



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, July 17, 2023

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Deputy Clerk to Council, Tisha Williams, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Rose Dobson-Elliott, Danny Lucas and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Chairman Sauls called the 5pm Council Meeting to order, no workshop was held and 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.* The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Invocation was led by Councilman Adkins.

Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.

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 – [Exit 3; Election Matters; Litigation Update Including Personnel Matters; IGA's with the City of Hardeeville \(Communication Tower and Workforce Training Initiative\); Medical Control Physician Contract for Services with Jasper County Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Division; Airport Matters](#)

(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 – [Jasper Ocean Terminal; Prospect Update](#)

Motion to go into executive session: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

The regular session began at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

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.**

Return to Open Session at 6:30PM:

Motion to return to open session: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Action coming out of Executive Session:

Motion to authorize the County Attorney to enter into a consent order in civil action#

2023CV2711000331: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate a medical services contract for the Emergency Services Division with the primary candidate discussed in executive session in an amount not to exceed the amount discussed in executive session and in the event those negotiations fail then to negotiate with the second candidate on those terms for the same position: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to authorize the County Administrator to execute a tolling agreement in civil action # 21-CP-27-0028 as discussed in executive session: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to authorize the County Administrator to settle if possible two personnel claims discussed in executive session at mediation in an amount not to exceed amounts discussed in executive session:

Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

Minutes -
07.17.2023

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and Councilman Adkins gave the invocation. Chairman Sauls welcomed all guests to the meeting.

Discussion of Consent Agenda and Approval of Agenda Items:

Motion to approve agenda: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

CEREMONIES

Swearing in Ceremony and Oath of Office given by John Carroll to Megan Carroll Horton as the Jasper County Auditor

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Swearing in Ceremony and Oath of Office given by Nancy Gutierrez to Michael Skinner as the Jasper County Treasurer.

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PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations:

David Tedder – Proclamation for the 2023 Gullah Geechee Nation Appreciation Week to Queen Quet.

No one was present to receive the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Russell Wells – Public hearing and consideration of the **2nd reading** of Ordinance **#O-2023-12** Amending Chapter 9, *CIVIL EMERGENCIES*, by creating new Divisions, adopting restrictions and conditions regarding open burning of vegetation, leaves, and other materials, and matters related thereto. (**1st reading 05.15.2023**)

Chief Wells was present to address and review this item for the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-12 Amending Chapter 9, *CIVIL EMERGENCIES*, by creating new Divisions, adopting restrictions and conditions regarding open burning of vegetation, leaves, and other materials. The public hearing was opened but there was no one present to speak. The public hearing was then closed on this item.

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp
Second: Councilman Garbade
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

Danny Lucas - Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport Terminal South Redevelopment Plan.

Mr. Lucas was present to address and review this item with Council for the Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport Terminal South Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Lucas recommended approval of this item. There was some discussion about the masterplan and how Council wanted to proceed.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins
Second: Councilman Kemp
Vote:
Councilman Adkins: Yay
Chairman Sauls: Yay
Councilman Kemp: Nay
Councilman Garbade: Nay
It was a tie vote, so the motion did not pass at this meeting.

Lisa Wagner - Consideration of 1st reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 205 Pearlstine Drive, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 080-00-03-159 from the General Commercial Zone to the Industrial Development Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Ms. Wagner was present to address and review this item for the consideration of 1st reading of an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 205 Pearlstine Drive, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 080-00-03-159 from the General Commercial Zone to the Industrial Development Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp
Second: Councilman Adkins
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

Lisa Wagner - Consideration of 1st reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer three (3) properties located along Honey Hill Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers: 029-00-02-028, a 6-acre portion as shown on the attached exhibit; 029-00-02-079; and

029-00-02-086, from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Community Commercial Zone, and one (1) property located along Honey Hill Road bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 029-00-02-061 from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Ms. Wagner was present to address and review this item for the consideration of 1st reading of an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer three (3) properties located along Honey Hill Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers: 029-00-02-028, a 6-acre portion as shown on the attached exhibit; 029-00-02-079; and 029-00-02-086, from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Community Commercial Zone, and one (1) property located along Honey Hill Road bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 029-00-02-061 from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Kimberly Burgess - Public Hearing and consideration of Resolution [#R-2023-12](#) pursuant to Section 2-415 (a) of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, finding unusual and extraordinary circumstances exist to justify an exemption for the proposed purchase of goods and/or services required to achieve compliance with certain Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities in South Carolina from the bidding and other requirements of the Jasper County Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance, and authorizing the County Administrator to create the contracts and obtain the services on behalf of Jasper County, and matters related thereto.

Kimberly Burgess was present to address and review this item for the consideration of Resolution #R-2023-12 pursuant to Section 2-415 (a) of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, finding unusual and extraordinary circumstances exist to justify an exemption for the proposed purchase of goods and/or services required to achieve compliance with certain Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities in South Carolina from the bidding and other requirements of the Jasper County Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance, and authorizing the County Administrator to create the contracts and obtain the services on behalf of Jasper County. The public hearing was opened but there was no one present to speak. The public hearing was then closed on this item.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Michael Skinner – Presentation of Professional Services Proposal with three+one for cashVest Liquidity & Treasury Analyses.

Mr. Skinner and Tyler Frame were present to review and discuss this request and presentation of Professional Services Proposal with three+one for cashVest Liquidity & Treasury Analyses to Council.

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote:

Councilman Adkins: Nay

Chairman Sauls: Yay

Councilman Kemp: Yay

Councilman Garbade: Yay

The motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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.

Jeanne Francisco, Ridgeland Branch NAACP (Rev. Alvin Harris) Single Member Districts, Sylvester King, Dasha Busby signed up to speak before Council on various topics.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Fulghum was present to review and discuss his report with Council.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Andrew Fulghum – Consideration of appointments to the Grievance Committee.

Andrew Fulghum – Consideration of professional services proposal to prepare a new County Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.

Approval of the minutes 04.17.2023 and 04.21.2023.

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Councilman Kemp
Second: Councilman Adkins
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Council Members Comments:

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

Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II. – There was no need to return to 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/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCIIA .

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Kemp
Second: Councilman Adkins
Vote: Unanimous
The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted:



L. Martin Sauls IV
Chairman



Wanda H. Simmons
Clerk to Council