



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

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

Tuesday, September 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 Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Chief Russell Wells, Danny Lucas and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Chairman Sauls called the 5:30pm Council Meeting to order and 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 – Levy Fire Protection District Board

(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 – Litigation Update – Davis v. Jasper County; Airport Matters – Hangar Leases; Contract Discussion Lease or Purchase of Aviation Fuel Trucks; Ridgeland Fire Contract

(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

Motion to go into executive session: Councilman Kemp

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.**

The regular session began at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

3: Return to Open Session at 6:30PM

Motion to return to open session: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

3.1 Action coming out of Executive Session: There was no action to be taken from Executive Session.

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

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

5. Discussion of Consent Agenda and Agenda Items:

On item # 9, a change was made to Resolution # R-2023-18 to change it to R-2023-18A.

6. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

7. [Anne Caywood](#) – Executive Director Lowcountry Legal Volunteers: Topic "Jasper County Outreach and Support"

Ms. Caywood was present to discuss Lowcountry Legal Volunteers and the services that they provide.

8. [Denise R. Grabowski](#), AICP, LEED AP, Symbioscity, LLC. – Topic "Review and Update of the Comprehensive Plan and the Euhaw Broad River Planning Area"

Ms. Denise Grabowski Owner of Symbioscity LLC was present to review and update the Comprehensive Plan and the Euhaw Broad River Planning Area. She reviewed the presentation that was included in the Agenda e-packet. That presentation can be found here at <https://www.jaspercountysc.gov/county-council-agenda-minutes-e-packets> or the video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@jcmedia6537> .

RESOLUTIONS

9. Andrew Fulghum – Consideration of Resolution #R-2023-18A authorizing the Administrator to execute Detention Center Mutual Aid Agreements.

Mr. Fulghum was present and reviewed and discussed this resolution and what it entailed. Mr. Fulghum noted that this resolution would allow the County Administrator to enter into this agreement and like agreements with other counties in the future.

Motion to approve this resolution and authorize the County Administrator to enter into this agreement and like agreements with other counties in the future: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

10. Russell Wells – Consideration of the 3rd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-12 Amending Chapter 9, *CIVIL EMERGENCIES*, by creating new Divisions, adopting restrictions and conditions regarding open burning of vegetation, leaves, and other materials, and matters related thereto. (*1st reading 05.15.2023; 2nd reading 07.17.2023; 3rd reading tabled 08.21.2023*)

Chief Wells was present to review and discuss this item with Council. Chief Wells discussed the 3 options presented within this ordinance to Council. After some consideration Council agreed that the best option seemed to be the timeframe of Sunrise to Sunset.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

11. Lisa Wagner - Public Hearing and 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-15 of an ordinance To Amend Article 6:1 – Table 1, *Use Regulations*; Article 7:3 – Table 1, *Schedule of Lot Area, Yard, Setback, and Density*; Article 11:7, *Industry Specific Conditional Use Regulations*, Sections 11:7.31, *Duplexes*; 11:7.32 *Townhouses*; and 11:7.33, *Patio Homes* of the Jasper County Zoning

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Ordinance, to remove duplexes, townhouses, and patio homes as a conditional use from certain Zoning Districts, add conditional use requirements, increase the setback requirements and reduce the allowed density for duplexes, townhomes, and patio homes. (1st reading 08.21.2023)

Mr. Tedder was present to discuss and review this second reading of the ordinance with Council. The public hearing was called to order but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

12. David Tedder – Consideration of the 2nd reading of Ordinance [#O-2023-16](#) establish a Board of Parks and Recreation for Jasper County, South Carolina by adopting a new, Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 4 in the Jasper County Code of Ordinances (1streading 08.21.2023).

Mr. Tedder was present to discuss and review this second reading of this ordinance with Council. He noted that Councilman Kemp had helped put together this ordinance and that he had made a couple of changes. He noted that staff recommended approval of the revised document on the 2nd reading. He also noted that the Public Hearing would be held at the next meeting.

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

13. Kim Burgess – Consideration of the 2nd reading of Ordinance [#O-2023-17](#) to Amend Jasper County Ordinance O-2022-17 for Fiscal Year 2023 Jasper County Budget to Provide for Amendments to the Budget and to Carryover Approved Lapsing Funds to Fiscal Year 2024, and to Amend Jasper County Ordinance O-2023-09 for Fiscal Year 2024 Jasper County Budget to Provide for Amendments to the Budget Lapsing Funds from Fiscal Year 2023 and to Correct an Error in Section 2 of the Budget Regarding a Mathematical Error. (1st reading 08.21.2023)

Ms. Burgess was present to discuss and review this second reading of the ordinance with Council. She noted that the public hearing was scheduled for the next meeting on the 18th.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

14. **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.

Hedy Frazier was present to discuss the Coosawhatchie Community Center in Gillisonville.

15. **Administrator's Report** - Mr. Fulghum reviewed his information and noted that most of his information was informational. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from Council in the Administrator's Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

16. **Lisa Wagner** - Consideration of the **3rd reading** of Ordinance **#O-2023-14** to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer three (3) properties located along Honey Hill Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers: 029-00-02-028, a 6-acre portion as shown on the attached exhibit; 029-00-02-079; and 029-00-02-086, from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Community Commercial Zone, and one (1) property located along Honey Hill Road bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 029-00-02-061 from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (*1st reading 07.17.2023; 2nd reading 08.21.2023*)

17. **Russell Wells** – Consideration of the Motorola Service Contract Renewal. (This was approved in the FY 23-24 budget, however contract exceeds authority of the Administrator).

18. **Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2023.**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

19. **Council Members Comments**

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

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

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Item II. There was no need to return to 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/@jcmedia6537>.

21. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



L. Martin Sauls IV
Chairman