

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Evon Robinson, Phillip Taylor in attendance

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Kay Maxwell, Jane Darby, Denney Conley

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

Mr. Murdaugh said before we get started he would like to ask council to amend the agenda. 1<sup>st</sup> I need to delete Item 6 "a" under Appearances & Public Presentations. Ms. Marilyn Blizzard is unable to be here tonight so I would like to remove that. I would like to add to Appearances & Public Presentations Kaye Maxwell is here from Southern Carolina Alliance along with Barry Moore and are going to make a presentation. Also under Item 14 I would like to add item "d" for a Legal Briefing re: the County Attorney.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to amend the agenda and was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Awards and Recognitions**

Eagle Scout Proclamation – Lance John Berkley Calcutt

Mr. Murdaugh said I am going to skip this for the moment. I think he is planning on attending, but is not here at this time. We will come back to this item.

Proclaiming Gullah-Geechee Nation Appreciation Week

Mr. Murdaugh read the proclamation.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve the proclamation and was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting June 7, 2016

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

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Appearances & Public Presentations**

Southern Carolina Alliance – Ms. Kaye Maxwell, Mr. Workman, & Mr. Moore

Mr. Workman said most of you are aware of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Southern Carolina Alliance. In the celebration, we had a number of plaques presented and on display and we are here tonight in recognition of a long standing partnership between Colleton County Council and the Southern Carolina Alliance to give this (Plaque) to you to hang in an appropriate place to recognize a long standing partnership between this council and the Southern Carolina Alliance. All of them are working diligently day and night to bring new jobs, new opportunities, and new investments to our county so that we may all enjoy a better way of life than we did in the past. I want to thank you for being a member and participating with the Southern Carolina Alliance. It is a good day in Colleton County and a good day in the Southern Carolina Alliance area and we appreciate so much the partnership we have had with you folks down through the years and hope it continues for many more years as we seek to bring new investments, new jobs, and new opportunity to all of the people of Colleton County.

### **Administrator's Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said first I just wanted to remind everyone and as far as I know right now everyone is planning on going to the Association of Counties annual meeting next week beginning on Sunday. We do have your agenda planned pretty much every night through that week so be prepared if you need any details or information we will be getting that to you in the next day or two.

Have been working on our year end budget, getting last year completed starting into the new year. I know there is some things that are still being worked on. We still haven't gotten our outside Fee In Lieu's and a few other things done as far as accruals are concerned. I will probably have that for you as we get to the September meeting.

Wanted to let you know security cameras are now in both West Bank and Public Landing and operational that we moved through some SC Water Resource funds to do. Also, PRTC and Coastal Electric Cooperative were both extremely helpful. The one at Bennett's Point, the pole and everything is up, just waiting on PRTC to get the fiber line to it. Once that is in that should be within the next 2-3 weeks. They are working very well and already had an affect according to the folks in the neighborhoods or that are using those landings.

Our solid waste site at Jonesville, we have closed on that property and are currently in permitting with DHEC and SCDOT for encroachment and storm water permit. Should have that pretty quickly.

Our East Side Acres Recreation/Park Project has been completed.

Also J&L Wire, we met with Gary Hyde last week. They were in town doing some interviewing and getting ready to start some hiring and they plan in being in production in October. They have their equipment in the building now and working pretty quickly to get those things going and plan to be in production by October.

Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Griffin where were we on the other projects on the par grant funds. Cottageville and I think it is three Neyles

Mr. Griffin said Neyles is completed too on the playground equipment and the fencing. That is completed. The Cottageville, in fact I am meeting with Mr. Womble Thursday, but we've got to get some asbestos abatement things taken care of with that building that's got to be demoed. That is the next one on the list.

### **Old Business**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 16-O-04, To Amend the Existing Easement to the City of Walterboro Across a Portion of the Property Located at the Corner of Washington Street and Jefferies Boulevard, the Site of the Colleton County Courthouse; Such Easement to be Used to Construct and Maintain a Part of the City's Planned Streetscape Improvement Project; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Document; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 16-O-06, To Ratify FY16 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 1<sup>st</sup> reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-60, To Approve Appointments to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson. (Business Rep.: Kimberly Alexander –Universal Distr. and Donna Callihan – Dayco Education & Training Rep.: Chris Horvath)

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-61, To Award the Contract for the Resurfacing of South Carolina Department of Transportation Secondary Roads.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-62, To Award the Contract for the Bama Road Improvement Project.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-63, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants received for FY 2016-2017.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-64, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

A motion to approve the resolution by acclimation was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Flowers. (Keep Colleton Beautiful: William “Bill” Ehney, Colleton County Planning Commission: Adam L. Bishop)

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Items for Information and Public Record**

None

Mr. Murdaugh said at this time I am going back to Eagle Scout Proclamation – Lance John Berkley Calcutt.

Mr. Murdaugh read the proclamation.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Council Time**

Mr. Robinson said he would like to speak to the administrator about a matter I requested. Prior to the May meeting I requested a print out of all of the employees and their salaries. You provided that information, but we don't have the names or the positions. We don't have the ethnicity, none of that stuff. I'm trying to look through that thing and I don't have nothing there to identify anybody and in accordance with the FOIA that is public information and I would like for you to provide me with a copy of that.

Mr. Griffin said okay.

Mr. Whetsell said how about the rest of the council members?

Mr. Robinson said if he desires to do that I'm fine with that. I suppose he would do it. When I requested my first request, I made it a personal request. To my surprise all of us got it, which was no secret, but I just thought I would get it, but I am sure he will provide a copy for all of us.

Mr. Murdaugh said provide one for everybody that way we will all have it.

Mr. Robinson said that would be good.

### **Executive Session**

- a) Economic Development
  - a. Project C
  - b. Project Gourmet
  - c. Project Global
  
- b) Personnel
  - a. Fire-Rescue
  
- c) Contractual
  - a. CPST
  
- d) Legal Brief
  - a. County Attorney

### **Regular Session**

Mr. Murdaugh said items were discussed in executive session.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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