Councilman Atkinson suggested that the citizens visit the Saluda Nursing Center and stated that all looked good at the facility.

Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and thanked EMS for the job they are doing for the county.

Chairman Strawbridge and Council Anderson did not have reports to make.

#### G. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Almastine Butler of Butler & Son Funeral Home requested to purchase property, 10 acres (or whatever acreage the county would consider selling) at the corner of Highway 378 and Bauknight Ferry Road, Saluda, South Carolina in order to construct a funeral home and crematory.

Mrs. Sabrina Hammond requested that Council look into cleaning up the area of 158 and 164 Lookout Point.

Chairman Strawbridge informed Mrs. Hammond that the situation would be looked into and someone would get back with her.

#### H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Strawbridge opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 06-21 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIKEN COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN SALUDA COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH AIKEN COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO" was opened at 6:22 P.M.

There was no one to speak at the Public Hearing and it was closed by the Chairman at 6:23 P.M.

Chairman Strawbridge opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 07-21 "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"), A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT LIGHT AND ITS SUBSIDIARY, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (COLLECTIVELY, 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 (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”.

There was no one to speak at the public hearing and it was closed by the chairman at 6:24.

#### I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, and unanimously approved Third Reading was given to Ordinance No. 06-21 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIKEN COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN SALUDA COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH AIKEN COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATAION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Atkinson and approved Third Reading was given to Ordinance No. 07-21 “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”), A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT LIGHT AND ITS SUBSIDIARY, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “COMPANY”), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU P.MOF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (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.” Councilman Bedenbaugh abstained.

#### J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and Seconded by Council Anderson, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given to Ordinance No. 08-21 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY PROHIBITION ON THE INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS AND DESIGNATING SALUDA COUNTY AS A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY. “

On motion of Council Anderson, Seconded by Council Bedenbaugh and unanimously approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) was awarded to Frazer for the purchase of two (2) new Ford Ambulances according the specifications in the RFP with the funding (\$401,610.00) for the two ambulances being paid from American Rescue Plan Funds received by the County.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, Seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved to appoint Stuart Ronald Smith of 255 Christmas Tree Lane to the Saluda County Tax Appeals Board with his first term expiring July 12, 2023.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, Seconded by Councilman Atkinson Council moved into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss a personnel issue in the Council office.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh it was approved to come out of executive session.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, Seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved for Chairman Strawbridge and Councilman Atkinson to research the potential sale of County property.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, Seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved for the Finance and HR Coordinator to be moved to step E of Grade 20 with the additional duties of workers compensation and employee's safety orientation with the additional salary amount to be funded from Contingency.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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Sandra G. Padget, County Director

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Raymond G. Strawbridge, Chairman

August 9, 2021

Date Approved