



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2008 - Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney, Council District #5
2. Vice Chairman Eugene Baten, Council District #7
3. Councilman Artie Baker, Council District #2
4. Councilman Larry Blanding, Council District #6
5. Councilman Jimmy Byrd, Council District #3
6. Councilman Charles T. Edens, Council District #4
7. Councilman Roland Robinson, Council District #1

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

William T. Noonan, County Administrator
Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney
The Honorable C. Richardson, Treasurer
Lorraine Dennis, Deputy Administrator

Mary W. Blanding, Clerk To County Council
Rose Ford, Recreation Director
Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst

MEDIA PRESENT:

The Item Newspaper

THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Approximately four members of the public were in attendance.

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of November 11, 2008, to order.

INVOCATION: Rev. Richard Boone, a student at Crestwood High School, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the November 11, 2008, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Vice Chairman Baten, seconded by Councilman Robinson, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the November 11, 2008, agenda as presented.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2008: Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of County Council's meeting of October 28, 2008.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of October 28, 2008, as prepared by the Clerk.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS - None
Planned Development/Rezoning Request -**

Street Name Change - None

Grant Awards - None

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (1) 08-670-- Olympic Steel -- An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Clarendon County, Such Industrial And Business Park To Be Geographically Located In Sumter And Clarendon Counties And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended; To Provide For A Written Agreement With Clarendon County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes To The Counties And Relevant Taxing Entities; And To Permit A User Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation. (Council May Take Action On Third Reading Of This Ordinance Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

The Chairwoman convened a public hearing on this proposed ordinance and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing and Council took action on its adoption as listed Under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) 08-674 - First Reading - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 08-662 An Ordinance To Provide For A Levy Of Taxes For County Purposes Of Sumter County, S. C., (Known As The Budget Ordinance) For The Fiscal Year Of Said County Beginning July 1, 2008, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

The Chairwoman introduced this proposed ordinance amendment. She stated that Council received detailed information in the Special Budget Meeting of Sumter County Council today concerning the County's budget deficit. Then, Mr. Noonan, the County Administrator, asked for Pam Craven, the Finance Director, to present the information about the budget amendment to Council and for the benefit of the public.

Mrs. Craven stated that the County began the 2008-2009 fiscal year with a \$48,876,406 budget of revenue and expenditures. Due to cutbacks by the South Carolina General Assembly and other deficiencies in revenues for fiscal year 2007-2008, it is prudent at this time to make reductions and be proactive so that there will not be the same situation at the end of 2008-2009 fiscal year as it was for fiscal year 2007-2008.

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1. Discussion on proposed reductions to the FY 2009 Budget.
2. Approval of furlough days. Suggestions include:
 - a. Wednesday November 26, 2008
 - b. Friday January 2, 2009
 - c. Friday February 13, 2009
 - d. Monday April 13, 2009
 - e. Friday May 22, 2009
3. Use Capital Improvement Fund for capital expenditures for building repairs over \$2,500. – No action at this time – will have an updated amount for 3rd reading of Amended Budget Ordinance.

	Expenditures	Revenues
	\$48,876,406	\$48,876,406
The State Aid to Local Government aka Local Government Fund was reduced 6.5%		(422,396)
The Authorized Reserve transfer was reduced due to the postponing of OPEB funding (OPEB-Other Post Employment Benefits)		(450,000)
Business License Projected revenue was reduced as a result of pending audits		(500,000)
Projected Revenue from ATIs was reduced based on a recalculation by the Assessor (ATIs=Assessable Transfers Of Interest)		(424,824)
Furlough all regular full-time and regular part-time employees - Wednesday, November 26, 2008; Friday, January 2, 2009; Friday, February 13, 2009; Monday, April 13, 2009; and Friday, May 22, 2009.	375,000	
Travel and Training Reduced	61,238	
Public Works/Waste Collection/Recycling operating reduced	69,250	
Postpone OPEB Annual Required Contribution	450,000	
Postpone FY 2009 Lease Payments Until July 2009	222,000	
Unused Grant Match Funds	174,000	
Agencies Reductions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Guard Armory-(225.00) • Mental Health Board-(4,500.00) • Santee Senior Services-(2,693.30) • Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission-(972.00) • Gallery of Arts-(4,050.00) • RTA Support -(1,539.00) • Community Support-(222.50) • Historical Commission-(334.35) • Santee Lynches RCOG-(5,200.20) • Genealogical Society-(306.00) • Little Theater-(900.00) • Sumter County Museum-(4,360.50) • Sumter Green-(384.75) 		

