



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

MINUTES

Officials Present: Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, Councilman John Kemp, and Councilman Coy Garbade.

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Rose Dobson-Elliott, Danny Lucas and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Sauls called the 4:30pm Council Meeting to order. Prior to reading the report of compliance Chairman Sauls asked to change the order of the Agenda since all council members were not present. He asked that the order of the Agenda make Item # 2 Executive Session and Item # 3 the Election of Officers. This request was approved by council without rejection to make the requested changes of the agenda item order. The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *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 – Finance Department; Coroner's Office; Treasurer's Office

(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 #'s 063-26-14-001 and 063-26-14-002; Gillisonville Pond – Farmer Property Tax Map # 050-00-04-043 Development Agreement; Heather Rath Consulting Agreement; Proposed Lease / Purchase Agreement for Fire Apparatus; Cameron Heddings v Jasper County; Davis v Jasper County; Consideration of Conflict of Interest Waivers Burr Foreman Project Peaches and Project Install; Tax Map # 067-

00-01-010; Work authorization # 23 for Professional Services between Jasper County and Holt Consulting Company LLC.; Jasper County v Alvin Adkins et al.; lease agreement #062-21-01-0001-J2

- (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 Showcase; Project Peach; Project Veggies**

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.

Motion to go into Executive Session: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to return from Executive Session: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motions coming out of Executive Session:

Motion to authorize the County to accept a grant from the Department of Commerce regarding the preparation of a Feasibility Study for the lengthening of the Richland Claude Dean Airport runway, provided any matching funds necessary to receive the grant in excess of \$2500 come from sources other than Jasper County, including potential donations from private individuals or entities and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant and related documents on behalf of the County: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Conflict of Interest Waivers on behalf of Jasper County involving the law firm of Burr Foreman, who have provided and continue to provide legal advice from time to time to the County, and the law firm's proposed representation of Project Install, and Project Peaches, finding the terms of the letters provide sufficient safeguards to protect the County in those matters:

Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

3.Election of Officers:

Andrew Fulghum – Election of Chairman

Mr. Fulghum announced that the floor was open for nominations for the Chairperson. Councilwoman Clark made the nomination for Councilman Sauls as Chairman. The nomination was seconded, and unanimously Council voted for Councilman Sauls as Chairman.

Chairman – Election of Vice Chairman

Mr. Fulghum turned the floor back over to Chairman Sauls. Chairman Sauls announced that the floor was open for nominations for the Vice Chairperson. Councilman Adkins nominated Councilwoman Clark for Vice Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clark to close the floor on said name. Council voted unanimously for Councilwoman Clark as Vice Chairwoman.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Councilman Adkins.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

Discussion of Council to amend the consent agenda and remove item numbers 19 and 20 from the Consent Agenda. Make Item # 19 and Item # 15A and Item # 20 be made Item # 15B.

Motion to approve the consent agenda with changes: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

7. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp

Second: Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

8. Jackie O'Bannon – Antioch Education Center

Ms. O'Bannon of the Antioch Education Center stated to Council it had been an honor to be here in South Carolina. She noted that the Antioch Education Center would like to present Chief Russell Wells with a plaque for his work with the center, for helping with their projects. She noted that they had a new

project the Linen Project and that Chief Wells took the project and ran with it. Chief Wells accepted the award on behalf of the Emergency Services Team. He also noted that the Antioch Center had made quite a difference in the community. For full information on this item or any other item please go to our video at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCIIA.

9. Tedd Moyd – Jasper County Neighbor’s United (JCNU)

Mr. Tedd Moyd of JCNU recognized his Board Members. He discussed the request for the JCNU and the funds that were needed and what this development would do for the County. For full information on this item or any other item please go to our video at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCIIA.

RESOLUTIONS

10. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-01 for the Peddler and Hawker’s License

Ms. Burgess was present to address this request for Resolution #R-2024-01 for the Peddler and Hawker’s License.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

11. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-02 for the Disposal of a Sheriff’s Department Van.

Ms. Burgess was present to address this request for Resolution #R-2024-02 for the Disposal of a Sheriff’s Department Van.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

12. Ryan Romano – Public Hearing and consideration of the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2024-01 an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Incentive Agreement by and Between Jasper County, South Carolina and

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Project Showcase to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Approving the Creation of a Multicounty Park with Hampton County, South Carolina; authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits and; and Other Related Matters (Project Showcase). (1st reading 12.04.2024)

Ryan Romano was present to represent and review this request for the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2024-01. The public hearing was held but there were no comments.

Motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2024-01 an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Incentive Agreement by and Between Jasper County, South Carolina and Project Showcase to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Approving the Creation of a Multicounty Park with Hampton County, South Carolina; authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits and; and Other Related Matters:

Councilman Kemp

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

13. David Tedder – Consideration of the 3rd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-21 Amending Section 9-96(3) as adopted by Ordinance No. 2022-39 to provide for the appointment of members to the Levy Fire Protection Board. (1st reading 11.06.2023, 2nd reading 12.04.2023, Public hearings 12.04.2023)

David Tedder was present to represent and request this 3rd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-21 to amend Section 9-96(3) as adopted by Ordinance No. 2022-39. As part of this discussion Mr. Tedder mentioned that the term dates would need to be adjusted. He noted that due to the passage of time to get to this ordinance we need to amend the ordinance to add a year to each term. He further noted that the public on this ordinance had been held at a previous meeting.

