



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.
358 3rd Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936
Monday, December 4, 2023

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, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Sauls called the Executive Session 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:

- (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; Estate of Guerra v. Jasper County; Tax Map #'s 063-26-14-001 and 063-26-14-002; Agreement and Lease with Jasper Animal Rescue Mission (JARM); Gillisonville Pond – Farmer Property Tax Map # 050-00-04-043 Development Agreement; Land lease on Lot 062-21-01-001-G-1; Heather Rath Consulting Agreement; Proposed Lease / Purchase Agreement for Fire Apparatus**

- (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 Showcase; Gopher Hill / TICO MCIP / FILOT**

Motion to go into executive session: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

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

Motion to return to open session: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

- **3.1 Action coming out of Executive Session** – There was no action from executive session.

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and Councilman Adkins gave the invocation.

5. Discussion of Consent Agenda and Agenda Items: None

6. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda – Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

7. [David Tedder](#) – Proclamation of Jasper County's Support of Red Ribbon Week 2023

Mr. Tedder was present to read and present this proclamation request for a Proclamation of Jasper County's Support of Red Ribbon Week 2023.

Motion to approve – Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

8. Coroner Aiken – Request for an Assigned “Take Home” Vehicle

Coroner Aiken was not present to discuss his item on the agenda.

9. Rose Dobson Elliott – Update on Jasper County Capital Projects.

Ms. Dobson-Elliott provided an update for Council on the Jasper County Capital Projects.

10. Lyn Boyles – Keep Jasper Beautiful - Report of their accomplishments for 2023.

Here is the 2023 Mid-Year Report information presented by Ms. Boyles during the Council Meeting:

KEEP JASPER COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

JULY 1- NOVEMBER 30, 2023

REPORT SUMMARY

- 18 TONS/36,000lbs. of litter collected by 511 VOLUNTEERS.
- 1357 Volunteer Hours
- \$ VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS - \$42,198
- 21 TONS/42,000lbs. of litter & debris collected by the LITTER CREW
 - 106 hours of labor
 - 143 miles, 10 pickups
- LITTER INDEX FOR COUNTY - 2.3 (1 is best, 4 worst)
- EDUCATION WORKSHOPS - 6/ reached 496 youth
- COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS - 4/ 75 attendees
- EVENTS - 4/ reached 1500 ppl
- ADOPT A HIGHWAY GROUPS - 26
- COURT APPOINTED COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS - 8/ 60 hours per person
- LITTER FINES ISSUED - \$6800

PARTNERSHIPS: Jasper County, Town of Ridgeland, City of Hardeeville, Jasper County Sheriff Office, Hardeeville Police Department, Ridgeland Police Department, SC Department of Natural Resources, Ridgeland School District, Royal Live Oaks Academy, Thomas Heyward Academy, Legacy Christian Academy, Polaris Tech School, John Paul Catholic School, Ivy Garden Club, Waste Management, Coastal Waste Management, Jasper County Chamber of Commerce, SCDOT, 14th Circuit Solicitor’s Office, SC Probation Parole & Pardon, businesses and organizations.

MARKETING: Facebook reaches approximately 5000 posts per month with 1500 engagements.

Distributed 1200 brochures at events.

Jasper Chamber posts monthly on their email blast and share our FB posts.

City of Hardeeville & Town of Ridgeland post on their FB page

English/Spanish litter- law cards in print for distribution

Digital billboard

Litter prevention and litter fines signs

Facebook video campaign

LAW ENFORCEMENT: JCSO has cameras that move throughout the County. These cameras enable JCSO to report fines, hot spots, and dump sites to KJCB. JCSO assists KJCB with identifying and issuing fines to litter violators that KJCB encounters.

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SCDNR & KJCB place and check cameras in hot spots. We placed 16 in February and have 6 remaining in the County. SCDNR helps place litter law signs throughout the County. DNR assists KJCB with identifying and issuing fines to litter violators that KJCB encounters.

KJCB works closely with Jasper County Litter Control Officer, Dallas Lassiter with Jasper County Public Works and office of Dave Scheuerer, Jasper County Fire Marshal. KJCB works closely with Hardeeville Police Department with reporting litter fines, checking cameras, litter drives, dump sites and litter prevention events. KJCB receives community service for non-violent offenders from the Municipal Courts, the 14 Circuit Solicitors Office and SC Probation, Parole & Pardon Services. KJCB works with Jasper County Parks and Recreation with cleaning the landings if we have volunteers available. **Palmetto Pride Litter Crime Hotline** reports to KJCB any litter complaints and dump site complaints. SC Litter Officers Association monitors the hotline.

