

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM, at County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Evon Robinson called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Steven Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Dennis Averkin, Mary Harris, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Louise Slater, Pam & Dan Sheaf, Meagan Chaplin, David Drawdy, Jack Padgett, Sallie B. Stephens, Pete Anderson, Tommy Mann, Lois Ann Adams, Willie B. Rabb, Iris Hill, Glorietine Williams, Charles Cofer, Nolan Simmons, Raymond Hodges, Donald Lyons, Michael Polk, Robin Polk, Gerald Bailey, Theodore Reed, Andy Strickland, Thomas Govan, Walter Brown, Jr., Michelle O'Quinn, Cecil Knight, Mary M. Horace, Mary Taylor, Janice Taylor, Willie Hodges, Charles Salley, Emma Salley, Kardell Ferguson, Sr., S.G. Drew, Gloria Breland

Mr. Robinson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to go into executive session and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Legal Interpretation

**Regular Session**

County Attorney Sean Thornton called the meeting back to order. I am going to pass the gavel over to our new County Council Chairman, Mr. Phillip Taylor who will take over as chairman and Mr. Steven Murdaugh is remaining Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Phillip Taylor called the meeting back to order and continued presiding over the meeting.

Post 2012 Election & Formative Actions:

- a) Seating of Chairman- Phillip Taylor
- b) Seating of Vice-Chairman- Steven Murdaugh
  
- c) Election of Council Members to LCOG (3 members)

Mr. Taylor asked what was the pleasure of the council.

Mr. Murdaugh said the three current sitting members are Councilman Flowers, Councilman Robinson and Councilman Whetsell. If they wish to serve I would move that we re-elect them to another term.

Discussion among council members.

Mr. Murdaugh said let me correct that, it appears that Councilman Flowers term expired the end of 2012. I think we just designate him to replace the expired term, one seat.

Mr. Robinson said that is it exactly.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to extend Councilman Flowers term and the other two council members would remain and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Appointment of Three (3) Members of Council to LCAA Board-

Mr. Taylor said at this time I would like to ask the pleasure of council that you would retain the members that are currently on there: Councilman Whetsell, Councilman Taylor and Councilman Robinson. Are there any objections or nominations?

Mr. Murdaugh said no changes Mr. Chairman other than I believe I was a member of the board, but I designated you to serve in my place, but if you want to change that and be the member instead of the designee that is fine with me.

Mr. Taylor asked the clerk to recap the members.

Ms. Mayer said we have Mr. Robinson, Mr. Taylor, & Mr. Whetsell.

Mr. Taylor said you are correct.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting December 4, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Administrative Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said he would like to bring to the council's attention; Ms. Valerie Gruber from Gruber's Crossroads has brought forth a request to council, which would then be forwarded on to the Legislative Delegation; she would like to have Gruber's Crossroads recognized as a community in Colleton County. At one time it was. She has done an immense amount of historical research in that area. Basically what we would have to

do in that stead is representatives from her district, which I would believe would be Mr. Whetsell, Mr. Taylor and Rev. Robinson, they would have to make a request to our Legislative Delegation, which would then get it on for the session to get approval for that. We are working through the administrative part for that ...inaudible... She did ask me to bring that to your attention tonight because she would be unable to attend.

I would like to bring you up to date on three road projects Recreation Lane, which is the existing roads in our Recreation Park, Purple Heart Dr., which is a road adjacent to Floralife, one of our existing industries, the road has some major issues there where they do their loading and unloading for the facility as well as Venture Lane, which would be the road that is the old New York Wire property, which is now Sarlaflex as you know the SC Department of Commerce has made a \$500,000 grant to help us expand that road to the rear of the property to develop an additional approximately 130 acres there that we have as part of that property purchase. We conveyed roughly 42 acres over to Sarlaflex, but retained the balance of the property. All three of those roads have been put out to bid as of last week and will be moving along. Hopefully we will be able to bring those forth to the CTC Commission at their next meeting to award and start construction. I know a few of you have been concerned and Mr. Whetsell in particular had visited out there with me and they needed to have that road done by March when their busy season starts again, so it does look like we will be able to meet that mark to get those done.

All three fire stations coming along very well. We will have a little more for you later on.

I did want to thank Coastal Electric, Mr. Larry Hinz, Mark Walling and the Board there. They were in December able to bring us an additional just over \$80,000 in RDA Funds to go with the \$105,000 they had already pledged for the road improvements for the project going on at the new Industrial Park at Exit 62 to extend some roads there. Both of those projects are going well.

Sarlaflex you may have seen on the front page of the paper they've started pulling their building apart to put in their tower that will be part of stretching of the vinyl that comes in and we will have the folks in for the dairy project, they will actually be in this week to finalize everything both with commerce and with ourselves.

The Governor's State of the State Address, she has sent a personal invitation to Mr. Krishna who is part of Sarlaflex to be her special guest. We understand he will be recognized during the State of the State Address. Hopefully this will give us some good recognition.

Mr. Murdaugh said Mr. Administrator can you explain to me, I don't recall, we may have in the time I have been here designated someone as a community going back to your first item you had there, what does that do. Does that give the community the ability to apply for grants, what is the effect of that designation?