Motion to approve and amend on the 3rd reading Ordinance #O-2023-21, and add a year to the terms:

Councilman Kemp

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

14. David Tedder – Consideration of the 3rd reading of Ordinance #O-2022-38 Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Gopher Hill Holdings, LLC And Its Assigns And Terminal Investment Corp. And Tico Manufacturing (The “Sponsors”), And Jasper County, And An Infrastructure Credit Agreement By And Between Gopher Hill Holdings, LLC And Terminal Investment Corporation And Tico Manufacturing (The “Companies”) And Its Assigns, And Jasper County; Authorizing And Approving Development Of A New Joint County Industrial And Business Park Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, In Conjunction With Hampton County (The “Park”); And Authorizing The Jasper County Council Chairman Or County

Administrator, As Appropriate, To Execute Such Agreements And Other Documents As May Be Necessary And Appropriate To Effect The Foregoing And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto. (1st reading 11.21.2022, 2nd reading 12.05.2022, Public hearings 12.05.2022 and 12.04.2023) (TICO / Gopher Hill)

David Tedder was present to represent and request this 3rd reading of Ordinance #O-2022-38.

Motion to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance #O-2022-38 Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Gopher Hill Holdings, LLC And Its Assigns And Terminal Investment Corp. And Tico Manufacturing (The "Sponsors"), And Jasper County, And An Infrastructure Credit Agreement By And Between Gopher Hill Holdings, LLC And Terminal Investment Corporation And Tico Manufacturing (The "Companies") And Its Assigns, And Jasper County; Authorizing And Approving Development Of A New Joint County Industrial And Business Park Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, In Conjunction With Hampton County (The "Park"); And Authorizing The Jasper County Council Chairman Or County Administrator, As Appropriate, To Execute Such Agreements And Other Documents As May Be Necessary And Appropriate To Effect The Foregoing And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

15. Lisa Wagner - Consideration of the 1st Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 951 Carolina Drive, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-003 from the Rural Preservation District to the Industrial Development District on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Lisa Wagner was present to represent and request this 1st reading of this ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County to transfer a property located at 951 Carolina Drive, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-003 from the Rural Preservation District to the Industrial Development District on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. She noted that this was a staff-initiated request for a zoning map amendment to have this property designated as Industrial Developed. The property is owned by the Beaufort Jasper Water Sewer Authority.

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

15A: Danny Lucas – Consideration of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Terminal South Redevelopment for Ridgeland Claude Dean Airport. (This previous item# 19 was removed from the Consent Agenda and then this item was made Item # 15A).

Danny Lucas was present to address and request this consideration of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Terminal South Redevelopment for Ridgeland Claude Dean Airport. Mr. Lucas gave an overview of this project and how it had developed.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote:

Councilman Kemp: No

Councilman Adkins: Yes

Chairman Sauls: Yes

Vice Chairwoman Clark: Yes

Councilman Garbade: No

The motion passed.

15B: Andrew Fulghum – A request for Technical Advice and Assistance from the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy. (This previous item# 20 was removed from the Consent Agenda and then this item was made Item # 15B)

Mr. Fulghum was present to address this request for Technical Advice and Assistance from the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy. Mr. Fulghum recognized Ms. Hanrahan and Ms. Schaeffer and Mr. Grant McClure. Ms. Hanrahan came up to discuss their work and what they can offer and do with Jasper County. This is funded through grant funds, and they would like to help Jasper County with this item.

Motion to approve and agree to the request for the technical assistance and allow the Chairman to sign that letter: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

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.

Mr. Lovey Singleton spoke on behalf of the Ceasar Property and noted they are trying to get the road in.

Mr. Ronnie Robertson spoke on behalf of Gilmania Rd

Ms. Aleena Hamilton Clark spoke on behalf to address the Gillisonville Pond.

17. Administrator's Report - Mr. Fulghum reviewed his information from his report and had Ms. Burgess to provide and discuss a funding scenarios update for the fire apparatus. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from the Council in the Administrator's Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

18. Wanda Simmons – Consideration of the schedule of 2024 County Council Schedule Meeting Dates for approval at the January 16, 2024, meeting.

19. Danny Lucas – Consideration of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Terminal South Redevelopment for Ridgeland Claude Dean Airport. (This item were removed from the Consent Agenda and this item was made Item # 15A)

20. Andrew Fulghum – A request for Technical Advice and Assistance from the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy. (This item were removed from the Consent Agenda and this item was made Item # 15B)

21. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of a Government Contract Purchase to perform an IP Intercom and Audio Recording System and PLC Input / Output System upgrades at the Detention Center in an amount not to exceed \$218,791.46 plus applicable sales tax.

22. Earl Bostick – Ratification of the previous purchase for the installation of the new Internet Cable System for the 3rd floor of the Administrative Building which exceeded \$25,000.

23. Andrew Fulghum - Consideration of approval of a Consulting Contract with Heather Rath Consulting

24. Approval of the Minutes 10.16.2023, 11.06.2023 and 12.04.2023.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

25. Council Members Comments

Councilmember Comments were given but there were no comments that required action.

26. Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda

Item II. There was no need to return to the Executive Session for this meeting. For additional information on this meeting please visit our website for the E-Packet or for the video go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA

27. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Kemp

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



L. Martin Sauls IV
Chairman