

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 6:00 PM, at County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Phillip Taylor called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Evon Robinson in attendance. Steven Murdaugh, Absent

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Dennis Averkin, Criss Soard, Pete Anderson, Tommy Mann, Morgan Reuis, Shelby Segura, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal R. Hodges, Sr., Tommy Hill, Pam & Dan Sheaf, Sandy Strickland, Carl Coffin

Mr. Taylor gave the invocation and Colleton County NJROTC Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appearances & Public Presentations

Sheriff's Department update

Sheriff Strickland explained they have put more police on the road, marked more patrol cars, hit some of the high crime areas and wanted it to be known that if anyone has any problems or anything that looks suspicious in their neighborhood, please feel free to contact them. It is not an inconvenience, we want to be here and know what is going on.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting December 4, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognition's

Resolution 13-R-19, Recognize Bertha Lee Bryant-Givens for Her Service to the Community.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Briefing

Mr. Griffin said, our State Legislative Delegation will be meeting Monday, February 11th at 5:30 PM at the Colleton County Museum/Farmers market. A reception in partnership with municipalities will follow after that.

Ball Park Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting has been changed to Thursday, February 21st and will move back from 6:00PM to 5:00PM.

The CTC Road Plans-The bid will be due February 15th. This is for Venture Lane, Recreation Lane completing the Recreation area as well as Purple Heart Lane, which is a road that we are working with one of our existing businesses through Economic Development to improve a situation they had there with their transfer in and out into their operation.

Our CDBG Process will get underway with the demolition of the next to the oldest jail that we have over in the Breland Bldg.. Everything has been approved and signed off at the Federal and State level. That project will be getting underway in the next two weeks.

Friday, March 1st at 1:00PM we will begin our 2014 budget session, which will be our annual Friday afternoon event, most likely at the Museum with council where we will review where we are and start looking at our forecasting for next year.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 12-O-19, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 7.9 Acre Parcel on Hendersonville Highway, Identified as TMS 207-00-00-030, from Urban Development-1 (UD-1) to Rural Development-2 (RD-2).

No comments were made.

Old Business

3rd Reading Ordinance 12-O-06, Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina, And Sarlaflex, Inc., Whereby Colleton County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Arrangement With Sarlaflex, Inc.; Providing For Payment By Sarlaflex, Inc. Of Certain Fees-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes; To Provide For The Allocations Of Fees-In-Lieu Of Taxes Payable Under The Agreement For Development For A Joint County Industrial Park With Hampton County, South Carolina; To Amend The Agreement For Development For A Joint County Industrial Park With Hampton County, South Carolina So As To Include Additional Property In Colleton County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 13-O-01, Granting Easement No. 890260, Easement No. 890269 and Easement No. 890270 to South Carolina Electric and Gas Across a Portion of the Colleton County Commerce Park located along McLeod Road near Corporate Way in Colleton County, SC; Such Easements are to be Used for the installation, operation and maintenance of natural gas facilities within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 13-R-13, to Award the Contract for On-Site Healthcare Services for Fire-Rescue.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R- 16, To Appoint a Member to the Fire-Rescue Control Board.

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

Mr. Robinson said I would ...inaudible... that the proper advertising may have been made already for this position to be given to the public and council follows the guidelines appropriate in choosing a candidate to replace Mr. Mixson.

Chairman Taylor asked the clerk if that matter had been properly posted in the newspaper.

Ms. Mayer said she would check into it, but didn't think they had to advertise. I think the position is within the Fire Departments and does not have to be advertised.

Mr. Whetsell said the Fire Board is made up of representatives from each of the fire units in the county and this member of the Fire Control Board, they select who is going to be the next person who is going to represent that area and it is not a countywide election thing. It comes from the members of the Fire Board.

Mr. Robinson said I hear what you are saying, but I was thinking it was a council appointment rather than a board appointment and if you read the resolution as given by this gentleman, it seems to me and I may be wrong, but it seems to me that he is directing exactly who he wants on the board and that authority I think should not be given to him as an individual. It is like I am on a board and I have a friend and he is my buddy and I will just nominate him to replace me. I don't think that is proper. As I read this (resolution) that is what I perceived. That is why I said what I said in regards to having it appropriately done.

Council members continued the discussion.

The motion and second was amended to change the resolution to say the control board at station 23 nominated Chris Gooding to replace Doug Mixson on the Fire-Rescue Control Board and is hereby appointed.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-17, To Authorize the Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment by the Fleet Management Department.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-18, To Award Bid FR-15 to the Seven Lowest Bidders on Various Firefighting Equipment.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-20, to Award the Contract for Jacksonboro Fire Station Renovations and Additions.

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

Mr. Robinson said in light of the fact that we have a local bidder on this contract whose bid came in a fraction over the 3% allowance in the majority vendors' preference and we

also have a local vendor ordinance preference of 3% totaling 6% allowance. I cannot vote for this. I certainly hope we can table this resolution until such time that we could get clarity from our legal counsel at our next meeting in regards to the 3% allowance in both of the preference ordinances. I would like to get clear on this. I would like to ask council to table this until we get clarification.

Mr. Robinson said he would like to make a motion to table this until the next meeting when they could get clarification and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

Council continued discussion.

Mr. Thornton, county attorney said if ya'll would like to table it for now I could at least give you an example in executive session and then we can see if you need more detail.

Council discussed and members agreed to have Mr. Thornton bring the information to the next meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-21, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve the following by acclimation and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

Colleton County Library Board of Trustees:	Magdline Monroe
Colleton County Recreation Commission:	Matthew W. Hooker

The motion carried unanimously.

The following were approved by ballot:

Colleton County Land Use Zoning Board of Appeals: Lloyd E. Jones, Doug Mixson, Jr.

Colleton County Resource & Development Board: Tie Vote -will come back to council at next meeting when all five members are in attendance.

Items of Information & The Public Record

None

Public Comments

No comments made

Council Time

No comments made by council

Executive Session

- a) Economic Development
- b) Personnel

Regular Session

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve Resolution 13-R-15, To Authorize a Position Re-Classification within the Tax Assessor's Office From a Grade 4, Clerk III to a Grade 8, Appraiser/Mapper and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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