



# JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND MEETING

City of Hardeeville City Hall  
205 Main Street, Hardeeville, SC. 29927  
Monday, March 3, 2025  
MINUTES

**Officials Present:** Chairman John Kemp, Vice Chairman Joey Rowell, Councilman Marty Sauls, Councilman Chris VanGeison and Councilman Joe Arzillo

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Lisa Wagner, Jim Iwanicki, Chief Russell Wells, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

## Call Workshop to Order - Chairman Kemp

Chairman Kemp called the meeting to order. The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting and the meeting agenda were posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place, on the county website, and a copy of the agenda was provided to the local news media and all person's or organizations requesting notification.*

- **FILOT Agreement Project Salmon Ordinance # O-2025-04**

Mr. Fulghum noted that Mr. Tedder would provide a summary, and that Mr. Romano was here if there were any additional questions. Mr. Tedder noted that there had been a project get together for the groundbreaking on 03.06.2025 and that it had started being put together back in October 2024. He said the owner has a FILOT, SSRC Structure which had changed slightly as they asked for commencement dates. He noted that the document from the 1<sup>st</sup> reading had changed slightly with minor tweaks and that this agenda had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance. Mr. Romano discussed the FILOT credits, reviewed the changes with all the SSRC requirements. He noted that the property is located in a Multi County Park with an existing FILOT. He discussed the provisions of the agreement and how this would work out.

- **Code Enforcement**

Mr. Fulghum noted that at the last meeting that this had been discussed. He said that this item is on the regular agenda as Item # 9 Resolution #R-2025-14. Mr. LaBruce noted that they had tried to clarify the Council's concerns from the previous meeting so they would see what they were getting for the cost of services provided. He reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of the scope of services and discussed how this would proceed and the process if Council entered into an agreement with them. He said one main point was to ensure that

the Code Enforcement Officer would know what their role was and that they could do what they needed to do. The need for Code Enforcement Officers was discussed and note that this was a priority for Council.

- **Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances (Councilman Kemp)**

This item was done to clean up the Ordinance as some of these boards such as the Beaufort Jasper Water and Hardeeville Water no longer exist. Chairman Kemp also noted that the Chairman is required to do a lot of things that are no longer available. He also mentioned that the pay for the County Council needed to be put into the form of an ordinance.

**Adjourn workshop:**

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed and the workshop was adjourned.

**1. Call the Meeting to Order by Chairman Kemp**

Chairman Kemp Called the Meeting to order.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:**

The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Vice Chairman Rowell.

**3. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:**

Approval of Consent Agenda passes all Consent Agenda Items. Consent Agenda Items are not considered separately unless any Councilmember so requests. In the event of such a request the item is placed at the end of the Public Hearings, Ordinances and Action Items.

**Motion to amend the Consent Agenda Item to reflect the dates of 02.27.2025 and 02.28.2025 being added to Item # 22: Approval of the Minutes:** Councilman Arzillo

**Second:** Councilman VanGeison

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the items as stated:** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**4. Approval of the Regular Agenda:**

**Motion to approve:** Councilman VanGeison

**Second:** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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## **PROCLAMATION**

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5. None

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## **PRESENTATION**

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### **6. Danny Lucas – Volunteer Park Baseball Fields Update.**

Mr. Fulghum noted that Mr. Jim Iwanicki would be giving the Volunteer Park Baseball Fields Update. Mr. Fulghum mentioned that Jim and his crew had done a lot of work out there in house and made improvements to the ballpark that saved the County a lot of money.

- Mr. Iwanicki noted that they had an opportunity with Public Works to make some improvements out at the ballfield and that Mr. Olan Roberts and Mr. Jeff Crosby had coordinated everything for the County. He noted that they had made the following improvements:
- Replaced the dugout roofs
- Cleaned the building and power washed the outside
- Cleaned the bathrooms up to usable condition for this season
- Replaced the steps going to the press box by use of a contractor (completion expected in about a week)
- Repaired fences in the outfield
- Updated and made sure the gates are working, so the fields can be secured and locked at night
- Checked out the sprinkler system and will be making repairs to it

He said that Mr. Lucas was working on improvements to be made to the fields and that he had an RFP for contractors for materials to improve the fields. He also mentioned that the building needed some repairs, but that he knew Mr. Lucas was working on a long-term plan to repair the building out there.