Other Agencies Reductions-Continued		
• Soil Conservation-(1,920.00)		
• Sumter County Library-(67,785.95)		
• Vocational Rehabilitation-(254.30)		
• Airport Commission-(5,000.00)		
• Base Defense- (1,925.00)		
• Planning Commission-(20,468.00)		
• Diamonds/United Way-(1,800.00)		
• American Red Cross- (270.00)		
• Disabilities and Special Needs-(918.00)		
• Wateree AIDS Task Force-(2,250.00)		
• Sumter-Shaw Community Concert (900.00)		
• Building Inspections-(23,181.80)		
• Clemson Extension-(\$7,779.40)		
• Visioning-(\$4,350.00)		
• Central alliance (\$7,200.00)		
Total Reduction of 6.5% To Other Agencies -- (excludes reduction for Public Defender-State Law Prohibits funding less than prior year)	\$171,690	
Solicitor Transfer reduced	51,267	
Greenhouse Transfer reduced	12,502	
Development Board transfer reduced	25,273	
County Council's operating budget reduced by	25,000	
Administrator's operating budget reduced	40,000	
Reduce EMS operating	50,000	
Recreation reduced operating	50,000	
Sheriff operating reduced	20,000	
Total Reductions	(\$1,797,220)	(1,797,220)
Adjusted Budget	<u>\$47,079,186</u>	<u>\$47,079,186</u>

After all comments, Council took action on first reading to this budget amendment with four furlough days - Wednesday, November 26, 2008, Friday, January 2, 2009, Monday, April 13, 2009, and Friday, May 22, 2009

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to the budget amendment ordinance.

- (2) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss A Personnel Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, Or Discuss A Contractual Matter And Appropriate Actions May Be Required And Taken Thereafter.

No executive session was held.

OLD BUSINESS -

- (1) 08-670-- Third Reading - Olympic Steel -- An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Clarendon County, Such Industrial And Business Park To Be Geographically Located In Sumter And Clarendon Counties And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended; To Provide For A Written Agreement With Clarendon County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes To The Counties And Relevant Taxing Entities; And To Permit A User Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation.

The County Attorney introduced this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading and public hearing. He stated that the attorney for Olympic Steel asked for a public hearing on this matter; however, a public hearing is not required. There have been no changes to the ordinance since first reading. The Chairwoman then convened a public hearing. After the public hearing, Council took action on third reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of this ordinance as presented.

- (2) 08-672 - Third Reading - Phibro-Tech -- An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Clarendon County, Such Industrial And Business Park To Be Geographically Located In Sumter And Clarendon Counties And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended; To Provide For A Written Agreement With Clarendon County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes To The Counties And Relevant Taxing Entities; And To Permit A User Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation.

The County Attorney presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading and adoption. He stated that there have been no changes to this ordinance since first reading and he asked Council to grant third reading and adoption to this ordinance.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of this ordinance as presented.

- (3) 08-673 -- Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing Sumter County, South Carolina, To Enter Into An Intergovernmental Agreement With The Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority; To Enter Into A Loan Agreement With The Bank In The Amount Of Not To Exceed \$1,125,000; Approving The Form And Terms Of The Intergovernmental Agreement And The Loan Agreement, In Connection With The Construction Of An Intermodal Transportation Center In The County; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (No Public Hearing Is Required.)

Mr. Byran stated that this ordinance, if approved, would allow for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority and Sumter County and would also allow for the County to enter into a loan agreement with the Bank in the amount of not to exceed \$1,125,000 and other matters relating to this proposed loan. Mr. Bryan stated that there have been no changes since first reading.

After all comments, Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this ordinance as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Special Budget Meeting For Members Of Sumter County Council Held On **Tuesday, November 11, 2008, At 4:30 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building** (All Council Members Are To Attend This Meeting.)

No report given; this matter was handled under New Business Ordinance Number 08-674.

- (2) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Sumter Airport Commission
- Planning Commission Letter – John Leigh U. S. Department Of Defense
- Lake Marion Regional Water Agency
- Sumter Little Theatre
- Capital Projects Sales Tax Bond Projections
- The Howard Association
- Letter To The Honorable John M. Spratt from Shirley Ross
- SCAC -- Local Government Fund Reduction
- Public Works
- Mayor Pro Tem Retirement Supper – Sunset Country Club – 6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. dinner – November 11, 2008.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- The Administrator expressed his appreciation to the public for working with the County, the City, the Chamber, the Development Board, and others on the passage of the Capital

Projects Sales Tax Referendum. He also thanked Council for their leadership and persistence in bringing this matter back to the citizens for action.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairwoman asked if anyone would like to speak to Council during public comments. No one spoke during public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. after a motion, a second, and unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Fleming McGhaney

Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council
Sumter County Council

Approved: November 25, 2008

I certify that public and media notification of the above-mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows:

Public Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas posted on bulletin board on third floor of the Administration Building.

Date Posted: November 6, 2008

Media Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas were sent to most radio stations, television stations, and newspapers in the Sumter, Columbia, Manning, and Florence communities. Also, E-Mail notification was sent to Sumter County's Home Page, WIBZ, The Item, The Chamber, Time Warner Cable.

Date Notified: November 6, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding

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