COMPLAINT CALLS FOR LITTER

July, August, September	16
October	15
November	29

RESOLUTIONS

11. Andrew Fulghum – Consideration of Resolution #R2023-24 Adopting Jasper County Opioid Funds Management Plan and authorizing the execution of a MOU with New Life Center.

Mr. Fulghum was present to review and present this consideration of Resolution #R2023-24 adopting Jasper County Opioid Funds Management Plan and authorizing the execution of a MOU with New Life Center.

Motion to approve – Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

12. David Tedder – Consideration of Resolution #R-2023-25 Approving the Purchase of 112 Weathersbee and Matters Related Thereto.

Mr. Tedder was present to review and present this consideration of Resolution #R-2023-25 approving the purchase of 112 Weathersbee and matters related.

Motion to approve – Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

13. David Tedder – Consideration of Resolution [#R-2023-26](#) Committing to Negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of *AD VALOREM* Taxes Agreement Between Jasper County and Project Showcase; Identifying the Project; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Mr. Tedder was present to review and present this consideration of Resolution [#R-2023-26](#) committing to negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of *AD VALOREM* Taxes Agreement between Jasper County and Project Showcase; identifying the project; and other matters related.

Motion to approve – Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

14. Ryan Romano – Consideration of the [1st reading](#) of an Ordinance 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 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 Certain Infrastructure Credits and; and Other Related Matters.

Mr. Tedder on behalf of Mr. Romano was present to review and present this 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 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 certain Infrastructure Credits and; and other related matters.

Motion to approve – Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

15. Kim Burgess – Public Hearing and consideration of the [2nd reading](#) of Ordinance [#O-2023-19](#) Amending the Business License Ordinance of the County of Jasper to Update the Class Schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020.

Kim Burgess was present to review and present this consideration of the [2nd reading](#) of Ordinance [#O-2023-19](#) Amending the Business License Ordinance of the County of Jasper to Update the Class Schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020. The public hearing was opened but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve – Councilman Adkins

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Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

16. Ryan Romano – Public Hearing and consideration of the 2nd 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)

Mr. Tedder on behalf of Mr. Romano was present to review and present this consideration of the 2nd 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 The public hearing was held 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.

17. David Tedder – Public Hearing and consideration of the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-21 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.

Mr. Tedder was present to review and present this consideration of the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-21 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. The public hearing was held 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.

18. David Tedder – Public Hearing Only for TICO MCIP and FILOT Agreement

Mr. Tedder was present for this public hearing only for the TICO MCIP and FILOT Agreement. The public hearing was opened and there were no comments so the public hearing was closed. Mr. Tedder noted that this was an additional public hearing tonight to refresh everyone's memory before the final reading in 2024 due to the age of this document. This was a public hearing only, so no votes were taken.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

19. 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.

1. Alex Guilford was present to discuss Gilmaia Road.
2. Eric Mungin was present to discuss Gilmaia Road.
3. Charise Guilford was present to discuss Gilmaia Road.
4. Kenneth Glasson was present to discuss credit card processing.
5. Matthew Thompson was present to discuss credit card processing. He said that Mr. Skinner had asked him to come speak with the Council, as their new credit card processing company.
6. Michael Skinner, County Treasurer was present to discuss the Treasurer's Office and operations.
7. Jim Grooms of TICO Mfg. was present to address the Council, to speak on behalf of TICO Mfg., and to thank the Council for their support. He invited the Council, to TICO Mfg. and noted that they had added more than 200 jobs.
8. Verna Garvin was present to address the Council. She noted that she had watched the 09.19.2023 Council Meeting and that 98% of the information given by Treasurer Skinner was inaccurate information. She expressed her discontent with his comments.

20. Administrator's Report - Mr. Fulghum reviewed his information. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from the Council in the Administrator's Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

21. Wanda Simmons – Consideration of re-appointments to the Planning Commission.

22. Wanda Simmons – Consideration of the draft schedule of 2024 County Council Schedule Meeting Dates for approval at the January 2, 2024, meeting.

23. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of awarding the bid for the Church Road Drainage Improvement Project.

24. Rose Dobson Elliott – Consideration of replacement of the lighting at Point South.

25. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of the Eagle View Contract for Pictometry (Aerial Photography) Services.

26. Approval of the Minutes 06.20.2023, 07.17.2023 and 07.20.2023

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

27. Council Members Comments

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

28. 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/@jcmedia6537> .

29. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Vice Chairwoman

Second: Councilman

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



L. Martin Sauls IV
Chairman