

MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Colleton County Council
Council Chambers, Old Jail Building
109 Benson Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Present: Chairman Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers, Phillip Taylor, and Art Williams in attendance, with Council Member Gene Whetsell appearing virtually.

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Meagan Utsey, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, David Greene, Sue Keith, Terri Tomedolskey, Mark Wysong, Jamie Harrelson, Holland Maness, Clarence Wiggins, Josh Rowland, Joseph Campbell, Janis Blocker, Carl Coffin, and Jimmy Syfrett.

Phillip Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting March 1, 2022—Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

- A. **Colleton County Fire-Rescue – South Carolina EMS System of the Year Award**

Chairman Murdaugh stated that this is the first time receiving this award, which is a big honor for us. I would like to have Mr. McRoy come up and speak on the award. However, there was a tragic incident that our fire department had to respond to. We received a very nice email from a gentleman who was employed with DHEC at the time about the service and response from our fire department. I would ask that Mr. McRoy or whomever he deems appropriate to speak on that. Mr. McRoy first I would like to congratulate you and your department. If you would come up and briefly discuss this award and about the accommodation you received from the gentleman.

Mr. McRoy stated that the EMS System of the year award is something that spans about two and half years of work. Our county is a very rural county and we have to carry patients to Charleston on a regular basis to a trauma center. It takes about an hour to get to a surgeon and sometimes patients don't have an hour. We do try to fly them when we can, but sometimes the helicopters are not available. Since we provide medics for the medivac

helicopter, our people have been trained to carry blood. We could not have done this without Council approving to fund this and finance finding those funds. Joey Campbell spent two years going to meetings trying to convince the doctors and all the different committees that DHEC has, he went monthly for an entire year, trying to get them to allow paramedics in the state of South Carolina to try this. He convinced them, we had a lot of support from the trauma centers to let us do this, we proved in a year that it works, and that it works well. There is absolutely no substitution to giving a patient blood, IV fluids just stretches it for a little while, but it just doesn't work. Mr. Campbell would you like to add something, because you are the one who did most of the work.

Mr. Campbell stated that Mr. McRoy about covered it.

Mr. McRoy stated that it was a huge team effort and everyone that was involved with our department worked very hard for it. There was a lot of stipulations that we had to meet and our crews did a wonderful job following it. We did submit it for this year and we were selected. We were very happy about it, because they don't usually select fire departments for the EMS system of the year award. We thank y'all for your support, because without y'all it wouldn't have been possible.

Chairman Murdaugh stated that he believes that because of Colleton County's efforts this is available statewide.

Mr. McRoy stated that it is true, and DHEC actually changed the scope of practice for paramedics in the state of South Carolina to allow any EMS system that wanted to fund it, to carry blood. This is because of the project we pioneered.

Dr. Flowers stated that as a physician I am certainly proud that we have now and it is certainly a life saving measure. IV Fluids just don't cut it and I am happy that we are doing this.

Mr. McRoy stated that the incident that Chairman Murdaugh was speaking about, unfortunately we had a tragic incident on Gadsden Loop were one of our local citizens passed away in a house fire. We had two firefighters attempting to save the patient and they got caught in what was determined to be a "flash over". This is a very rapidly changing incident. When they entered the room there was not a whole lot of fire in there and it was clear where they could see what was going on. In about 58 seconds they had just got to the point where they could locate the patient, and the room flashed over. This is basically when the room just blows up with fire. One of the guys almost didn't get out, we had two firefighters that were burned, we lost a set of turn out gear, and his helmet and coat were on fire. The county funds some of the finest fire gear, so that is something we do not skimp on, and what saved that firefighters life. Another thing is the training they go through. They were trained on this type of incident and it worked perfectly. If we didn't have all these

things and the crews watching the scene like they were we might have had a firefighter fatality.

Chairman Murdaugh stated he would like to congratulate them again.

Mr. Griffin stated that this is the second statewide award that the county has received in the last year. Dr. David Greene heads up our Emergency Management Division, and we recently received the Emergency Management County Division of the year.

Councilman Williams stated that he would like to say congratulations and that you all deserve it from the EMT to the director. I have witnessed some of the work you all have done. Dr. Greene you are doing an amazing job getting the information out to the county especially when there is inclement weather.

Mr. McRoy stated that we appreciate your support, because we couldn't do any of these things without you.

