



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Monday, June 5, 2023

**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 H. Simmons, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Lisa Wagner, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Chairman Sauls called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and welcomed everyone to the Meeting. Chairman Sauls asked the Clerk to Council to read the Report of Compliance to the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Simmons, Clerk to Council to read the Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 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.*

**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 – [Planning and Building Services](#)**

**(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 – [Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport; City of Hardeeville v Jasper County; Auditor and Treasurer; Jasper County v Western Surety \(Denise Smith\); HCP Partners, LLC](#)**

**(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 – [Jasper Ocean Terminal](#)**

**Motion to go into executive session:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous  
The motion passed.

**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**

**Motion to return to open session:** Vice Chairwoman Clark  
**Second:** Councilman Adkins  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
The motion passed.

#### **3.1 Action coming out of Executive Session**

**Motion in furtherance of the Moratorium, I move to authorize the Administrator to accept the proposal of Symbiosity to perform planning and comprehensive plan professional services, as discussed in executive session, at a cost not to exceed \$95,000 exclusive of reimbursable expenses:** Councilman Kemp  
**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
The motion passed.

### **4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the invocation was led by Councilman Adkins.

### **5. Discussion of Consent Agenda and Agenda Items:**

Council decided to change to consent agenda were to remove Item # 16 and make it Item # 9A and approved the agenda.

### **6. Approval of Agenda:**

See item # 5.

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## **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

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**7. Proclamations:** None

**8. Presentations:** None

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

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**9. David Tedder** – Public Hearing and consideration of the **2<sup>nd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2023-11** of Jasper County Council establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Applications, Administrative Processing and Permitting for approval of Large Residential Subdivisions, Major Subdivisions, Commercial Development Projects and Signage within the described Euhaw Broad River Planning Area, providing for exceptions from the Temporary Moratorium; invoking application of the pending Ordinance Doctrine; and matters related thereto. *(1<sup>st</sup> reading 05.15.2023; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 06.06.2023)*

Mr. Tedder was present to review and address this item with Council. He noted that this was the second reading and a public hearing. The public hearing was opened but there were no comments so the public hearing was closed.

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**9A: Wanda Simmons** – Consideration of appointments to the Library Board of Trustees (2 appointments)

This item was moved off the Consent Agenda and was made Item # 9A on the agenda.

Ms. Simmons was present to review and discuss this request. She noted that there were three applicants requesting appointment to the Library Board of Trustees and that the board needed 2 members at this time. She noted that the two appointment dates for these two seats would be 06.05.2023 and that both would be 4 year terms.

**Motion to approve appointments of Julie Aloisio and Daniel Joseph Gemmill:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**10. Kimberly Burgess** – Presentation, discussion, and consideration of the **3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2023-09** to provide for the levy of tax for public purposes in Jasper County for the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 and to make appropriations for said purposes; to adopt and approve the Jasper County capital and operations budget for fiscal year 2023-2024, to adopt and approve the Jasper County School District capital and operations budget for fiscal year 2023–2024; to provide for the levy of taxation for fiscal year 2023–2024; and matters thereto. *(1<sup>st</sup> reading 05.01.2023; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 05.15.2023)*

Ms. Burgess was present to review and address this item with Council. She noted that this was the third reading of this ordinance. After some discussion Chairman Sauls said they needed one more

workshop and to receive additional information on the budget then they would have the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to table until June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion to table passed.

**11. David Tedder** – Consideration of **2<sup>nd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2023-02**, to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, including Article IV, *Boards and Commissions* of Chapter 2, *Administration*, so as to amend Division 7, *Jasper County Aeronautics Commission*, including provisions regarding the appointment, qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Aeronautics Commission; to amend certain provisions of Chapter 29 to the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, *Aviation*, so as to make clarifications and amendments to certain standards, rules and regulations; and providing for corrections and amendments to the Template Leases approved by County Council pursuant to Ordinance 19-14 and related matters regarding the aeronautical and other activities at the Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport, and matters related to the foregoing. (1<sup>st</sup> reading 01.17.2023; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading tabled at 02.06.2023 meeting until a workshop)

Mr. Tedder was present to address this item with Council. He reviewed the specifics of the ordinance and the alternative variances of the Ordinance for Councilmembers. He noted that this was the second reading of this ordinance.

**Motion to approve the Ordinance with the wording of Alternative Option “C”:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** 4 yes votes and 1 nay vote from Councilman Kemp

The motion passed.

**Motion to approve with the nomination of Council Individual Nominations as noted in Alternative Option “B”:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance as amended on 06.05.2023:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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## CITIZEN COMMENTS

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**12. 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.

Rep. Hagar was present and they discussed the roads within Jasper County.

Shirley Jenkins was present to speak and inquired about who her representative on Council was. She invited Councilman Garbade to Robertsville to the Senior Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Crapp was present to discuss a noise ordinance issue.

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**13. Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Fulghum noted that his report was in the agenda packet. He mentioned that there was one item on his report and updated them on the Opioid Settlement. He noted that the County needed to come up with a plan of how to spend the money to be in compliance.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda below:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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**14. Danny Lucas** – Consideration of the Ridgeland Claude-Dean Airport Revised Landscape Maintenance Agreement

**15. Danny Lucas** – Consideration of the Ridgeland - Claude Dean Airport Year 2023 – 2024 Aviation General Liability Insurance Renewal

**16. Wanda Simmons** – Consideration of appointments to the Library Board of Trustees (2 appointments)

This item was moved off of the Consent Agenda and was made Item # 9A on the agenda.

**17. Lisa Wagner** - Consideration of the **3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2023-10** to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 323 School Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 015-01-00-012 from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

18. **Kimberly Burgess** - Consideration of Resolution #R-2023-09 to declare certain property to be surplus and authorize its sale or disposition – Engineering Service Division, Administration, Jasper, Parks & Recreation, Fire Rescue Service, Detention Center, Sheriff’s Department and Ridgeland-Claude Dean Airport.

19. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of the presentation of bids for Landscape Maintenance Services at the seven (7) community centers.

20. Approval of the minutes of 04.05.2023.

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**21. Council Members Comments**

**Councilman Garbade:** No comments

**Vice Chairwoman Clark:** She acknowledged Dr. Anderson and said she was doing a great job for the school system. She noted that they didn’t pass the budget and that Council needed from the school board what the increased funds they were requesting would be spent on.

**Councilman Kemp:** Congratulated Mr. Newton on receiving the Order of the Palmetto Award. He Congratulated the Hardeeville and Ridgeland graduates. He noted he had attended the Sheriff community meeting in Gray’s.

**Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda**

**Item II.** There was no reason to return to executive session for this meeting. For additional information on Items on this meeting go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm\\_ggXCJIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA) .

**Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted:**



L. Martin Sauls IV  
Chairman



Wanda H. Simmons  
Clerk to Council