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7. Chairman Kemp's comments: None

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## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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**8. Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance Number #08-17 Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting's 6:00PM 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.**

Quincey Brantley spoke on matters of land subdivision and the Levy area. He wanted to know how O-2025-04 would impact heritage property.

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

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### **9. David Tedder - Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-14 for the retention of services from Finger, Melnick, Brooks & LaBruce, P.A.**

Mr. Tedder was present to review and address the request for the consideration of the Resolution #R-2025-14 for the retention of services from Finger, Melnick, Brooks & LaBruce, P.A. Councilman Sauls recused himself from voting on this matter. Council discussed their concerns and how the different phases of the plan to move forward would work. For more information, please see attachment "A" or our video at video go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm\\_ggXCJIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA) .

**Motion to approve:** Councilman VanGeison

**Second:** Councilman Arzillo

**Vote:**

**Councilman VanGeison – Yes**

**Councilman Arzillo – Yes**

**Chairman Kemp – Yes**

**Vice Chairman Rowell - No**

The motion passed.

### **10. Wanda Giles – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-16 to approve the appointment of Mr. Randy Waite to the Jasper County Planning and Appeals Commission.**

Ms. Giles was present to review and address the request for consideration of the Resolution #R-2025-16 to approve the appointment of Mr. Randy Waite to the Jasper County Planning and Appeals Commission. Ms. Giles read the resolution for the record. She noted that that Jasper County established the Jasper County Planning Commission pursuant to Jasper County Code of Ordinances, Chapter II, Article IV, Division I under Section 2-77 "Standing boards and commission and special committees established," and created set terms to provide for a staggering of terms of the members. Currently a vacancy currently exists on the Jasper County Planning Commission as a result of the resignation of Brent Robinson, whose term is set to expire on December 31, 2027. The Jasper County Council wants to appoint Randy Waite as the new member to the Jasper County Planning Commission to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term of Mr. Robinson. With the resolution noting that Mr. Randy Waite would be hereby appointed by the Jasper County Council to serve on the Jasper County Planning Commission for the remainder of the 4-year term of Mr. Robinson, which expires December 31, 2027, such an appointment be effective as of 03.03.2025.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**11. Kimberly Burgess –Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-17 of Jasper County Council Pursuant to Section 2-415 of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances regarding Jasper County SC 250 Committee’s Request to Fund Landscaping Related Improvements at the Thomas Heyward Cemetery Site, Authorizing the County Administration to Accept the Submitted Bid for such Improvements, and Matters Related Thereto.**

Ms. Burgess was present to review, address and explain the request for the consideration of Resolution #R-2025-17 of Jasper County Council Pursuant to Section 2-415 of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances regarding Jasper County SC 250 Committee’s Request to Fund Landscaping Related Improvements at the Thomas Heyward Cemetery Site, Authorizing the County Administration to Accept the Submitted Bid for such Improvements. The public hearing for this item was opened but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Arzillo

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**12. Chairman Kemp – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-18 to approve the appointment of Councilman Rowell as a new board member to the Southern Lowcountry Regional (SOLOCO) Board.**

Chairman Kemp was present to review, address and explain the request for the consideration of the Resolution #R-2025-18 to approve the appointment of Councilman Rowell as a new board member to the Southern Lowcountry Regional (SOLOCO) Board.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman VanGeison

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**13. Chairman Kemp – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-19 to approve the appointment of Councilman Rowell to the Local Area Transportation Study (LATS) Board.**

Chairman Kemp was present to review, address and explain the request for the consideration of the Resolution #R-2025-19 to approve the appointment of Councilman Rowell to the Local Area Transportation Study (LATS) Board.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman VanGeison

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**14. Chairman Kemp – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-20 to approve the appointment of Chairman Kemp as an Ex-Officio Member to the Technical College of the Lowcountry Board.**

Chairman Kemp was present to review, address and explain the request for the consideration of the Resolution #R-2025-20 to approve the appointment of Chairman Kemp as an Ex-Officio Member to the Technical College of the Lowcountry Board.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman VanGeison

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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## **PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS**

