



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.
358 3rd Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936
Monday, February 5, 2024

Minutes

Officials Present: Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, Councilman John Kemp, and Councilman Coy Garbade.

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Rose Dobson-Elliott, Danny Lucas and Videographer Jonathan Dunham. Also present John Wall.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Sauls called the Council Meeting to order and read the Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *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:

(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 –**Proposed Lease / Purchase Agreement for Fire Apparatus; Lease agreement #062-21-01-0001-J2; Tax Map # 087-00-05-008 And Tax Map # 087-00-05-009**

(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; Project Refurb**

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.

Motion to go into Executive Session: Councilman Kemp

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Return to Open Session:

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Action coming out of Executive Session: None

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Councilman Adkins.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

Council discussed the removal of Item #'s 19 and 20 and to table them.

Item #19. [Danny Lucas](#) – Consideration of the Request for Pratt Memorial Library Renovation-Change Order #2.

Item #20. [Danny Lucas](#) – Consideration of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan RFP Recommendation.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and remove Item #'s 19 and 20 from the Consent Agenda and table them: Councilman Kemp

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

6. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

7. [Smittie Cooler](#) - Presentation to Council of Old House Strategic Plan and Grant Match Request

Mr. Cooler gave a presentation to Council regarding the Old House Strategic Plan and their Grant match request. He also discussed the benefit to the area and asked for a 30% cost share from the County. He discussed what the largest expense of this project was the archaeological dig and assessment.

8. Senator Bright Matthews - State Appropriations Funding process

Senator Bright Matthews addressed Council regarding the State Appropriations Funding process. She explained what the process was and how the procedures of the process worked. She discussed the timeframe of submittals and information necessary to complete the process.

RESOLUTIONS

9. David Tedder – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-03 Amending the Employment Agreement between Jasper County and Andrew P. Fulghum.

Mr. Tedder was present to review and address the consideration of Resolution #R-2024-03 amending the employment agreement between Jasper County and Andrew P. Fulghum. Mr. Tedder explained that this was a ratification resolution that increased the base salary of Mr. Fulghum. He said that since Mr. Fulghum has a contract this would amend the contract.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

10. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-04 To Provide Preliminary Authorization For The Funding For Jasper County Fire-Rescue Pumper Trucks And Capital Improvements For The Pratt Memorial Library; To Declare The Intent Of County Council To Reimburse Jasper County For Expenditures Relating To Jasper County Fire-Rescue Pumper Trucks And Capital Improvements For The Pratt Memorial Library From Proceeds Of Tax-Exempt Obligations; To Authorize The County Staff To Proceed With Structuring The Financing For The Jasper County Fire-Rescue Pumper Trucks And Capital Improvements For The Pratt Memorial Library; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Ms. Burgess was present to review and address the consideration of Resolution #R-2024-04 to provide preliminary authorization for the funding for Jasper County Fire-Rescue Pumper Trucks and Capital Improvements for the Pratt Memorial Library; to declare the intent of County Council to reimburse Jasper County for expenditures relating to Jasper County Fire-Rescue Pumper Trucks and Capital Improvements for the Pratt Memorial Library from proceeds of Tax-Exempt Obligations; to authorize the County Staff to proceed with structuring the financing for the Jasper County Fire-Rescue Pumper Trucks and Capital Improvements for the Pratt Memorial Library. She said they are still evaluating the financing and this resolution allows them to move forward with purchase and for additional renovations to the library.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

11. John Wall – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-05 Committing To Negotiate A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Jasper County And Project Install; Identifying The Project; And Other Matters Related Thereto (Project Install).