- B. **Proclamation for Colleton County Council's Recognition and Appreciation of Mr. Gregory Kinsey and his Service to Colleton County**— Chairman Steven Murdaugh read the Proclamation aloud. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the Proclamation and the motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion carried unanimously
- C. **Proclamation for Colleton County Council's Recognition and Appreciation of Mr. Patrick Thomas and his Service to Colleton County**— Chairman Steven Murdaugh read the Proclamation aloud. Councilman Williams moved to approve the Proclamation and the motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously

Appearances and Public Presentation

- A. Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce – Mark Wysong, President

Mr. Wysong stated he would first like to hand out a copy of the Business Journal and chamber application for reference. I would like to give you an update of where the chamber stands and where it has got to in the first 100 days since I have taken over. The biggest thing we have done is we have changed the mission of the chamber. The mission statement of the chamber is very different as it focuses on prosperity within the community and we are focused on helping existing businesses become more prosperous. We are focused on helping improve the infrastructure within our community. With that, we have changed the structure of the board. When I came on we had six active board members, we will be losing three of those board members this month and are looking to replace them with some new candidates, but we have added four to bring us back up to eight. The biggest challenges that we faced when I took over the chamber were fairly obvious. The ties severed between the county and the city created a real problem for the business community, so repairing those ties were first and foremost. The financial status of the chamber was struggling, so one of the first things we did was eliminate all payroll for the chamber. Every dollar that comes

in the chamber goes back out as a resource for its member business. So, if you become a chamber member you are assured that everything we have goes toward bringing your success. If you notice the tier levels we have created, the bottom tier receives the most benefit with the top tier being the benefactor bringing prosperity back into the lower tier businesses. Members like PRTC, Colleton County Hospital, the school district, and Bee City are examples of benefactor businesses that are helping support the smaller businesses. In order to do that we have done several things, the business journal that is in front of you is produced and printed by the chamber, it is an insert into the Press & Standard, and it is an ad free 100% positive business journal. It covers all the aspects to the people behind the businesses and why folks should do business within Colleton County. We talk about governmental affairs and we talk about things that are going on within the county and within the city and help produce prosperity within our members. We talk about legislation and updates that are pertinent to businesses within the county. The second thing that we have done is created a media production, TV producing studio within our office that allows us to produce media and marketing materials for our members. It airs outside of our county as well as inside the county. We have partnered with PRTC. We also advertise from Georgetown all the way down to Hilton Head. Our social media platforms garner in excess of 20,000 views within a week, so we get a lot of eye balls on the things were doing. We are focused on providing our smaller businesses with resources and in doing so we have a “we work” space in the front of our office. We see that a lot of the smaller businesses don’t have a training center, office space, or conference rooms, so we provide all of that at no charge to our members as it is a part of your membership. We have also created after hours events to our members that are no charge as well. In doing that we have added thirty-five businesses in the first 100 days. We are updating our website and doing everything we can to promote prosperity among the community.

Chairman Murdaugh asked if the membership tiers are an upfront lump sum or are there payment plan options.

Mr. Wysong replied that they do accept quarterly payments starting at the \$1500 level with no interest or fees for doing this, but it does allow larger businesses or people who want to receive the full benefit to budget for it throughout the year. We very much would like to see the county back into the chamber and we understand there is a lot required to do that, but we are working very diligently to demonstrate the value we bring to the business owners and we would like to demonstrate the same to the county.

Chairman Murdaugh thanked Mr. Wysong.

Administrator’s Briefing

Mr. Griffin stated we rolled out our new county website in the last week to ten days. We have tried to make it a lot more interactive. There are a lot more forums and different things you can do online. For example, you can apply to any of our boards and commissions online now. The technology department has worked very diligently to get all of this done, and if there is anything you would like to see added let us know. In regard to our litter control program, we have partnered this month as part of the spring spruce up with SCDOT as well as Earth Day this month with some