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**15. David Tedder** – Consideration of the **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** of Ordinance **#O-2025-03** Approving a Development Agreement for the Daly Organics Development Property consisting of approximately 223 acres, more or less, owned by Bellinger Hill Properties, LLC in the Bellinger Hill Area of Jasper County, South Carolina, Pursuant to the South Carolina Local Government Development Agreement Act and Article IV, Title 20 of the Code of Ordinances of Jasper county, Authorizing the Chairperson of the Jasper County Council to execute the Development Agreement, and Matters Related Thereto. (This document is included in the agenda e-packet) (1<sup>st</sup> reading 12.02.2024 and Public hearing 01.06.2025; 2<sup>nd</sup> Public hearing 02.03.2025) (Daly Organics DA)

Mr. Tedder was present to review, address and explain the request for the consideration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-03 Approving a Development Agreement for the Daly Organics Development Property consisting of approximately 223 acres, more or less, owned by Bellinger Hill Properties, LLC in the Bellinger Hill Area of Jasper County, South Carolina, Pursuant to the South Carolina Local Government Development Agreement Act and Article IV, Title 20 of the Code of Ordinances of Jasper county, Authorizing the Chairperson of the Jasper County Council to execute the Development Agreement. Mr. Tedder noted that he wanted to mention the changes brought forward from last reading. Mr. Tedder noted the major changes of the hours of operation, noise of the operation and the County not taking responsibility of Stormwater.

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**16. David Tedder** – **Public Hearing** and consideration of the **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** of Ordinance **#O-2025-05** Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement By and Between Jasper County, South Carolina and Project Salmon, With Respect to Certain Economic Development Property in the County, Providing for the Payment of Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto. (Project Salmon) (1<sup>st</sup> reading 02.18.2025)

Mr. Tedder was present to review, address and explain the request for the consideration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-05 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement

By and Between Jasper County, South Carolina and Project Salmon, With Respect to Certain Economic Development Property in the County, Providing for the Payment of Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for Special Source Revenue Credits. Mr. Tedder noted that most changes were technical changes. The public hearing was opened there were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman VanGeison

**Second:** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**17. Lisa Wagner – Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer two properties located at 345 Gassie Orr Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 020-00-03-006 and 020-00-03-102 from the Rural Preservation Zoning District to the Residential Zoning District on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.**

Ms. Wagner was present to review, address and explain the request the request for the consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer two properties located at 345 Gassie Orr Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 020-00-03-006 and 020-00-03-102 from the Rural Preservation Zoning District to the Residential Zoning District on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. Ms. Wagner noted that this was a request for a Zoning Map Amendment to have a property designated as Residential. The subject properties consist of 11.35 acres and are identified by TMS #s 020-00-03-006 & 020-00-03-102. The property is located at 345 Gassie Orr Road in Pineland. Both parcels are currently zoned Rural Preservation. The intent is to combine the subject properties with two adjacent parcels and then reconfigure the four (4) original parcels to five (5) parcels. The adjacent parcels are owned by the applicant and are zoned Residential. The Jasper County Land Development Regulations prohibit creating new parcels in different zoning districts to prevent additional properties from being split-zoned.

She mentioned that according to the 2018 Jasper County Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map identifies this area as "Rural Conservation". The Rural Conservation areas seek to protect and promote the character of Jasper County that largely exists today outside of the municipalities. The adjacent parcels are zoned Rural Preservation and Residential. The adjacent land uses are residential and vacant property. The subject property is accessed by Gassie Orr Road, which is a county-maintained dirt road. The Planning Commission reviewed this application at their meeting on February 11, 2025, and recommended approval to have the property designated as Residential.

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**18. Lisa Wagner – Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 139 Hartwell Avenue, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 080-03-00-019 from the Mixed Business Zoning District to the General Commercial Zoning District on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.**



Ms. Wagner was present to review, address and explain the request the request for the consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 139 Hartwell Avenue, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 080-03-00-019 from the Mixed Business Zoning District to the General Commercial Zoning District on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. Ms. Wagner noted that is was a zoning map amendment request to have a property designated as General Commercial. The subject property consists of .96 acres and is located at 139 Hartwell Avenue. The property is currently zoned Mixed Business and is part of a commercial subdivision known as Argent Business Park. The property is developed with a commercial building that was built for flex space. The end user intends to use the space as a banquet hall, which is not allowed in Mixed Business. However, a banquet hall is allowed in General Commercial. The property was originally zoned General Commercial, and the zoning was changed to Mixed Business at the end of 2016.

