



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.
358 3rd Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936
Monday, April 15, 2024
MINUTES

4:00PM

Budget Workshop:

USCB – Dr. Al M. Panu, Chancellor

Dr. Panu was present to discuss their request for support from the County Council to USCB. He thanked the council for their support throughout the years and noted that they were excited about serving and servicing the students of Jasper County. He noted that council support would allow them to be able to do what they need to do for the students at the college. He said that their dependency from both Beaufort and Jasper County was a substantial amount.

Lowcountry RTA /Palmetto Breeze Transit – Mary Lou Franzoni, Executive Director

Ms. Franzoni was present to discuss the Palmetto Breeze budget request. She showed a presentation to Council. She discussed the 7 commuter routes and the service area. She also discussed the emergency operation support and covered the rural revenue summary.

Boys and Girls Club of Jasper County – Mr. Wentworth

Mr. Wentworth was present to discuss their request for the Boys and Girls Club of Jasper County. He said they serve a total of 1000 children and of that 150 children were from the Jasper County area. He noted that the cost to serve a child for after school and the summer program in a building that they own is about \$8000. He said if it is in a school building it's approximately \$2500. He noted that there is no charge to the parents and that they also do a variety of seven different fundraisers. He further noted that 55% of their revenue came from individual donations.

Jasper Soil and Water Conservation District – Lyn Boyles

Ms. Boyles sent her apologies, because she could not make the meeting. She said she would reschedule for a later date.

Jasper County Coroner's Office – Willie Aiken, County Coroner

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Coroner Aiken was present to discuss his budget and some questions he had on some of his line items. Ms. Burgess reviewed his budget performance report. Coroner Aiken said the county pays \$30,000 plus he has a \$20,000 state supplement to move over to his salary which made his salary go up to \$50,000. They also discussed the vehicle allowance and how it was paid. Coroner Aiken noted that he has placed a vehicle for the coroner's office and a full-time administration person into this budget. He mentioned that he preferred a full-time person, but he needed at least more than a part-time person. He also mentioned that the vehicle requested is for travel that is needed throughout the area. Chairman Sauls if they ever got the report of the transport services that Council had been requested. Coroner Aiken addressed this question regarding the RFP and the status of having one transport company versus multiple transport companies and what that would entail.

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.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Sauls called the meeting to order as soon as the Workshop was over. 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 – [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 – [Legal Advice Banking Matters; Intergovernmental Agreement \(IGA\) for Regional Housing Trust Fund \(RHTF\); Alvin Adkins, Appellant v. Jasper County and The Board of Voter Registration and Election of Jasper County, Respondents](#)

(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 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.

Motion to go into Executive Session: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

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

3. Return to Open Session:

Motion to go into Regular Session: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

3.1 Action coming out of Executive Session:

Motion to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Conflict of Interest Request from Parker Poe Law Firm regarding Moffett Solar II and Jasper County, on the terms and conditions asset forth therein: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

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

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

Motion to approve with removing item numbers 20, 22 and 23 from the Consent Agenda: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

6. Approval of the Regular Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda with the additions of former Consent Agenda Item numbers :# 20 (as new item# 14A), 22(as new item# 14B) and 23(as new item# 14C) from the consent agenda and adding them back to the regular agenda: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

7. Lt. David Allison, Hilton Head Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, U.S .Air Force Auxiliary – Presentation: Civil Air Patrol – Jasper County Update

Lt. David Allison, of the Hilton Head Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, U.S .Air Force Auxiliary was present to discuss the Civil Air Patrol with Council. He also gave a presentation to Council on the Civil Air Patrol – Jasper County Update

8. Julia of Hopeful Horizons, Chief Development Officer – Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Since Hopeful Horizons CEO, Kristin Dubrowski could not be present to accept this proclamation, Julia of Hopeful Horizons was present to accept the proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month for Hopeful Horizons.

9. Willie Aiken, Coroner – Update report from the Coroner’s Office

Coroner Aiken gave a brief update on 2023 to Council. He noted that there had been 530 deaths in Jasper County and 63 accidental deaths. In 2024 so far, he said there had been 141 cases that he had worked on since January.

RESOLUTIONS

10. David Tedder – Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-11 Authorizing Execution of the IGA with Beaufort County for Autopsy Services.

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Mr. Tedder was present to review and discuss Resolution #R-2024-11 which authorized the execution of the IGA with Beaufort County for Autopsy Services.

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Motion to approve: Councilman Garbade

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

After Item # 14 Mr. Tedder noted that we needed to go back to Item # 10. Mr. Tedder noted that the resolution also had a public hearing advertised for this meeting. The public hearing was opened, there was no input, said the public hearing was closed.

