

MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021
VIRTUAL 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, Art Williams, and Gene Whetsell in attendance.

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Meagan Utsey, Jon Carpenter, Kaela Brinson, Barry McRoy and Richard Harvey.

Chairman Steven Murdaugh gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- A. **Regular Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2021** — Dr. Joseph Flowers moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gene Whetsell and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

- A. Colleton County - Governmental Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting — Chairman Murdaugh read award aloud.

Dr. Joseph Flowers would like to thank everyone for all their hard work.

Councilman Gene Whetsell would also like to thank everyone for doing such a great job.

Councilman Art Williams would like to thank all county employees that assisted with this achievement.

Appearances and Public Presentations

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Kevin Griffin stated under New Business line item "a", this is a small turn out piece of property located at the corner of where the Probation office currently exists across from the SC DMV. As they're working through the last part of the streetscape under CPST, there is going to be a median out there, it is just a very small section that they need for a turn out.

Also, item “f” regarding a Free Standing Morgue Cooler, we do have Coroner Richard Harvey here with us tonight when we get to that line item. Line item “f” will be funded, that is if Council approves it, with the American Rescue Plan Act funds that were received back in May.

I would also like to remind you, we did send out an email, that on November 17th at 10:30 a.m we will have a virtual meeting and public hearing regarding the 2022 redistricting for the county. Mr. Frank Rainwater and his staff at SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs are preparing that plan and plan to present it to Council on November 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Flowers asks if Council will receive a copy of the redistricting information prior to the meeting. Mr. Griffin stated that he will follow up with Mr. Rainwater to see if we can get the information a day or two in advance, as they are very busy.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to move into public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

- a) Ordinance 21-O-12, Granting an Easement to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 15583 Bennetts Point Road, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 340-00-00-022.000; Such Easement is to be Used for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of a Fiber Distribution Hub within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto

Councilman Williams made a motion to move out of public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whetsell. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- A. **3rd Reading Ordinance 21-O-12, Granting an Easement to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 15583 Bennetts Point Road, County of Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 340-00-00-022.000; Such Easement is to be Used for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of a Fiber Distribution Hub within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Councilman Whetsell moved to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 21-O-12, Granting an Easement to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 15583 Bennetts Point Road, County of Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 340-00-00-022.000; Such Easement is to be Used for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of a Fiber Distribution Hub within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. 2nd Reading Ordinance 21-O-14, To Ratify FY21 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

Councilman Williams moved to approve the 2nd Reading Ordinance 21-O-14, To Ratify FY21 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. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

A. 1st Reading Ordinance 21-O-15, Granting an Easement to the City of Walterboro on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located along SC 63, Walterboro, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 178-00-00-183.000; Such Easement is to be Used for the Construction of U-turn Bump Out in Conjunction with the Loop Project within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 1st Reading Ordinance 21-O-15, Granting an Easement to the City of Walterboro on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located along SC 63, Walterboro, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 178-00-00-183.000; Such Easement is to be Used for the Construction of U-turn Bump Out in Conjunction with the Loop Project within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 21-R-55, A Resolution to Authorize an Appropriation from the General Fund (Fund 100) Fund Balance in the Amount of \$50,181 to the Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office to add an Additional Prosecutor for Colleton County for the Remainder of FY 2021-2022

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 21-R-55, A Resolution to Authorize an Appropriation from the General Fund (Fund 100) Fund Balance in the Amount of \$50,181 to the Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office to add an Additional Prosecutor for Colleton County for the Remainder of FY 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whetsell. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 21-R-56, To Authorize the Sole Source Purchase of One E-One 2000 GPM Custom Pumper, Five E-One 2000 GPM Commercial Pumpers Mounted on Kenworth Chassis and Three Lesslie Fabrication 3000 Gallon Tenders Mounted on Kenworth Chassis for Colleton County Fire-Rescue

Councilman Whetsell moved to approve Resolution 21-R-56, To Authorize the Sole Source Purchase of One E-One 2000 GPM Custom Pumper, Five E-One 2000 GPM Commercial Pumpers Mounted on Kenworth Chassis and Three Lesslie Fabrication 3000

Gallon Tenders Mounted on Kenworth Chassis for Colleton County Fire-Rescue. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers, which was approved unanimously.

D. Resolution 21-R-57, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies

Councilman Williams moved to approve Resolution 21-R-57, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whetsell. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. Resolution 21-R-58, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 21-R-58, to Appoint Members to Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whetsell. The motion carried 3-0, Councilman Williams did not vote due to a possible conflict of interest.

The following appointments were made by acclamation: Henry Hiott and Gary Brightwell– Colleton County Accommodations Tax Advisory Board, Sylvia Williams– Colleton County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs, and Steven Baker– Colleton County Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

F. Resolution 21-R-59, To Authorize Emergency Procurement Procedures for the Installation of a Free Standing Morgue Cooler in Order to Accommodate the Increased Need for Storage Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Councilman Williams moved to approve Resolution 21-R-59, To Authorize Emergency Procurement Procedures for the Installation of a Free Standing Morgue Cooler in Order to Accommodate the Increased Need for Storage Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers, which was approved unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Council Time

No discussion or comments made.

Executive Session

Councilman Williams moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Real Estate- Washington Street and Personnel. Councilman Whetsell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers 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 a real estate matter involving Washington Street, a personnel matter involving facilities, and a personnel matter involving the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Murdaugh moved to re-class a Lieutenant's position in the dispatch center, under the Sheriff Department's Budget, to a Class 1 Law Enforcement Officer. Dr. Flowers moved to approve re-classing a Lieutenant's position in the dispatch center, under the Sheriff Department's Budget, to a Class 1 Law Enforcement Officer. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 21-R-60, To Award the Contract for Professional Janitorial Services for Various County Facilities to TV Services.

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 21-R-60, To Award the Contract for Professional Janitorial Services for Various County Facilities to TV Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whetsell, which was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

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

The public/media was informed of the location, date, and time of the meeting on Friday, October 29, 2021 in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

This 10th day of December, 2021.


Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairmen

ATTEST:


Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

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