

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 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, Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Iris Hill, Jane Darby, Nate Bristow, Becky Hill, Tom Whitacre, Janet Smith, J. Gooding, Roy Williams, James Rutledge, Andy Strickland

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

Dr. Flowers said we are going to have to amend the agenda to add on 5(b) Ms. Kimberly Mullinax for a Needs Assessment. Also under Executive Session part (b) a contractual matter with Solid Waste.

A motion to amend the agenda was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting January 3, 2017

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**Appearances & Public Presentations**

2016 Audit Report – David Irwin, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Mr. Irwin gave an over review of the county's audit. The county received a clean unmodified report.

Needs Assessment- Kim Mullinax

Ms. Mullinax said this is a yearly CDBG needs assessment public hearing. She explained how the program works with grant funds to help with county needs for the public. Currently we have three projects open in Colleton County: Bama Road –

drainage project is almost complete, Booster Pump Project in conjunction with the City of Walterboro is under construction now, Gadsden Loop Neighborhood Revitalization Program awarded in the Fall is in the Engineering Phase. At our meeting last year we looked at our activities that we had last year and we chose three of the top projects at that time. I would like to go over those priority areas now and then open it up for council and community for any input on the needs we look at for the current year. We can rank these tonight or you can think about it for a month and rank it at the next meeting. The areas we talked about last year were: Economic Development, Recreation, Public Safety, Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Roads & Bridges & Drainage, Transportation, Tourism & Marketing, and Housing. Last year our three top areas were Economic Development, Community Facilities, & Public Infrastructure. At this time I would like to open it up for any comment from Council or the community on what our projects need to include for this coming year.

Dr. Flowers said since we just had this presented to us tonight it would be wise for us to give council a month to give some thought on this and give them a copy of this so everybody will know what we have done and what we are doing now and what we might want to do this year. Maybe give a recommendation at next month's meeting. Does anyone have an objection to that?

The council members agreed with the chairman.

Dr. Flowers asked if anyone from the public had any questions for Ms. Mullinax.

Jessie Gooding ...inaudible...

Dr. Flowers asked for the question to be repeated.

Ms. Mullinax said her question was could I breakdown Economic Development. What we meant by that. Last year what we had it defined as was development of spec buildings, infrastructure, rail access, ...inaudible...roads, water, sewer and airport improvements. When we picked as one of the top activities, we said it was water/sewer, drainage, roads and rails.

Gentleman in audience do ya'll do any assistance with training people for like a trade? Like a vocational trade.

Ms. Mullinax said not through ...inaudible..., the COG can help through that with the Workforce Department, but not through the grant program.

Dr. Flowers asked if there were any more questions.

There were no more questions.

### **Administrator's Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said we have two items, one under the Resolution 17-R-11 regarding the Sole Source of Chevrolet Products. Since our last meeting where we approve the lease purchase program, the state contracts have come out and the state contract did not award Chevrolet projects with the exception of the police cruiser, Tahoe's this year, so we have a number of other items both in the Sheriffs, Solid Waste, & Fire-Rescue that are standardized to Chevrolet products, because sometimes the equipment will a third of the cost of the vehicle, which we can transfer over, so Capital Sales Tax and Procurement has asked that we do a Sole Source of Chevrolet, this is not a Sole Source in a true since because it will be bid among Chevrolet dealers throughout the State. Obviously we have our local preference ordinance in place, which that will be in effect as well. That is what that item was. The other was Edisto Beach's ready to get their project underway and ready for their ...inaudible... We will get that down to them so they can get started. They have a very aggressive schedule from what I understand to get the work started on the restoration made by May. I did get a brief memo at your desk the SCAC Mid Year Conference, the Legislative date is next Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> we have a legislative reception that night with our State Legislators and then we are going to have dinner with our local Legislative Delegation shortly thereafter. We will have a vehicle leaving the County Parking Lot at 3:30 PM if you can't make the morning activities to get down there for both the reception and our meeting with the delegation as much as we got going on up in Columbia right now it could be very important. If any of you can make it just let us know so we can get you on the docket and everything taken care of.

### **Public Hearing**

To Solicit Public Input on Community Needs & Priorities for Housing, Public Facilities and Economic Development in the County Under CDBG Program.

**See Appearances & Public Presentations above**

Ordinance 16-O-15, To Amend the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park Executed by Colleton County on December 12, 2007 by and among Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Multi-County Industrial Park, so as to Include Additional Property in that Portion of the Park Geographically Located in Colleton County, South Carolina and Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made

### **Old Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 16-O-15, to Amend the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park Executed by Colleton County on December 12, 2007 by and among Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Multi-County Industrial Park, so as to Include Additional Property in that Portion of the Park Geographically Located in Colleton County, South Carolina and Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 17-O-01, 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 Residential Handicap Access Ramps.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 17-O-02, to Amend Title 14-Land Management, Article 14.08-2 - Zoning District Regulations and Article 14.08-3 – Conditional Uses of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances to Address Campers, RVs and Park Model Trailers as Living Accommodations.

A motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Resolution 17-R-10, To Approve the Victim Assistance Agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-11, To Authorize the Sole Source of Chevrolet Products Not Awarded by the State of South Carolina for the Calendar Year 2017.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-12, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Grant Funding for FY 2016-2017.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-13, To Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application Related to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for a Narcotics Unit.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-14, To Disburse Funding to the Town of Edisto Beach for Costs Associated with Capital Projects Sales Tax Project 1 – Beach Restoration.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-15, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve Colleton County Recreation Commission: Matthew W. Hooker & Janice C. Wright and Colleton County Memorial Library Board of Trustees: Magdline Monroe & Lenwood Marshall by acclamation was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Items for Information and Public Record**

None

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Darby said thank you very much. Our project is well underway and the bills are coming so this is much timely.

Mr. Robinson left the meeting as they went into Executive Session.

### **Executive Session**

Economic Development

1. Project Global
2. Project Imperial

Personnel

1. Alcohol & Drug Abuse

Contractual

1. Law Enforcement Center
2. *Solid Waste*

**Regular Session**

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

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Res. 17-R-16, to Authorize the County Administrator to Negotiate and Execute the Purchase of Equipment from Lexington County for the Colleton County Solid Waste Transfer Station, in Accordance with Sections 3.08.210 and 3.08.215 of the County's Purchasing Ordinance

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to table the appointment of the members for the Library Board and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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