She mentioned that according to the 2018 Jasper County Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map identifies this area as a Commercial Node, which is appropriate for businesses, offices, retail, and multi-family use. The adjacent parcels are zoned General Commercial, Mixed Business and Rural Preservation. The adjacent land uses are commercial development and vacant property. Multi-family apartments are nearby. Also, she noted that the subject property is accessed by Hartwell Avenue, which is a privately maintained road serving Argent Business Park. Hartwell Avenue is located off of Argent Blvd, which is a minor arterial road and is maintained by the state. The Planning Commission reviewed this application at their meeting on February 11, 2025 and recommends approval to have the property designated as General Commercial.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman VanGeison

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**19. Lisa Wagner – Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 594 Stokes Bluff Landing Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 003-00-01-009 from the Rural Preservation and Residential Zoning District to the Residential Zoning District on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.**

Ms. Wagner was present to review, address and explain the request the request for the consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 594 Stokes Bluff Landing Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 003-00-01-009 from the Rural Preservation and Residential Zoning District to the Residential Zoning District on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. Ms. Wagner stated that this was a zoning map amendment request to have a property designated as Residential. The subject property consists of 38 acres and is located at 594 Stokes Bluff Road. The property is currently split zoned Rural Preservation and Residential. The property is separated by Stokes Bluff Road, essentially creating two parcels of land. The portion of the property on the north side of Stokes Bluff is zoned Rural Preservation and is approximately 15.5 acres, while the portion of the property on the south side of Stokes Bluff Road is zoned Residential and is approximately 23 acres. The purpose is to subdivide the property, creating two separate parcels of land, creating a parcel on the north side of Stokes Bluff Road and a parcel on the south side of Stokes Bluff Road.



She noted that according to the 2018 Jasper County Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map identifies this area as “Resource Conservation”. The rural conservation areas fall alongside the rivers that flank the east and west of Jasper County. These areas are dominated by hydric soils, which are frequently associated with wetlands. In addition, these soils are very poorly suited to support septic systems. These areas should be used primarily for conservation and recreation. Any development should be very low in impact. The adjacent parcels are zoned Residential with Rural Preservation to the rear of the property (northern property line). Adjacent land uses are residential and vacant property. The subject property is accessed by Stokes Bluff Road, which is a two-lane state-maintained highway classified as a limited local road. She mentioned that the Planning Commission reviewed this application at their meeting on February 11, 2025, and recommends approval to have the property designated as Residential.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**20. Lisa Wagner – Consideration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-04 to Amend Article 2.1.1 of the Jasper County Land Development Regulations, *Exempt Subdivision*, limiting the number of parcels that can be subdivided from a single parcel of land when using the State’s exemption, to 4 individual parcels; to define an existing street and existing easement; Invoking application of the Pending Ordinance Doctrine; and other matters related thereto. (1st reading 12.02.2024; Public Hearing and 2nd reading 01.06.2025)**

Ms. Wagner was present to review, address and explain the request the request for the consideration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-04 to Amend Article 2.1.1 of the Jasper County Land Development Regulations, *Exempt Subdivision*, limiting the number of parcels that can be subdivided from a single parcel of land when using the State’s exemption, to 4 individual parcels; to define an existing street and existing easement; Invoking application of the Pending Ordinance Doctrine.

Ms. Wagner noted that this proposed ordinance seeks to limit the number of parcels that can be subdivided from a single parcel of land using the State’s exemption to 4 parcels. The State’s exemption allows for parcels that are 5 acres and greater where no new street is involved to be subdivided. Currently, the County’s Land Development Regulations do not limit the number of parcels that can be subdivided from a single parcel of land using the State’s exemption. Over the last few years, Jasper County has received several exempt subdivisions that have created large subdivisions with no community facilities, sidewalks, and other things that should be provided for a community. These types of communities should be considered a major subdivision and developed as such. This ordinance also seeks to define an existing street and existing easement.

Analysis: Jasper County Land Development Regulations, Article 2.1.1, *Exempt Subdivision* states, “the division of land into parcels of five acres or more where each parcel abuts an existing road right-of-way or access easement recorded prior to January 1, 2018.”

The State’s exemption states, “the division of land into parcels of five acres or more where no new street is involved, and plats of these exceptions must be received as information by the planning agency which shall indicate that fact on the plats.”