Mr. Griffin said this would just be a community recognition. It is not an incorporation; it would be recognized, if it is state recognized it goes on the state road map system, so any mapping, those type things, it would be recognized as a community. They would have to incorporate to give them any special privileges.

### **Public Hearing**

Ordinance 12-O-06, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina, and Sarlaflex, Inc., whereby Colleton County will enter into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Sarlaflex, Inc.; Providing for Payment by Sarlaflex, Inc. of Certain Fees-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes; to Provide for the Allocations of Fees-In-Lieu Of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for Development for a Joint County Industrial Park with Hampton County, South Carolina; to Amend the Agreement For Development for a Joint County Industrial Park with Hampton County, South Carolina so as to Include Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Joint County Industrial Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

No comments were made.

Ordinance 12-O-16, To Ratify FY12 Grant And Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made.

Ordinance 12-O-17, To Amend Chapter 14.08 –Zoning, Section 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations, Paragraph 2.120 (C) Dimensional Requirements of the Colleton County Zoning Ordinance in Order to Meet Modern Industrial Requirements.

No comments were made.

Ordinance 12-O-18, to Amend Chapter 14.08 –Zoning, Section 14.08-3 Conditional Uses, Paragraph 3.020 (O) Hunting and Fishing Camps, of the Colleton County Zoning Ordinance in Order to Comply with the Standards of other Rural Counties with Significant Hunting Populations.

No comments were made.

### **Old Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-16, To Ratify FY12 Grant And Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-17, To Amend Chapter 14.08 –Zoning, Section 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations, Paragraph 2.120 (C) Dimensional Requirements, of the Colleton County Zoning Ordinance in Order to Meet Modern Industrial Requirements.

A motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-19, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 7.9 Acre Parcel on Hendersonville Highway Identified as TMS#207-00-00-030, from Urban Development-1 (UD-1) to Rural Development-2 (RD-2).

A motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Resolution 13-R-01, to Award the Contract for the Removal and Disposal of Stockpile Tires.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-02, 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.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-03, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for Various Grants Received for FY2012-2013.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-05, To Endorse the 2012 Community Development Block Grant, Community Enrichment Application for a Demolition Project and to Commit to the Waiver of Landfill Fees and Funds for the 10% Local Match for the Grant.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-06, To Award the Purchase of One 2013 Ford F-250 Service Truck from Walterboro Motor Sales for the Solid Waste Department.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-08, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-09, To Authorize the Colleton County Public Works Department to Complete the Clearing and Grading of a Ball Field at the Springtown Community Center.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-10, Recognizing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Celebrating 100 Years of Public Service.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously

Resolution 13-R-11, To Approve Acceptance of Additional Grant Funds from Coastal Electric Cooperative in the amount of \$80,714.28 for Industrial Infrastructure Development.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 13-O-01, Granting Easement No. 890260, Easement No. 890269 and Easement No. 890270 to South Carolina Electric and Gas Across a Portion of the Colleton County Commerce Park located along McLeod Road near Corporate Way in Colleton County, SC; Such Easements are to be Used for the installation, operation and maintenance of natural gas facilities within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Items of Information & The Public Record**

None

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Council Time**

Dr. Flowers said he was very happy so many people had turned out for the council meeting. He thanked them for being here and appreciated their participation in the process. He wanted everyone to know they were here to serve and help them and that they try to do the best they can for all of the people in the county.

Mr. Murdaugh said he would like to echo that. Usually when I see a crowd this large I get nervous that somebody didn't tell me something. He also thanked everyone for coming and recognized the newly elected sheriff for being there.

Mr. Taylor said he echoed those sentiments and thanked everyone for coming out tonight. We certainly enjoy serving you and also wish you all a Happy New Year.

Mr. Taylor asked everyone to pause for a moment and recognize our newly elected county sheriff Andy Strickland with applause.

Sheriff Strickland said how happy he was to serve the citizens of the county. We have some good things in the works for Colleton County. We have had a really good first week. We've gotten some guns off the street and made some drug cases. I don't know if everyone has noticed or not, but the response time have already been cut back and hope that you guys can also see that. We look forward to bringing something for everyone in the county at the sheriff's office. I am very excited to be the new sheriff for Colleton County and to lead this county to be the key law enforcement official. Thank all of you. I have an open door policy. I'll give you this challenge; if you need me by phone or if you would like to stop by, please do and make yourself at home. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in my tenure as Sheriff of Colleton County.

### **Executive Session**

- a) Planning & Development
- b) Sheriff's Department
- c) Fire-Rescue
- d) Contractual-Hendersonville Solid Waste Convenient Site
- e) Economic Development

### **Regular Session**

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve Resolution 13-R-04, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for SAFER Grant Funds Received for FY2012-2013 and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve Resolution 13-R-07, To Authorize a Position Classification within Planning and Development and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve Resolution 13-R-14, To Authorize Changes Following Receipt of Sheriff's Personnel Action Change Request Forms and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve Resolution 13-R-12, To Authorize the County Administrator to Execute Deed on Behalf of the County Transferring Two Parcels in the Hendersonville Community and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.



The meeting was adjourned.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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