funding council actually appropriated in the last budget. Starting as of yesterday for the next few weeks, we will pick up approximately 52 miles of roadways. Just to give you an idea of where they will be; Highway 17A going towards Cottageville, Sniders Highway going towards Snider's Crossroads, Bells Highway to Bells Crossroads, River Street, Robertson Blvd down to Green Pond Highway, Poor Farm Road all the way to the railroad tracks on Green Pond, Clover Hill Road and Ritter to Highway 17A, from the red light at Academy road and Highway 15 all the way to Canady's Crossroads, and also Mt. Carmel Road. Along with information on the website, we have a number, 843-898-8300, to report litter hot spots. If you see an area where someone has been littering, or an area we need to know about and possibly get enforcement action out there, please call this number and report it, it will be confidential. There will also be a form on the website where you can report that information. One item on the agenda I wanted to point out and then I am going to let Mr. Rowland come up and tell you all where we are with the update on the zoning ordinance. Item B, we did speak with council at the last few meetings in regard to finding a new location for Voter Registration, which we have been trying to do for the last year to year and a half. As you all know the new voting systems take up a lot more space than they used to, thankfully PRTC was able to find us some more space in another building they had, but they are all spread out all over the place. We have been able to get the contract on what was the old Rite Aid building at the corner of Bells Highway and Jefferies Blvd. It is about an 11,000 sqft building with a drive thru and some great spaces to be able to set up. I believe it is going to work great for the voters of Colleton County as well as provide the storage that is greatly needed. This will be item "B" under "New Business" which is first reading of an Ordinance for a lease purchase agreement that we will be doing with South State Bank in order to purchase the building. Lastly, if our planning director, Mr. Rowland, will come up. We just updated our comprehensive plan and the state law requires that we update our zoning ordinance.

Chairman Murdaugh asked before Mr. Rowland gets started are we addressing some of these items under "Old Business", Ordinance 03, 04, and 05?

Mr. Griffin answered yes we will address all three of those.

Chairman Murdaugh stated that Council is so very confused on what has changed and what has not changed and why we are having to do this. Is it all required or is part of it required? Hopefully Mr. Rowland can shed some light on that for us.

Mr. Rowland stated to sum up a lot of your questions, yes, the zoning ordinance and planning and development regulations do need to coincide with the comprehensive plan.

***At this time Mr. Rowland reviewed the Staff Review Sheet with council. Please see attached review sheet.

Dr. Flowers asked about the section of the code where the construction of agricultural structures is permitted in front of a dwelling.

Mr. Rowland replied, from my understanding it is going to allow for agricultural structures to be placed in the front set back range to follow a lot commercial zonings that would allow for that. In the RD-1 and RD-2 Zoning Districts only, accessory structures of any size on agricultural properties of 5 acres or more, may be located in the front yard between the principal structure and

be no closer than 50 feet from the front property line, if provided with a natural landscaped buffer which has the opacity of a solid wall in accordance with section 14.08-4.020 (D)(3), to ensure complete concealment of the structure from any public/private rights-of-way and on the sides facing any residential dwelling units located within 300 feet of the structure on any abutting properties. 14.08-3.020 – Accessory Structures (A)(6) – Due to a recent Variance Case, the placement of Accessory Structures on farmlands in only the RD-1 and RD-2 Zoning Districts has been made more realistic and in line with Commercial Zoning Districts.

Chairman Murdaugh stated so this will actually make it less restrictive.

Mr. Griffin stated if you recall we had an issue come up or a couple of them. For example, you're in Smoaks and you have 40-60 acres and the individual has their house set back off the road, but they want to put a tractor shed up front to service it, the code did not allow that. It had to be at the line or behind, so that is trying to address that to be more flexible with those larger lot areas.

Chairman Murdaugh stated that he actually went and visited that site and he was trying to get a waiver. Although one of these Ordinances are 190 pages it hasn't changed a lot other than some of the things that you discussed already tonight. I did notice that at the top of these Ordinances it states that the Planning Commission reviewed them, and I am curious about the dates and the reason for the gap in time.

Mr. Rowland replied that one reason was Covid-19 and the other reason was the change in directors. The previous director had finalized a few of the items with one of the major outstanding items was review from DNR to make sure we were in compliance. So that was one of the hold ups, in addition to the previous director wanting to combine zoning districts. After talking to the planning commission, and in my opinion it over complicated things. We believed that it would confuse the public so we reverted back to the original way the code was read, and by doing that we had to take it back in front of the Planning Commission.

Chairman Murdaugh stated in reference to Ordinance 22-O-03, I see the Planning Commission was involved in that, I believe these are nuisances as to it relates to the land, but not noise. I know we had some issues with some business establishments. There is nothing in these particular Ordinances that would help resolve any of that.

