

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Dr. Flowers called the meeting to order with Council Members Steven Murdaugh, Gene Whetsell, Evon Robinson, in attendance. Phillip Taylor absent

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Ruth Mayer, Nate Bristow, Jeff Ament, Mary Gallagher, Alroy Headden, Anthony Rhone, David Linder, Craig Martin, James Rutledge, Roy Williams, Jessie Gooding

Mr. Robinson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognitions

None

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting March 6, 2018

Special Meeting March 14, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

Proclamation- Glanbia Performance Nutrition's Zero Landfill Achievement

Dr. Flowers asked the employees from Glanbia to come forward and thanked all of them for everything they have done. He then read the proclamation into the record.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to approve the proclamation and was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said he would like to reiterate Ken, Plant Manager Glanbia has been outstanding with us on our Economic Development projects with Heyward. He is always

willing to show up when we have big prospects in to explain what we are dealing with here, the work force, the type of labor environment, as well as business environment. He was crucial in both the Crescent Dairy and the Meter Bearing Projects. We really appreciate Ken and all he does with us.

Mr. Griffin said there are a couple of items on the agenda that I would like to go over. Item “b” & “c” is a rezoning. This is the property that was the old SCE&G Coal Fire Plant, which has now been dismantled. Through requests between SC Palmetto Railways and SCE&G they have requested that, I believe it was zoned Industrial at one time and got rezoned to rural and they would like to have it rezoned so they are starting to market that now with the rail line and other projects they are looking at that property.

Mr. Griffin said on item “d” that is related to the Bailey Bill Act, I think we spoke briefly about that a few months ago. The City of Walterboro is trying to enhance and encourage investment in their historic commercial properties and this is a vehicle through State Law, that they allow special tax assessments to those that make a substantial investment into a rehabilitated historic property. I think one of the questions you all had and we will have the full text of it by 2nd reading, is this is just on commercial properties and does not include residential.

Mr. Griffin said on item “k” is the award for the Airport Terminal renovation expansion, which is one of our CPST projects. There were some additional things they put into that contract, so you will see the award amount is actually more than what was in the CPST project. The Airport Commission is going to cover that balance. They already have a commitment from the Aeronautics Commission on about a half million dollar grant to put in that building to take it further.

Mr. Griffin said on item “l” this is in regards to a few months ago we awarded a contract for demolition and disposal of condemned houses. The contractor that award was made to notified us last week that he was not going to be able to do the work in the required time frame of the contract so we are going to the next bid on the list for that project so we can get it moved.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 18-O-01, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 0.5 Acre Parcel on Sniders Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 157-00-00-045, from Rural Development-1 (RD-1) to Community Commercial (CC).

No comments were made

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 18-O-02, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Section 14.08-3.020(A)(7) – Accessory Structures and Uses, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances to Address Commercial Accessory Structures and Selected Residential Uses.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

3rd Reading Ordinance 18-O-01, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 0.5 Acre Parcel on Sniders Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 157-00-00-045, from Rural Development-1 (RD-1) to Community Commercial (CC)

A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1st Reading by Title Only Ordinance 18-O-03, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 1st reading by title only was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Ordinance 18-O-04, To Authorize the Rezoning of the Parcel Identified as T.M.S. No. 044-00-00-083, from Rural Development-2 (RD-2) to Industrial (ID)

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Ordinance 18-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of the Parcels Identified as Tax Map Numbers 262-00-00-032 and 262-00-00-002, from Village Commercial (VC) to Industrial (ID).

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading by Title Only Ordinance 18-O-06, Authorizing And Establishing A Program To Grant Special Property Tax Assessments To Certain Rehabilitated Historic Properties; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-19, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2018.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-20, To Declare Saturday, May 12th, as Stewardship Day 2018 for the Edisto River Basin.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-21, To Declare April as Fair Housing Month.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-22, To Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-23, To Declare May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and to Declare the Week of May 13th as Police Week.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-24, To Declare April Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-25, To Award the Contract for the Lowcountry Regional Airport Terminal Renovation and Expansion.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-26 to Award the Contract for Demolition and Disposal of Condemned Houses and Buildings.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)

Anthony Rhone re: Portable Pool Project. I came before the council August of last year with a proposal for a portable pool project. I have been in conversation with the Parks & Recreation Dept. Director. Between that time I came here in March and they informed me the information that the Director and myself had been working on had not yet been turned over to the council. As I was informed there was an executive session in March that pertained to several different subjects. I was contacted after that meeting by the Parks and Recreation Director and was told at that time there was some additional information that the council was requesting from our organization. That information was submitted a few weeks ago. I followed up with the director and asked if there was any additional information that our organization needed to give council the answers that they were looking for. I was also informed that there was no additional information at that time being requested. I am here to see if the council has made a determination of consideration of the portable pool project so we could start teaching elementary students here in Colleton County how to swim.

Mr. Griffin said I was in conversation with Chris Myers today about this and you had sent us a draft/contract and we were working through that. He has some additional questions that actually the County Attorney brought up about some insurance coverages. If he didn't contact you today, he will be very shortly.

Mary Gallagher- I bought a home on Dandridge Road not quite a year ago and was told by both the Real Estate Agents that it was a residential road and the signs say 30 miles an hour. I don't think I have seen anybody other than myself and a few other residents do 30 miles an hour on that road. What is happening now is that the lumber trucks and the other heavy semi's are back. That type of traffic has increased. I don't know exactly where to go next to get some help for some calming effect on that road. The elderly people in the Hyde Park area that used to ride their bicycles can't do that anymore. It is just too fast and too dangerous. I had three trees taken down in the front left side of the lot and I am not kidding you the guys driving the heavy equipment were scared out of their life the entire time. I thought maybe I would come here 1st because you have more experience in this county than I do and ask what we can do as a neighborhood and myself as a homeowner living on a street which should be a residential street.

Dr. Flowers said he thought what she was looking for was speed enforcement. That would be left up to the sheriff's department and the highway patrol. They are the ones that have the authority relative to that.

Ms. Gallagher said she had been in contact with them and they have put those signs out that tell you how fast you are going, but of course there is no penalty to that. I don't believe that either the highway patrol or the county police departments have an overabundance of officers that cover a very large area with a small staff. It would probably help if you look at the map you can see Dandridge Road is 1 ½ mile speedway. If we had some way of maybe putting a round-about at Maxey, but maybe a stop sign or something else that would stop you from having that feeling that you are on this speedway and you can keep going. I'm not sure that would be a State or County person.

Dr. Flowers said we wouldn't have any authority on that. It would come under the State Highway Department.

Mr. Griffin said he would be glad to speak with both the Sheriff and Adam Bishop who is our DOT area director. They may be able, if there is not some already, some restrictions on it. Do you know if there are restrictions now on the road for 18 wheelers and large truck posted?

Ms. Gallagher said she believed the only sign might be down by Bells Hwy. something about this is a city street or something, but there is no weight limit sign that I recall.

Mr. Griffin said well I've got your phone number here and I'll give the District Engineer a call tomorrow as well as our County Engineer and see if there is something we can do to help.

Council Time

Dr. Flowers said he had gotten a letter from Gov. Henry McMaster regarding the Opportunity Zone that have been put in place through the Federal Law through Senator Scott. We are involved in that in two areas in Colleton County. We will get more information on this in the near future I hope. Just wanted to mention that as information.

Executive Session

- a) Economic Development
 - 1) Project Global
 - 2) Project "EPS"
 - 3) Sarla Flex

- b) Sheriff - Contractual

Regular Session

Dr. Flowers said the items were discussed in executive session.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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