



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2010 - 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:

- Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney, Council District #5
- Vice Chairman Eugene Baten, Council District #7
- Councilman Artie Baker, Council District #2
- Councilman Jimmy Byrd, Council District #3
- Councilman Charles T. Edens, Council District #4
- Councilwoman Naomi D. Sanders, Council District #1

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Councilman Larry Blanding, Council District #6 - NACO Legislative Conference

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary W. Blanding, Clerk To Council
Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney
Lorraine Dennis, Deputy Administrator
Ron Haynes, Risk Manager
Eddie Newman, Public Works Director
Ron Ludd, Maintenance Director

William T. Noonan, County Administrator
Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator
Pamela Craven, Finance Director
Rose Ford, Recreation Director
Karen Hyatt, Deputy Public Works Director
Robert Hingst, EMS Director

MEDIA PRESENT:

The Item Newspaper

THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Approximately 12 members of the public were in attendance.

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of March 9, 2010, to order.

INVOCATION: A local Pastor, Rev. Travis Holmes, 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 March 9, 2010, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Eugene Baten, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the March 9, 2010, agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2010:
Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of Sumter County Council held on February 23, 2010.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2010, as presented.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS

Development/Rezoning Request - None

Street Name Change - None

Grant Awards - None

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) 10-703 -- First Reading -- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article Iii, Division 6 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of Sumter County South Carolina To Amend Section 2-212 To Increase The Fees Charged For Certification Of A Recorded Document By The Sumter County Register Of Deeds.

The County Attorney, Johnathan Bryan, stated that the Register of Deeds, along with Deputy Administrator, Lorraine Dennis, requested that he develop an ordinance to increase the fees charged for certification of a recorded document by the Sumter County Register of Deeds. Current this office charges \$2.00 for certification and they would like to change it to \$5.00 per certified copy. Presently, the Clerk of Court's Office is charging \$5.00 per copy to certify a recorded document. Therefore, in order to remain consistent throughout the County, it is requested that Council grant approval of this ordinance to allow for the Register of Deeds to increase the current fees by \$3.00 to coincide with the County's Clerk of Court's Office. See ordinance below.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 6 of the Code of Ordinances of Sumter County sets the fees for services provided by the Office of the Register of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds has recognized an increase in manpower costs, the costs to purchase microfilm, the cost for the copy equipment, and maintenance costs for various pieces of equipment, and costs for supplies such as bulbs, paper and toner;

WHEREAS, the expense of purchasing, maintaining, and stocking the microfilm and copy machines in the Register of Deeds' Office must be borne either by the taxpayers at large or the individuals receiving services of the Sumter County Register of Deeds' Office; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County Council desires that more of this expense be borne by the individuals who are using the services; and

WHEREAS, the fees charged for certain services and copies need to be amended due to increased costs of purchasing, maintaining, and stocking the microfilm and copy machines

NOW, THEREFORE:

1. Subsection (7) of Section 2-212 is hereby amended to read as follows:
For certification of any copy of a recorded document provide by the Register of Deeds' Office, there will be a fee charged of five dollars (\$5.00).
2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon third reading.

After all comments, Council took action on this proposed ordinance.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval to this proposed 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.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Fiscal Tax and Property Committee Meeting Held on **Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 5:00 P.M.** In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building - (McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens).

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman McGhaney, presented the following report and recommendation. She also added that Councilman Blanding was not present at the meeting; however, there was a quorum. Councilman Charles T. Edens and Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney were present at this Committee meeting.

- a. **Executive Session Matter:** No actions were taken concerning the executive session matter.
- b. **Discussion Concerning CDBG Project Ideas:** The Grants Administrator and the Grant's Writer presented a report to the Committee concerning several projects that have been suggested to be funded through CDBG grant funds. It was the recommendation of the staff, that Sumter County Council consider funding the Town of Pinewood Water System which would provide additional storage capacity and water line distribution for the Pinewood Water System. It was noted that Sumter County's staff would have to meet with the Town of Pinewood and assess what area and roads would be part of the project to determine if Pinewood would qualify under CDBG requirement for Low To Moderate Income (LMI). The other projects that were

listed included Oswego Water System (This project would not meet the LMI requirements.), Pipkin Hill Subdivision (Not A Competitive Grant Project, and it would not meet LMI requirements), and Shiloh Water System (Pre-surveys have been completed on this project which has been on-going for at least four years or more. However, there may be some problems with the cost ratio -- customers compared to cost of the project.)

There was no recommendation from the Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee; therefore, the Chairman asked for a motion from members of Council concerning the CDBG Community Infrastructure Application which must be submitted by March 19, 2010, by 5:00 p.m.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Edens, and carried by Council to approve the recommendation of the staff to submit the Town Of Pinewood Water System Project for the Community Infrastructure CDBG application process. Chairman McGhaney voted nay. The motion carried. (*Note: Councilman Blanding was absent.*)

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

Seymour Johnson AFB: The Chairman reported that she and the County Administrator along with the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce attended the U. S. Air Force Community Conference. Mr. Noonan, Chairman McGhaney, and Mr. Talmadge Tobias represented the Shaw-Sumter community on a forum.

The Administrator added that the main thing that he received from this meeting was to network with other community leaders who came to Seymour Johnson to support their respective air bases throughout the United States. The 9th Air Force is a huge entity in the U. S. Air Force. This process allowed for the Air Force and the community to share ideas to enhance our continued relationship with the military.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Ribbon Cutting - Serendipity Catering And Café
- Time Warner Cable
- Veterans Affairs Office - Letter To Mr. Howard Metcalf
- Lake Marion Regional Water Agency
- Lazarus House
- Letter From Chief Judge For Administrative Purposes - Third Judicial Circuit
- SCAC FY 2011 Local Government Fund
- NACO Annual 75th Conference

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- The Administrator provided several news articles to Council for their review as it relates to State and Federal budgetary matters.
- SCAC: The staff of SCAC has notified the Counties that the S. C. House Ways And Means Committee (HWAMC) are putting together the State Budget and it appears that if the

HWAMC's recommendations are approved, then the state will be asking the Counties to reduce their budgets by 20%. This would cost Sumter County one million dollars.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairwoman asked if anyone from the public would like to address members of Sumter County Council. No one spoke to Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 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: March 23, 2010



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: March 3, 2010

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, and Time Warner Cable.

Date Notified: March 3, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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