



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Special Meeting
January 27, 2009 - Held at 4:30 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 Naomi D. Sanders, Council District #1

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

William T. Noonan, County Administrator
Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney
Pam Craven, Finance Director
The Honorable Carolina B. Richardson
Treasurer

Mary W. Blanding, Clerk To County Council
Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator
Keysa Rogers, Budge Analyst

MEDIA PRESENT:

None

THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney called Sumter County Council's special meeting of January 27, 2009, to order.

INVOCATION: Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:-

Executive Session Items: It Is Necessary For Council To Enter Executive Session To Discuss The Following Executive Session Matters:

The Chairwoman stated that she would entertain a motion to enter executive session to discuss three contractual matters.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to discuss four contractual matters. (Note: Council members agreed to add a Contractual Matter Pertaining To A Property Matter and also clarified that the County Attorney, Johnathan Bryan would give an update on a legal briefing as well as County Bond Attorney Frannie Heizer would give Council a legal briefing.)

1. At the conclusion of the executive session, Council re-entered open session and the following actions were taken.

- 1) **A Contractual Matter Pertaining To Proposed Mechanical Contract.** The Committee received information concerning Parts Room Privatization from the Public Works Director and Assistant Director. They informed Council that if the County enters into a contract with a company to privatize the parts room, there would be an estimated total cost saving annually of \$157,244. The Public Works Department staff believes that this program would allow them to minimize the inventory investment while improving overall shop productivity. Also, it would allow overall reduction in operating expenses. After the executive session, the following action was taken.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Blanding, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract to privatize the parts room of the Sumter County Public Works Maintenance Shop with a Company known as NAPA. Council further approved that the Contract will begin March 2, 2009, and the duration of the contract is for a two year period beginning on the effective date. The contract shall automatically be renewed for successive one (1) year terms, unless either party notifies the other party in writing of its intent not to renew the contract at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the initial term or any renewal term thereafter.

- 2) **A Contractual Matter Pertaining To Water.** The County Administrator will follow-up on this matter and report back to Council accordingly. Also, the Council agreed that the following persons would work with Mr. Noonan on this matter: Artie Baker, Naomi D. Sanders, and Charles T. Edens.
- 3) **An Update On A Legal Briefing From The County Attorney And The County's Bond Attorney.** No action on the briefing from the County Attorney. The Bond Attorney gave Council members an overview of several contractual issues that will pertain to the Bond; no action taken at this time. (**Note:** The County's Bond Attorney also informed Council that at the appropriate time, the County can make a decision on how to expend the \$20,000,000 bond anticipation notes from the list of projects that were approved on the 2008 Capital Projects Sales Tax Referendum. Currently, the County is proposing to prioritize the projects by starting with the first nine projects as outlined on the ballot. However, due to other contractual issues, some projects may need to move up on the list. Other projects may need to move down due to engineering issues, and other matters relating to construction. The County Attorney was asked to follow-up on one of the contractual matters relating to the Capital Projects and report back to the Administrator and Council.)

During open session, the Administrator reported that there is a Projects Coordinators Committee that is meeting every two weeks concerning the projects listed on the Capital Projects Sales Tax Referendum (See attached sheet.) The following items were agreed upon by Sumter County Council.

- The County Administrator will discuss with the appropriate agencies the possibility of the County managing the Penny Sales Tax website.
- Hiring a projects manager for the construction of the Judicial Center - The Honorable Jamie Campbell is in favor of hiring a projects manager for this project which would be funded from the Penny Sales Tax funds.
- The possibility of hiring an additional staff person for the Finance Department; this will be discussed later. If a person is hired, the funds to cover the expense of the person would be secured from the Penny Sales Tax.
- Design Build versus traditional architectural construction was discussed by the Project Coordinators and the Administrator brought this matter before Council. Council took the following action.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to pursue the traditional architectural construction for the judicial center.

2. **Sumter County Financials As Of December 2008.** Mrs. Keysa Rogers, Sumter County Budget Analyst, presented Sumter County's financial statement of general fund for the period ending December 2008. Each Council member was given a copy of the financial report. Also, each Council member was given a tax collection status as of January 23, 2009. This presentation was received as information.
3. **Sumter Airport - 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan Projects Summary.** The County Attorney, Johnathan Bryan, briefed Council on the Airport's five year Capital Improvement Plan. He also stated that during FY 2009 the Following will be needed:
 - Project: Precision ILS Installation (Runway 23) - Runway Safety Area Improvements (Design) Estimated Cost is \$100,654; Federal Financial Participation - \$95,621; State Share, \$2,516; and **Local Share, \$2,516.**
 - Wetlands Mitigation - Estimated Cost \$50,000; Federal Participation - \$47,500; State Share - \$1,250; **Local Share - \$1,250.**

It was not determined where the funds would be secured from to address the local share for this plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business during this meeting; there was a motion and second to conclude this meeting and then Council members, except for Councilman Blanding, went to Council Chambers to being its regular meeting of January 27, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 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 20, 2009

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Date Posted: January 22, 2009

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Date Notified: January 22, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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Capital Projects Sales Tax			
Revised 1-23-09			
	As Listed On Ballot		Project Coordinator
1	Rural Fire Stations	\$3,000,000	Karl Ford and Doug Mathis
2	Patriot Park Youth Center	\$6,000,000	Gary Mixon
3	Community Centers	\$2,500,000	Gary Mixon
4	Spot Safety Improvements	\$2,100,000	Charlie Holmes
5	Exhibition Center - Fencing, Landscaping, and HVAC	\$4,000,000	Gary Mixon
6	Sidewalks/Drainage Pedestrian Safety	\$1,500,000	Al Harris/Charlie Holmes
7	Central Business District Remediation	\$2,700,000	Bob Fleury
8	Lafayette Diamond	\$6,000,000	Al Harris
9	Judicial Center	\$20,000,00 0	Jamie Campbell
10	Highway 15, South Corridor and Intersection	\$ 671,000	Charlie Holmes
11	N. Wise Drive Improvements	\$1,600,000	Eddie Newman
12	Airport Infrastructure Project	\$1,000,000	Al Harris
13	Pocotaligo Infrastructure-Elevated Tank, Water and Sewer	\$2,000,000	Al Harris
14	Acquisition Of Land/Reversal	\$2,600,000	Ray Reich
15	Water Plant (South)	\$8,000,000	Al Harris
16	Land Behind Shaw - 1,000 acres - Purchase	\$6,000,000	Deron McCormick