As amended, Article 2.1.1.b would read as follows:

**Article 2.1.1, Exempt Subdivision** - An exempt subdivision is one which meets one of the following definitions and are included only for the purpose of requiring notification and information to the authorized designee of the Planning Commission, the DSR. The DSR shall be notified by the owner about the exemption, and the plat shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds identifying the exemption from the County's subdivision standards.

- a. The combination or recombination of portions of previously platted lots where the total number of lots is not increased and the resultant lots are equal to the standards of this Ordinance; or
- b. ~~The division of land into parcels of five acres or more where each parcel abuts an existing road right-of-way or access easement recorded prior to January 1, 2018.~~

*The division of land into Parcels of five acres or more, where no new Street or Easement is involved provided, that out of any single tract of land, parcel of lot of land existing as a distinct tax parcel as of July 1, 2024, no more than four (4) such parcels may be created within a five year period.*

*[Existing Streets or Easements must meet the design standards outlined in Article 7.1 of the Jasper County Land Development Regulations; Roadway Classifications.]*

- c. The combination or recombination of entire lots of record where no new street or change in existing streets is involved;
- d. The division of land into parcels for conveyance to other persons through the provisions of a will or similar document, and in the settlement of an intestate's estate or as determined by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction;
- e. Property trades or swaps between immediately adjacent landowners not resulting in the creation of new parcels of record;
- f. Division of land for the purpose of sale or transfer to an immediately adjacent landowner for the sole purpose of enlarging the adjacent landowner's property, and not resulting in the creation of new parcels, or the creation of new nonconforming parcels;
- g. The recordation of a plat of land or property for purposes other than the sale or transfer of title to land including the following:
  - i. The creation or termination of leases, easements, or liens;
  - ii. The creation or termination of mortgages on existing parcels of record, approved subdivisions or commercial projects, partly or undeveloped land;
  - iii. Lot line corrections on existing recorded properties;
  - iv. The creation, termination or amendment of private covenants or restrictions on land; and
  - v. A transfer of title to land not involving the division of land into parcels.
  - vi. *The public acquisition of land for Right-of-Way or Drainage Easements or any Lot or parcel created therefrom.*
  - vii. *A Parcel of land that is proposed to be used as the site for a Utility substation, power line Easements, or Right-of-Way, pumping station, pressure regulating station, electricity regulating substation, gas pressure control station, or similar facilities.*

Ms. Wagner noted that the Planning Commission reviewed this zoning text amendment at their on November 12, 2024 meeting and recommends approval of the ordinance as proposed.

**Motion to approve with the removal of the word Commentary (Article 2.1.1, Exempt Subdivision under paragraph B):** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:**

**Vice Chairman Rowell:** Yes

**Councilman Sauls:** Yes

**Councilman Arzillo:** Yes

**Chairman Kemp:** Yes

**Councilman VanGeison:** No

The motion passed.

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**21. 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. He reviewed and gave an update on Heather Rath was present to discuss the Levy Sewer Funding Report for the Levy Limehouse Funding. She gave an overview of where things were and discussed some key points. For additional information please see Our video at video go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm\\_ggXCJIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA) .

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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**22. Approval of the Minutes 02.27.2025 and 02.28.2025**

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**23. Councilmember Comments and Discussion:** Councilmember Comments were given but there were no comments that required action.

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**24. 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:

(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 –**Threatened or Potential Claim Litigation Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**

**Motion to go into Executive Session:** Vice Chairman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

The County Council returned to Open Session but there was no action coming out of Executive Session.

**25. Adjournment:**

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The County Council adjourned the meeting.

**Respectfully submitted:**



Wanda H. Giles  
Clerk to Council



John A. Kemp  
Chairman

Attachment "A"

# JASPER COUNTY

## CODE OF ORDINANCES REVIEW – CODE ENFORCEMENT

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County Council – March 3, 2025

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# CODE ENFORCEMENT LIMITATIONS

- ▶ Only enforcement of County Code violations
  - ▶ Knowledge to properly enforce the Code
- ▶ Generally, no custodial arrests
- ▶ Safety Issues for Officer
  - ▶ Right to Enter vs. Trespassing
  - ▶ Ability to carry a firearm
  - ▶ Not a law enforcement officer
  - ▶ Badge? Vest? Uniform?