Mr. Wall was present to review, address and explain this request for the consideration of Resolution #R-2024-05 committing to negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement between Jasper County and Project Install, and to identify the Project.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

12. Lisa Wagner – Public Hearing and 2nd reading of the Consideration of Ordinance #O-2024-02 to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 951 Carolina Drive, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-003 from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Industrial Development Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (1st reading 01.16.2024)

Ms. Wagner was present to review and address the 2nd reading and consideration of Ordinance #O-2024-02 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 951 Carolina Drive, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-003 from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Industrial Development Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The public hearing was opened but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

13. Lisa Wagner – Consideration of the 1st reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 8415 Speedway Boulevard, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 039-00-01-026 from the Community Commercial Zone to the Industrial Development Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Ms. Wagner was present to review and address the 1st reading and consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 8415 Speedway Boulevard, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 039-00-01-026 from the Community Commercial Zone to the Industrial Development Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. She noted that the

Planning Commission recommended denial as the Comprehensive Plan does not support the designation of Industrial.

Motion to follow the Planning Commissions' request and to table: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: 4 votes for yes and 1 vote for no from Councilman Kemp

The motion passed.

14. Ryan Romano – Consideration of the 3rd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-20 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) (*1st reading 11.06.2023; 2nd reading 12.04.2023*)

Mr. Tedder was present to review and address the consideration of the 3rd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-20 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 (Exit 3 Finance Document). He noted that this allowed them to move forward.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

15. John Wall - Consideration of the 1st reading of an Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes And Incentive Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Project Install To Provide For Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Approving The Creation Of A Multicounty Park With Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Multicounty Park Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits And; And Other Related Matters. (Project Install)

Mr. Wall was present to review, address and explain this request for the consideration of the 1st reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Incentive Agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Project Install to provide for payment of a Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; approving the creation of a Multicounty Park with Hampton County, South Carolina; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Multicounty Park Agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina; authorizing certain infrastructure credits. He noted that this was the first of three readings.

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp
Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

16. Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance 08-17 Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting's 6:30PM 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.

Tony Gaston signed in to discuss the Coosawhatchie Community Center.
Hedy Frazier signed in to discuss the community debris.
Michael Gaston signed in to discuss the Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust.
Sandi Vito signed in to discuss the Pratt Library.

17. Administrator's Report - Mr. Fulghum reviewed his information from his report. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from the Council in the Administrator's Report. Mr. Fulghum did note that there would be a Joint Meeting on 2/22/24 at 1pm; the 2/20/24 Council Meeting had been cancelled and that the next Council meeting would be 3/4/24. At this time Mr. Fulghum noted that Ms. Heather Rath was here to discuss Opioid Settlement Funds.

CONSENT AGENDA

18. Ryan Romano – Consideration of the **3rd reading** of Ordinance **#O-2024-01** Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes And Incentive Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Anhinga LLC, A Company Previously Known To The County As Project Showcase, To Provide For Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Approving The Creation Of A Multicounty Park With Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Multicounty Park Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits And; And Other Related Matters. (*Project Showcase*). (1st reading 12.04.2024; 2nd reading 01.16.2024)

19. Danny Lucas – Consideration of the Request for Pratt Memorial Library Renovation - Change Order #2. (This item was removed and tabled when the Consent Agenda was approved under Item #5)

20. Danny Lucas – Consideration of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan RFP Recommendation. (This item was removed and tabled when the Consent Agenda was approved under Item #5)

21. **Wanda Giles** – Consideration of the reappointment request by Chairman Sauls to appoint Ms. Libby Malphrus (Councilwoman for the Town of Ridgeland) to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Grady Woods to the 3-year term to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors.

22. **Wanda Giles** – Consideration of the reappointment request by Mr. Danny Black of the SouthernCarolina Alliance to reappoint L. Martin Sauls IV, Chairman of the Jasper County Council, for another 3-year term to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors.

23. Approval of the Minutes 12.18.2023

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

24. Council Members Comments

Councilmember Comments were given but there were no comments that required action.

25. Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II. There was no need to return to the Executive Session for this meeting. For additional information on this meeting please visit our website for the E-Packet or for the video go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmlogX05cKAsHm_ggXCjIA

26. Adjournment:


Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Adkins Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



Barbara B. Clark
Vice Chairwoman