

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Dr. Flowers called the meeting to order with Council Members Steven Murdaugh, Gene Whetsell, Art Williams, Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Ruth Mayer, Antoinette Kinsey, Jeff Ament, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Stephanie Drawdy, William Drawdy, Joe Hamilton, Kimberly Mullinax, Anderson Grant, Carl Coffin, Roy Williams

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

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting October 1, 2019

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

Proclamation – Jane McTeer Brown

Dr. Flowers read the proclamation.

A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

2030 Comprehensive Plan – Jason Epley, Benchmark Planning

Mr. Epley gave a brief review of the comprehensive plan.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin, 1st item Neyles Community Center we are almost at completion now, talked with Ms. Audrey Brown with the community center today and Mr. Stieglitz and we are shooting for next Thursday, November 14th at 2:00PM for a grand opening for the facility.

Please put that on your calendars. We have been waiting on a DHEC permit for the well and it looks like that will be here by the 1st of next week. Everything else is completed and will be able to move forward on that. On that same vein we are now starting to work on, our Legislative Delegation led by Senator Margie Bright-Matthews has another grant to do a community center in Greenpond. With the assistance of Councilman Williams we have been working on getting the Old Ivenia Brown School property, which is in the process now. It looks like that is going to work out so that will be the next one that we go to work on.

I put a letter in your packet here today, we just received this this week it is from the SC Dept. of Resources regarding a regional water resource plan for the Edisto River Basin that they are beginning work on. I know this has been a hot topic for 8 or 9 years now starting with the coal ash ponds up at SCE&G and then into the large potato farms that are being put up in Aiken County and some other areas where they have a pretty large permit to Charleston Service ...inaudible... I think this is in response to that. They are having meetings November 18th at 6:00PM in Blackville and another stake holder meeting November 21st over in St. George at the Lovely Hill Convention Center at 6:00PM. We plan to have staff there and I think

Mr. Whetsell said he would like to attend the November 21st one over in St. George.

Mr. Griffin said we will have a group going over there. I know the council and the community has been real interested in that. We will pass this along to the Edisto Canoe & Kayak Commission as well.

The other item is Resolution 19-R-72 in regards, we had some conversation at our last meeting about this in regards to the 4 SRO positions that was funded in this year's State Budget. We have talked to the School District. The State is funding the salary and benefits of those 4 positions and the School District will be funding all of the equipment and other items ...inaudible... to outfit those 4 positions. They will be on the payroll very shortly.

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 19-O-06, To Ratify FY19 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 2nd reading was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 19-O-07, Granting an Access Easement to the City of Walterboro Across a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 113 Mable T. Willis

Boulevard (TMS No. 178-00-00-205.000) within the City of Walterboro, SC; Such Easement is to be Used for the City of Walterboro for the Placement of a Well adjacent to its Elevated Water Tank; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1st Reading Ordinance 19-O-05, Colleton County Comprehensive Plan Update.

A motion to approve 1st Reading was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-66, To Approve the Snow and Ice Removal Agreement between Colleton County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-67, To Approve Purchase of a Drop Deck Trailer for the Roads and Bridges Department.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-68, To Declare Surplus Various Vehicles and Equipment and to Authorize Their Sale in Accordance with County Policy.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-69, To Approve an Automatic Aid Agreement between Colleton County Fire-Rescue and St. Pauls Fire District.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-70, To Approve the Contract with Lowcountry Regional Emergency Medical Service Council, Inc. for Supervised Field Internship Training Program.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

19-R-71

Resolution ~~10-R-71~~, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Grant for FY 2019-2020.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

19-R-72

Resolution ~~10-R-72~~, To Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for the School Resource Officer Grant Received for FY 2019-2020 by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office, to Authorize the Addition of four Corporal SRO Positions within the Sheriff's Office for the Duration of the Grant, to Authorize the Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment, and to Authorize the Addition of Vehicles and Equipment to the County's Insurance Policy.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

19-R-73

Resolution ~~10-R-73~~, To Appoint Member to Board Vacancy.

Ballots were given to council members.

The results were unanimous to appoint Sally V. Williams to the Colleton County Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)

None

Council Time

Dr. Flowers said he wanted to remind everyone the Veterans Parade on Sunday at 3:00

Executive Session

- a. Real Estate
 - 1. Colleton Center
 - 2. Gadsden Loop CDBG Project
- b. Contractual – Lowcountry Regional Airport
- c. Legal – Opioid Litigation

Regular session

Dr. Flowers said the items were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to opt out of the negotiating class as discussed in executive session & to authorize the Administrator to sign necessary documents thereto. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams.

The motion carried 4-0 (Mr. Murdaugh abstained because of a conflict)

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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