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# JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.  
358 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Monday, November 6, 2023

## AGENDA

### Workshop: 4:00PM

- Sales Tax Options
- Discussion of Ordinances
  - Article II Administration
  - Board of Assessors Appeals
  - Extraneous Boards and Commissions
  - Animal Ordinances
  - Noise Ordinance

### 5:30PM

1. Call to Order by Chairman Sauls

#### *Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.*

*\*In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification\**

2. 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:

(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body – **County Administrator, County Attorney, and Clerk to Council Performance Evaluations**

(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 – **Opioid Plan MOU with New Life Center; Cameron Heddings v. Jasper County; Professional services contract Holt Consulting Company, LLC, Work Authorization # 23 Runway Length Justification Study; Exit 3; Ridgeland Fire Contract, Tax Map #s 087-00-05-008 and 087-00-05-009; Professional services Newkirk Environmental Inc.; Discussion of IGA – Hardeeville Ambulance Service pursuant to § 6-1-190;**

- (5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body – [Prospect Update](#)

ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES BASED ON ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- 3: Return to Open Session at 6:30PM
- 3.1 Action coming out of Executive Session

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:
5. Discussion of Consent Agenda and Agenda Items:
6. Approval of Agenda:

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#### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

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7. [Chairman Sauls](#) – Proclamation presentation to the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League for Jasper County’s Support of Red Ribbon Week 2023
8. [Michelle Gaston](#) – Update on the Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust
9. [Heather Rath](#): Presentation - Legislative Update

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#### RESOLUTIONS

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10. [Russell Wells](#) – Consideration of Resolution [#R-2023-21](#) approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Ridgeland – Fire Service Contract
11. [Ray Jones](#) – Consideration of Resolution [#R-2023-22](#) authorizing Jasper County, South Carolina to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City Of Hardeeville, South Carolina to Provide for the Utilization of a Percentage of Jasper County’s Tax Increment Financing Revenues And Other Related Matters.
12. [Russell Wells](#) – Consideration of Resolution [#R-2023-23](#) approving an IGA between Jasper County and the City of Hardeeville Regarding Emergency Transport/Ambulance Services.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS**

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13. **Mike Skinner** – Consideration of approval of Addendum #2 Scope and Fee Addition to March 30, 2023 Engagement Letter with Mauldin and Jenkins.

14. **Kim Burgess** – Consideration of the **1<sup>st</sup> reading** of an Ordinance Amending the Business License Ordinance of the County of Jasper to Update the Class Schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020.

15. **Ray Jones** – Consideration of the **1<sup>st</sup> reading** of an Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Loan from the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank; An Intergovernmental Agreement among Jasper County, South Carolina, The City of Hardeeville, South Carolina and the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank; and other related matters. (Exit 3 Finance Document)

16. **David Tedder** – Consideration of the **1<sup>st</sup> reading** of an Ordinance Amending Section 9-96(3) as adopted by Ordinance No. 2022-39 to provide for the appointment of members to the Levy Fire Protection Board.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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18. Administrator's Report

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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19. **Wanda Simmons** – Consideration of Council Approval for the Re-appointment of Julie Mikols for a 4-year term to the Library Board of Trustees.

20. **Wanda Simmons** – Consideration of Council Approval for the Appointment of Brian Polston to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

21. **Kim Burgess** – Consideration of Council Approval for the Ratification of Contract Building Solutions LLC Change Order #1.

22. **Andrew Fulghum** – Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding between Jasper County and Lowcountry Council of Governments SC315/SC46 Bluffton Parkway Study Local Match.

23. Approval of the Minutes of 06.12.2023

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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24. Council Members Comments

25. Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II.

\*Council may act on any item appearing on the agenda including items discussed in executive session.

26. Adjournment:

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting was posted on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place and on the county website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

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