Mr. Griffin replied that is correct. We researched that with the county attorney and as we were looking at a couple different instances, that actually has to fall back on law enforcement. There is a process there to deal with those directly. One other item that I want to discuss involving the litter control portion. We have actually given our litter enforcement officers the ability to write tickets for litter enforcement. Prior to that we would actually have to get a Sheriff's Deputy or Class 3 Officer to write the ticket. Chet and our other personnel working litter control can do that directly now and don't have to find someone to help them.

Councilman Williams stated that he noticed that Mr. Rowland said the state requires 2 feet and the county is trying to promote 3 feet as far as the receptacles are concerned. I know we don't want to operate at minimum standards, but do you see at any point that this may create a hardship for any

of the residents by requiring in excess of what the state requires? Also, how consistent are we in Colleton County with other counties requiring the excess?

Mr. Rowland replied that we do not feel like this would increase a hardship. We looked at Charleston County, and our Flood Plan Administrator just got out of a conference and a lot of other counties are talking about moving up to that three feet. The biggest thing for us is last year when the CBRS came in and did their 5 year review we actually lost points and it moved us from a seven to an eight and we lost percentages from our insurance for the residents in the county. We spoke with DNR and FEMA, about moving it up. FEMA's regulation is that two feet, which again is bare minimum. The one thing we were having an issue with, as well as, architects and engineers is there is no consistency and it was creating confusion. Getting to the three feet not only allows for consistency in architectural design, but also allows consistency for our plan reviews and benefits the residence on flood insurance inside and outside the flood areas.

Councilman Whetsell asked if there is anything in these ordinances to help take care of the dogs.

Chairman Murdaugh replied I do not think this is the right ordinance for that.

Mr. Rowland stated that part of updating the zoning ordinance would be to update the zoning maps. The primary areas are west of I-95, this would be the Colleton Mega Site. The comprehensive plan mentioned that it would be for industrial use, so we have made those changes both in the Canady's area. Additionally to that, the Town of Lodge, in 2020 we had approved an ordinance for the planning department to oversee everything that will be going on in their jurisdiction. In doing so we never created a zoning map to have those standards. We did a review of that and with our recommendation; the Planning Commission reviewed and agreed to go for community commercial within the center of the town. Both are going to be rural development 2, the light green, which will be the majority of the county. Minimum lot size is half an acre and still allows for all the residential agriculture uses. The one thing we can say by going through everything we are not creating any non-conforming uses, so any existing will be able to maintain and grow. This is just giving the opportunity for it to happen in a more rural nature instead of urban.

Dr. Flowers addresses Mr. Griffin and asked about the quantity of litter tickets that the county has written.

Mr. Griffin replied that he can get that information.

Dr. Flowers stated that he would also like to know the dispositions made by the Magistrates. There is a litter problem in this county and we have got to get it cleaned up and enforce it. We need to look at this when we are discussing our budget for this year and see if we can't do something to get this county cleaned up.

Old Business

- A. **2nd Reading Ordinance 22-O-03, To Amend Title 9 – Public Peace and Welfare, Chapter 9.02 – Public Nuisance Generally and Chapter 9.04 – Littering, To Coincide With The Ten Year Update Of The Colleton County Comprehensive Plan**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 2nd Reading Ordinance 22-O-03, To Amend Title 9 – Public Peace and Welfare, Chapter 9.02 – Public Nuisance Generally and Chapter 9.04 – Littering, To Coincide with the Ten Year Update of the Colleton County Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion was carried unanimously.

- B. 2nd Reading Ordinance 22-O-04, To Amend Title 13 – Buildings and Construction, Chapter 13.04 – Construction Codes Adopted, Chapter 13.12 – Flood Damage Prevention, Chapter 13.16 – Manufactured Homes and Chapter 13.20 – Uniform Ordinance Summons, To Coincide With The Ten Year Update Of The Colleton County Comprehensive Plan**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the 2nd Reading Ordinance 22-O-04, To Amend Title 13 – Buildings and Construction, Chapter 13.04 – Construction Codes Adopted, Chapter 13.12 – Flood Damage Prevention, Chapter 13.16 – Manufactured Homes and Chapter 13.20 – Uniform Ordinance Summons, To Coincide With The Ten Year Update Of The Colleton County Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C. 2nd Reading Ordinance 22-O-05, To Amend Title 14 – Land Management, Chapter 14.04 – Land Development Regulations And Chapter 14.08 – Zoning, To Coincide With The Ten Year Update Of The Colleton County Comprehensive Plan**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 2nd Reading Ordinance 22-O-05, To Amend Title 14 – Land Management, Chapter 14.04 – Land Development Regulations And Chapter 14.08 – Zoning, To Coincide With The Ten Year Update Of The Colleton County Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

