

**Minutes**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 22, 2008 - Held at 6:00 p.m.**  
**County Administration Building County Council Chambers**  
**13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vivian Fleming-McGhaney, Chairwoman; Eugene Baten, Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Larry Blanding, Jimmy Byrd, Charles T. Edens, and Roland Robinson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. William T. Noonan, County Administrator; Mrs. Mary W. Blanding, Clerk to County Council; Mr. Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney; Mr. George McGregor, Planning Director; Mrs. Pam Craven, Finance Director; Mrs. Lorraine Dennis, Deputy County Administrator/Human Resources Director; Mrs. Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst; and the Honorable Verna Moore, Sumter County Coroner.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Item

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Approximately 8 members of the public were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of January 22, 2008, to order.

**INVOCATION:** Councilman Roland Robinson gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance which was lead by the Boy Scout Troop from Shaw AFB.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the January 22, 2008, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the January 22, 2008, agenda as presented.

**ACTION ON MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2008, AND JANUARY 14, 2008:** Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of County Council's meeting of January 8, 2008, And JANUARY 14, 2008.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the minutes of January 8, 2008, and January 14, 2008, as prepared by the Clerk.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS -**

**Planned Development/Rezoning Request -**

- (1) **RZ-07-12 -- Michael Johnson - Third Reading -- Request To Rezone From Agricultural Conservation (AC) To Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Property Located At 1043-1045 Boulevard Road And Identified By Tax Map # 251-05-01-001.**

Mr. George McGregor, the Planning Director, presented this proposed rezoning request to Council for third reading consideration. He stated that there have been no changes to this request since its first reading. He asked Council to support granting third reading and adoption to this request. After all comments, Council took action on third reading.

**ACTIONS:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption to this rezoning request as presented.

**Street Name Change - None**

**Grant Awards - None**

**OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) **It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Receive A Legal Briefing From The County Attorney Or Discuss Contractual Or Personnel Matters.**

No executive session was held during the regularly scheduled meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

- (1) **08-657 -- Second Reading - An Ordinance To Change The Official Seal For Sumter County Council, In Sumter County, South Carolina.**

The County Attorney, Johnathan Bryan, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for second reading consideration. He stated that this request is to revise the County's Corporate seal from its current layout to a layout which would include the words of "South Carolina," which is not currently listed on the corporate seal. After review by Council, action was taken on second reading. (Note: No public hearing is required.)

**ACTIONS:** MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this proposed ordinance.

- (2) **08-658 -- Second Reading - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Sections 2-17 And 2-18, Code Of Ordinances, Sumter County, South Carolina To Change The Time For Electing The Vice Chairman.**

The County Attorney also presented this proposed ordinance which would change the time for electing the Vice Chairman and as well as make some decisions on how the Chairman is

selected. There have been no changes made to this ordinance since first reading. Council then took action on second reading.

**ACTIONS:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this proposed ordinance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (1) Public Safety Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, At 4:00 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building (Committee Members: Baker, Baten, and Robinson - All Council Members Are Asked To Attend This Meeting.)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Baker, stated that only one item was discussed during the Committee meeting and it was an executive session item. There is no action to be taken from this Committee meeting.

- (2) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, At 4:30 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building (Committee Members: McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens - All Council Members Are Asked To Attend This Meeting.)

The Chairwoman of the Committee, Chairwoman McGhaney gave the following report and recommendations.

- ◆ **Update And Discussions On Academic Scholarships - Formerly Academic Awards Program:** The Committee discussed this matter and determined that they would like for the Clerk to Council to write a letter to the local high schools' administrators informing them that the process will be different than has been in the past, plus, the Education Liaison Committee of Sumter County Council will discuss this matter further on Friday, January 25, 2008, at 12:00 noon.
  - ◆ **Discussion On Sumter County December 2007 Financials:** Received as information.
  - ◆ **Discussion On Possibly Developing A Private Road Policy.** No action taken.
  - ◆ **Executive Session - No action from the Executive Session matters.**
    1. A Contractual Matter Pertaining To First Tee Program.
    2. Update On Personnel Matter Pertaining To Planning And Building Departments.
    3. Discussion On Matters Relating To The Proposed Location, Expansion, Or The Provision Of Services Which May Encourage Location Or Expansion Of Industries Or Other Businesses In Sumter County.
- (3) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences.

No report was given.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- ◆ Sumter County Planning Commission
- ◆ SWRTA Proposed Transit Routes
- ◆ SCAC 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Year Conference
- ◆ Pinewood Hazardous Waste Site
- ◆ Historical Commission
- ◆ Progress Energy
- ◆ United Way
- ◆ Sumter County Financial Update
- ◆ SCDOT - Closing Of Boat Ramp On US-76-378

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairwoman asked if anyone from the public would like to make comments to members of Sumter County Council. The following persons spoke:

- ◆ Michael Murley stated that he is a former Paramedic for Sumter County EMS. He stated that he wanted to bring up the issue referencing an e-mail he sent to Council through the Clerk to Council for Councilman Blanding and other Council members. He also said that he wants this matter recorded during public comments because it is very important. Mr. Murley noted that there are many EMS staff members presented at this meeting in hopes of having their voice heard. He also said that fortunately, he does not work for the County and would not have to worry about reprisal; then he said, "I am sure you guys would not do anything against them." But, just after Christmas, EMS workers were told that they would no longer receive comp days and this would include comp days that they had already incurred.

Chairwoman McGhaney injected comments indicating that the purpose of the public comment portion of the meeting is for comments concerning policies and not administrative issues. However, since Mr. Murley is speaking about a particular department; then this is a matter that should be handled by the Administrator. This precaution is because it could broach talking about personnel issues that should be discussed in a different venue. Chairwoman McGhaney stated that the Clerk had sent copies of the e-mail that Mr. Murley e-mailed to Council's account.

Mr. William T. Noonan stated that he would speak to each of the persons presented as a group right after Council's meeting.

- ◆ Breen Harmon, the new Park Manager for Woods Bay State National Area, introduced herself to Council members and said for Council to contact her if she is needed. She also thanked Council for their previous help and she looks forward to new and continued relationships with the County and Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian Fleming McGhaney*  
Chairman or Vice Chairman  
Sumter County Council

*Mary W. Blanding*  
Clerk to County Council  
Sumter County Council

Approved: February 12, 2008

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Date Notified: January 17, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary W. Blanding*

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