11. David Tedder - Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-12 Ratifying the Execution of an Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of 1.7 acres of land at Cypress Ridge Industrial Park, SC, a portion of TMP 048-00-01-010.

Mr. Tedder was present to review and discuss Resolution #R-2024-12 ratifying the execution of an agreement for the purchase and sale of 1.7 acres of land at Cypress Ridge Industrial Park, SC, a portion of TMP 048-00-01-010.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

12. David Tedder – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-13 Consenting to the Assignment and Assumption of a Fee Agreement By and Among SDKM Commerce, LLC, Hardeeville Industrial LLC and Jasper County, South Carolina; And Other Related Matters.

Mr. Tedder was present to review and discuss Resolution #R-2024-13 consenting to the assignment and assumption of a Fee Agreement by and among SDKM Commerce, LLC, Hardeeville Industrial LLC and Jasper County, South Carolina.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

13. David Tedder – Consideration of the 1st reading of an Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To That Certain Fee Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Hardeeville Industrial, LLC, As Successor To SDKM COMMERCE, LLC, Relating To The Investment Period Thereunder; And Other Related Matters.

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Mr. Tedder was present to review and discuss the 1st reading of an ordinance authorizing an amendment to that certain fee agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Hardeeville Industrial, LLC, as successor to SDKM COMMERCE, LLC, relating to the investment period.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

14. David Tedder - Consideration of the 1st reading of 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 Moffett Solar II, LLC, To Provide For Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Approving The Creation Of A Multicounty Park With Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Multicounty Park Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Development Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Moffett Solar II, LLC Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits And; And Other Related Matters.

Mr. Tedder was present to review and discuss the 1st reading of an ordinance authorizing of 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 Moffett Solar II, LLC, to provide for payment of a Fee-In- Lieu Of Taxes; approving the creation of a Multicounty Park with Hampton County, South Carolina; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Multicounty Park agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Development Agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Moffett Solar II, LLC authorizing certain infrastructure credits.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

14A: Danny Lucas – Approval of Parks & Recreation Agreement for Professional Services.

Danny Lucas was present to review and discuss this request for approval of a Parks & Recreation Agreement for Professional Services.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

14B: Andrew Fulghum – Acceptance of a Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) Grant from FEMA in the amount of \$1,250,000 for a Stormwater Drainage Study and the Development Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan, Approving the Grant Match, and Authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Grant Award Agreement and Related Documents.

Mr. Fulghum was present to review and discuss the acceptance of a Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) Grant from FEMA in the amount of \$1,250,000 for a Stormwater Drainage Study and the Development Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan and approve the grant match. He also noted that the request was for the County Administrator to execute the Grant Award Agreement and related documents.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

14C: Kimberly Burgess - Acceptance of a Federal Subaward between SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and Jasper County Detention Center (JCDC.)

Kimberly Burgess was present to review and discuss the acceptance of a Federal Subaward between SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and Jasper County Detention Center (JCDC.)

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments for this meeting.

15. 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.

Lt. Dave Allison and Col. Gene Sullivan signed in to speak, however they gave their presentation at their presentation time on Item # 7.

16. **Administrator's Report** - Mr. Fulghum reviewed the information from his report. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from the Council in the Administrator's Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

17. **David Tedder** – Approval of the **3rd reading** 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; 2nd reading 04.01.2024; Public Hearing 04.01.2024)

18. **David Tedder** – Approval of the **3rd reading** 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; 2nd reading 04.01.2024; Public Hearing 04.01.2024)

19. **David Tedder** – Approval of the **3rd reading** 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; 2nd reading 04.01.2024; Public Hearing 04.01.2024)

20. **Danny Lucas** – Approval of Parks & Recreation Agreement for Professional Services (placed on regular agenda as Item 14A)

21. **Kimberly Burgess** – Approval of the recommended bid for the Sgt. Jasper Park Fence Project.

22. **Andrew Fulghum** – Acceptance of a Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) Grant from FEMA in the amount of \$1,250,000 for a Stormwater Drainage Study and the Development Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan, Approving the Grant Match, and Authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Grant Award Agreement and Related Documents. (placed on regular agenda as Item 14B)

23. **Kimberly Burgess** - Acceptance of a Federal Subaward between SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and Jasper County Detention Center (JCDC.) (placed on regular agenda as Item 14C)

24. **Approval of the Minutes 02.26.2024**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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25. Council Member 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 this meeting's agenda E-Packet or for the video go https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCjIA

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



L. Martin Sauls IV
Chairman