# SEPARATION OF AUTHORITY

## Code Enforcement

- Building Codes
- Planning & Zoning
- Business License

## Animal Control Officer (CE)

- Animal
- Shelter

## JCSO

- State Law
- Criminal Violations

## Public Works CE

- Stormwater
- Land Development

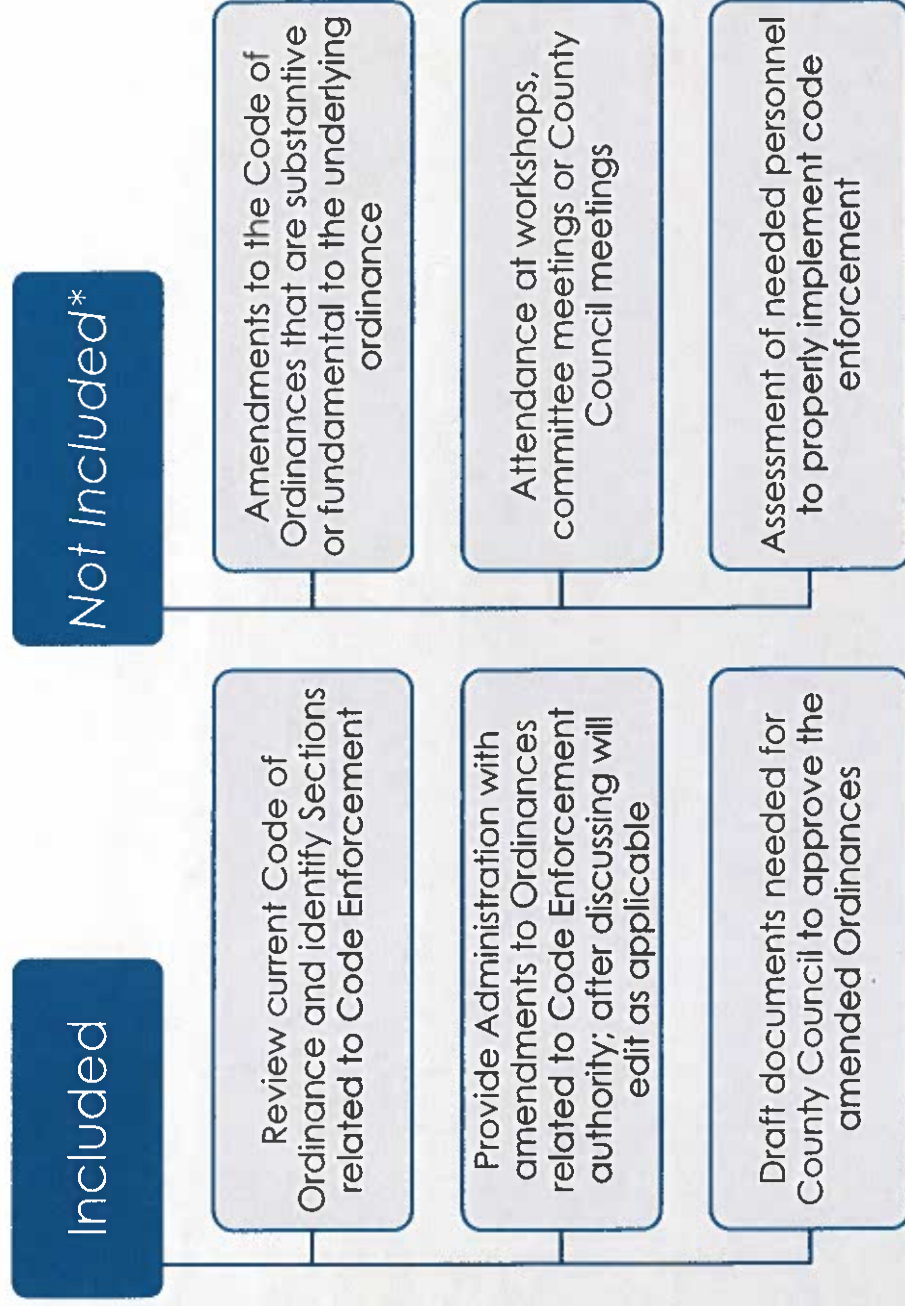
## Fire Marshal

- Hazardous Material
- Fire Code

## Litter Control CE

- Solid Waste
- Litter

# SCOPE OF REPRESENTATION



\* Request for additional services is required to be in writing from the Administrator

# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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