

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 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, Phillip Taylor, Art Williams in attendance.

Others present included: Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Ruth Mayer, James Rutledge, Joe Hertha Lynah, Suzanne P. Gant, Bernadette R. Farmer, Johnson L. Williams, Delores W. Williams, Laurie Bonselaar, Victoria Lopez, Rosemary Salley, Theodore Reed, Lee Blue, Carl Doyle, Rev. Jack Lewis, Sr., Austin Ruger, Jr., Angela Varnadoe, Gerald Smoak, Jr., Jeff Ament, David Linder "Gar", Al Jenkins, Edward E??, John Singleton, Yvonne Singleton, Jamie Dwight, Rod & Doris Pearson, Jamos W. Campbell, Samuel Aiken, Isaac Agina, Jacqueline H. Brown, Shirley White, Kenneth F. Hodges, Darlene Miller, Suhailah Beyah, Anton Kinsay, Jessie Gooding, Shiela Keaise, Millie Murray, Sarah Keith, Keeley Farris, Delbert DuBois, Iris Hill, Jane Darby, Louise Slater, Clarence Wiggins

Dr. Flowers said the first order of business is the swearing in of our new council member Mr. Art Williams by Ms. Sylvia Joy Williams.

Mr. Williams received his oath of office and then took his seat with his fellow council members for the council meeting.

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

Post 2018 Election & Formative Actions

Chairman's Appointment of Standing Committees

Dr. Flowers (Chairman) said he would defer all appointments to this committee and give them to members of council within the next 10 days, which is what we are supposed to do.

Chairman's Designation of Three Members of Council to LCAA Board

Dr. Flowers said he would like to appoint Mr. Art Williams to that board if he will accept.

Mr. Williams accepted.

Dr. Flowers said Mr. Whetsell and Mr. Taylor will also continue as members on this board or their designee. They have the option to delegate someone should they so desire to serve in their place.

Confirmation of Council Members to LCOG

Dr. Flowers said Mr. Whetsell and I will still serve on this board and I would like to ask Mr. Taylor to serve on this board also.

Mr. Taylor accepted.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting November 13, 2018

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

- a) Proclamation For Franklin R. Smalls
- b) Proclamation For Gerald Smoak

Dr. Flowers read both proclamations for the record.

A motion to approve both proclamations was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers presented the proclamation to the family of Gerald Smoak who were present at the meeting and noted to everyone that the proclamation for Mr. Smalls had already been given to his family for the funeral service (all council members previously polled for approval enabling the family to have the document for the funeral service, which was in December).

Appearances & Public Presentations

Sarah Keith & Keeley Farris at Palmetto New Tech at Colleton County Middle School – Student Project “How can we as Colletonians create a park that will teach the significance of Ancient River Civilizations as well as increase travel & tourists revenue for Colleton County”

The Palmetto New Tech students presented each of their projects with 3D models and gave a very informative explanation of how their plan for the park would work.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin was not present at the meeting due to an illness. Sean Thornton, County Attorney gave the briefing.

Mr. Thornton said Mr. Phillip Slaytor retired in December and would like to recognize our new Planning & Development Director, Mr. Zach Montgomery. He come to us from Newton County Georgia and he has served as Planning Director at various locations. He has had over 20 years of experience in Local Government Planning and we are fortunate and very pleased to have him here with us in Colleton County.

Mr. Montgomery thanked council. He was glad to be here and you've got some wonderful people to work with here and I have met some of you already.

Mr. Thornton said he also wanted to remind everyone of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Law Enforcement Center will be Thursday at 4:30 PM and want to encourage everyone to be there.

Mr. Thornton said there is a resolution 19-R-04, there is a scrivener's error in the title. It mentions four low bidders, there were actually six. The only place that is incorrect is in the title only, the resolution itself is correct and we will fix that scrivener's error later. I don't think that requires any motion on your part because all the information in the resolution is correct. It is just the title, it should say six instead of four. I just wanted you to be aware in case someone noticed it.

Mr. Murdaugh said he would like to make a motion to amend the agenda not to add any new items, but where we have item "g" under new business and item "h" under new business resolution 19-R-07 & resolution 19-R-08 there has been some new language added to both of those resolutions that was presented to council as we arrived this evening. I would like to move that we amend the agenda to have those amended resolutions on the agenda and was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - None

Old Business - None

New Business

Resolution 19-R-01, To Authorize the Submittal of an Application for the FEMA Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant Program and the Approval of 25% Matching Funds to be Appropriated in the FY 2019 Budget

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-02, To Award the Contract for Annual Hose and Ladder Testing for Fire-Rescue to Mill Dam Enterprises

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-03, To Approve Acceptance of a Grant from Coastal Electric Cooperative, Inc. in the amount of \$146,166.66 for Industrial Infrastructure Development

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-04, To Award Bid FR-20 to the Six Lowest Bidders on Protective Firefighting Equipment

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

The motion carried unanimously

Resolution 19-R-05, To Award the Contract for the Paving of Colleton County Roadways

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-06, To Award the Contract for the Honor Lane Improvement Project

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-07, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2018-2019

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-08, To Award Indefinite Delivery Contracts for Architectural Design Services

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

The motion carried 4-1 (Mr. Williams opposing)

Resolution 19-R-09, To Recommend to the Colleton County Legislative Delegation that the Bridge at the 8200 Block of Ace Basin Parkway be Named in Memory of Molly Graham

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-10, To Appoint Member to Board Vacancies

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to approve the following by acclamation and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

Colleton County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs: Paul Mears
Colleton County Recreation Commission: Janice Wright, Matthew Hooker
Colleton County Fire-Rescue Commission: Gerald (Jerry) Breland, Jr., LaVern C. Polk, William M. Farish

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

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

Christopher Riley – owner Edisto Recycling, LLC- Wanted to follow-up to find out if they plan to open up the bid for the white goods is still available. Just following up from November.

Ms. Utsey said the Capitol Projects in the Purchasing Department has been very busy and very soon on their list to be posted.

Council Time

Mr. Murdaugh said he wanted to welcome Art on board. I look forward to working with him in the coming years. Also Mr. Matt Williams, I read about the legacy of his family service in Fire-Rescue and wanted to congratulate him and his family. All of them are volunteers and do not get paid for their services to the community.

Dr. Flowers said we certainly need to thank our volunteers. We couldn't have a Fire-Rescue service in this county like we do without our volunteers and I appreciate

everything they do. I would like to congratulate all of our members of council re-elected, Mr. Williams, Mr. Whetsell, and Mr. Murdaugh. They all went through the election process this year and congratulate all of them for being on the council at this time.

Mr. Taylor said he wanted to recognize and welcome brother Art Williams to the council as well as the other councilmen being re-elected. Congratulations on that. I also wanted to recognize Dr. Greene, Mayor Darby Edisto Beach and those that worked so hard on that tsunami preparedness project.

Mr. Williams said he wanted to thank all of you and certainly recognize Ms. Antoinette Kinsey, who is one of the decendance of Ms. Molly Graham and a well-deserved recognition for the Greenpond Community. I thank all of you and I thank my colleagues up here for the welcoming today.

Executive Session

- a) Economic Development – Project Global
- b) Contractual – Town of Edisto

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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