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To participate in a **Public Hearing for a specific agenda item**, you may either email written public comments to comments@jaspercountysc.gov by **1:00PM on Monday, April 1, 2024**; or you can speak in person at the Council Meeting by signing in on the **Public Hearing Sign In Sheet** located outside the Council Chambers Doors prior to the start of the meeting. **Public Hearing Comments** shall be limited to **3 minutes per person**.

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JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.
358 3rd Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Monday, April 1, 2024

AGENDA

4:30PM

Budget Workshop:

14th Circuit Public Defender's Office – Stephanie Smart-Gittings, Public Defender
Jasper County Coroner's Office – Willie Aiken, County Coroner

Regular Council Meeting and Executive Session will begin at the conclusion of the Budget Workshop

1. Call to Order of Council Meeting by Chairman Sauls

Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification

2. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body – **Administrative Services Division**

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – **Tax Map # 063-26-14-001 and Map # 063-26-14-002; Airport Matters – Heddings Lawsuit; Beaufort County Autopsies**

(5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body – **Prospect Update; Project Peaches; Project Icarus**

ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES BASED ON ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

3: Return to Open Session at 6:30PM

- o 3.1 Action coming out of Executive Session

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

6. Approval of the Regular Agenda:

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

7. **Kristin Dubrowski, Hopeful Horizons, CEO** - Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

RESOLUTIONS

8. **David Tedder** – Consideration of Resolution **#R-2024-11** Committing to Negotiate A Fee-In-Lieu Of **AD VALOREM TAXES** Agreement Between Jasper County and Project Icarus; Identifying The Project; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

9. **Andrew Fulghum** – Consideration of Resolution **#R-2024-12** to designate April 2023 as Fair Housing Month in Jasper County, South Carolina.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

10. **David Tedder** – Consideration of the **2nd reading** and Public Hearing of Ordinance **#O-2024-06** Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Incentive Agreement By and Among Jasper County, South Carolina, Hardeeville Jasper Lecangs LLC, and Lecangs LLC for an Economic Development Project formerly known as **“Project Peaches”**; To Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits; and Other Related Matters. (**1st reading 03.04.2024**)

11. **David Tedder** – Consideration of the **2nd reading** and Public Hearing of Ordinance **#O-2024-07** to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 6, *Economic Development Alliance*. (1st reading 03.04.2024)

12. **David Tedder** – Consideration of the **2nd reading** and public hearing of Ordinance **#O-2024-08** to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by deleting existing Chapter 26, *Taxation*, Article I and Article II in their entirety, and adopting a new Article I and Article II in their stead. (BOA) (1st reading 03.04.2024)

13. **David Tedder** – Consideration of the **2nd reading** and public hearing of Ordinance **#O-2024-09** to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 28, *Utilities*, Articles II through IV in their entirety and replacing them with a new Article II. (BJWSA) (1st reading 03.04.2024)

14. **Kim Burgess** – Consideration of the **1st Reading** of an Ordinance Authorising the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments Relating to the Acquisition, Construction, Renovation, Equipping, Use, and Leasing of Certain County Facilities; Approving the Issuance of St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes; Consenting to the Form of Trust Agreements Between St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation and the Corporate Trustee; the Lease Of Certain Personal Property, Real Property and the Buildings and Other Site Improvements Located Thereon, By Jasper County, South Carolina to St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation, including Authorising the Execution and Delivery of a Base Lease Agreement, Between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; Authorising the Execution And Delivery Of A Public Facilities Purchase and Occupancy Agreement Between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; Authorising the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement Between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

15. **David Tedder** – Consideration of the **1st Reading** of an Ordinance authorizing the sale of a right of way easement over approximately 0.34 acres, 14,878 sq. ft., being a portion of TMS 042-00-05-040 adjacent to the Interstate Highway I-95, to the South Carolina Department of Transportation in order to facilitate the widening, in exchange for the amount of \$20,000.00 in just compensation, and to authorize the Jasper County Administrator to execute such right of way easement and other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effect the transfer to the South Carolina Department of Transportation, or its assigns, and matters related thereto. (I95 widening project).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

16. **Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance 08-17** Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting's 6:30PM start time on the Sign-In Sheet on the Podium), to address Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.

17. Administrator's Report

CONSENT AGENDA

18. Andrew Fulghum – Acceptance of an Economic Development Set-Aside Grant from the SC Department of Commerce in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Master Steel LLC and authorization for the County Administrator to sign the Grant Award Agreement and Related Documents.

19. Approval of the Minutes 02.22.2024

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

20. Council Members Comments:

Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II. **Council may act on any item appearing on the agenda including items discussed in executive session.*

21. Adjournment:

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting was posted on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place and on the county website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

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