

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present were:

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

Also present were:

County Administrator, Sandra G. Padgett
Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Atkinson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Moore 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 regular meeting was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

The following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note meetings are open to the public. Access to the live video is available by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh seconded by Councilman Daniel to approve the agenda it was unanimously approved as amended by a motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh to add to executive session to discuss an Economic Development agreement and Commerce Park Improvements.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson the minutes for October 2nd and 9th, 2023 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked staff and board of the Saluda Nursing Center for the reports they submit for council. He recognized the Saluda Tiger and King Academy football teams for their good season. He also gave thanks to the Counties public safety personnel involved with the fire at the Circle and conveyed sympathy to the Smith Family for their loss.

Councilman Anderson stated that the fall festival of the Richland Creek Antique Power Association had a large turnout and was a success.

Vice-Chairman Atkinson said he had received the schedules for the presidential primary and these would be posted on the website soon and information on candidate fillings for the upcoming elections.

Councilman Daniel thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded Justin that the festival was in Ward.

Chairman Moore reminded the Council members of open boards for appointments. He stated that the County was continuing to work with the National Guard for Commerce Park Improvements that would be considered part of their training.

The Chairman also notified every one of the nice service by the Coroner's office for the recent burial of unclaimed remains. Chairman Moore said that the County and Town were going work together to install a public message board in front of the Library on Main Street and updated Council on the loan closing for the Detention Center.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 11-23, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 6, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 6-7, DISTANCE AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, OF THE SALUDA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS, DECREASE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO." No one signed up to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson, Third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 09-23, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,660,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson, Second Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 11-23, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 6, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 6-7, DISTANCE AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, OF THE SALUDA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS, DECREASE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson, First Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 13-23, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2019, BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND EDGEFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY OF [PROJECT EAGLE]; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, a resolution was unanimously approved to adopt fees and fines for animal control. Chairman Moore read the Resolution.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Paul Samuel Bartley to the Behavioral Health Board with his term expiring October 13, 2026.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to appoint Daniel Patterson to the fire board to fill an unexpired term for Old Town Fire Department with Charles Gardner as the alternate.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On Motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to discuss Economic Development agreement, Commerce Park Improvements and for the purpose of receiving legal advice on the Commerce Park and to return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called the council meeting back to open session and there were no actions coming out of Executive Session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 P.M.

James L. Moore, Saluda County Council
Chairman

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council
Date Approved: December 11, 2023