- A. 1st Reading Ordinance 22-O-06, By Title Only, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto**

Councilman Williams moved to approve the 22-O-06, By Title Only, By Title Only, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 1st Reading Ordinance 22-O-07, By Title Only, To Authorize the Acquisition of Certain Real Estate and Appurtenant Interests by Colleton County, South Carolina**

by Mortgage Financing in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$750,000; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Mortgage Note by Colleton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 1st Reading Ordinance 22-O-07, By Title Only, To Authorize the Acquisition of Certain Real Estate and Appurtenant Interests by Colleton County, South Carolina by Mortgage Financing in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$750,000; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Mortgage Note by Colleton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 22-R-13, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2022

Councilman Williams moved to approve Resolution 22-R-13, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2022. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 22-R-14, To Declare April as Fair Housing Month

Councilman Williams moved to approve Resolution 22-R-14, To Declare April as Fair Housing Month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution 22-R-15, To Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-15, To Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution 22-R-16, To Establish Priorities for the 2022 Annual CDBG County Needs Assessment

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-16, To Establish Priorities for the 2022 Annual CDBG County Needs Assessment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Resolution 22-R-17, To Authorize a Five-Year Sole Source Purchasing Arrangement for Kenworth Trucks

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-17, To Authorize a Five-Year Sole Source Purchasing Arrangement for Kenworth Trucks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whetsell. The motion carried unanimously.

H. **Resolution 22-R-18, To Award the Contract for the Resurfacing of South Carolina Department of Transportation Roadways and Colleton County Roadways**

Councilman Williams moved to approve Resolution 22-R-18, To Award the Contract for the Resurfacing of South Carolina Department of Transportation Roadways and Colleton County Roadways. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

I. **Resolution 22-R-19, To Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) FY 2021 Award for the Purchase of Bulletproof Vests**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-19, To Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) FY 2021 Award for the Purchase of Bulletproof Vests. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whetsell. The motion carried unanimously.

J. **Resolution 22-R-20, To Advertise Board Vacancies**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-20, To Advertise Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whetsell. The motion carried unanimously.

K. **Resolution 22-R-21, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-21, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

L. **Resolution 22-R-22, To Declare April Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Councilman Williams moved to approve Resolution 22-R-22, To Declare April Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

M. **Resolution 22-R-23, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Charleston County as Part of the Joint County Industrial Park**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 22-R-23, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include

Additional Property in Charleston County as Part of the Joint County Industrial Park. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

- N. **Resolution 22-R-24, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park for Properties Located in a Redevelopment Project Area, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Charleston County as Part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-24, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park for Properties Located in a Redevelopment Project Area, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Charleston County as Part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Time

Councilman Taylor asked if council is riding together for the Rice Festival Parade or separate.

Councilman Williams stated he will be riding solo.

Chairman Murdaugh asked Ms. Brinson if she had received an application.

Ms. Brinson replied that we have not, but that she will handle the application process this week.

No further discussion.

Executive Session

Councilman Taylor moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Real Estate–Easement Green Pond Railway, Legal– CPST Referendum Procedures, Personnel– Fire-Rescue, and Economic Development–Project Ruby. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams moved to exit executive session. Councilman Whetsell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh stated that we were back in open session, during Executive Session we discussed: Real Estate–Easement Green Pond Railway, Legal– CPST Referendum Procedures, Personnel– Fire-Rescue, and Economic Development–Project Ruby.

Chairman Murdaugh moved to approve pay increases for the Library in accordance to discussions pursuant to executive session from the library reserve fund. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.


Chairman Murdaugh moved that we renew the Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum and that we proceed and move forward and direct the Capital Project Sales Tax Committee to move forward with the referendum. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh moved to authorize pay increases as discussed in executive session for the fire-rescue commission. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adjournment


Councilman Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

This 3rd day of May, 2022.



Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

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