

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 6:00 PM, at County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Phillip Taylor called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Evon Robinson, Steven Murdaugh in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Dennis Averkin, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Sr., Mary Harris, Billy Rogers, Stephen Thomas, Robert Mock, Chris Roberts, William Smyly, Criss A. Soard, David Soard, Renee Stanley, Katherine Heckler, Pam Sheaf, Roy Williams

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

**Appearances & Public Presentations**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting May 7, 2013

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**Awards and Recognition's**

None

**Administrative Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said we did get the Crescent Dairy & Beverage Project closed last Friday and it is now their building and their property.

The road construction at Recreation, Purple Heart, and Venture Lane are underway. Roads have been built and the base is in place. It looks like the asphalt will be put down next week due to weather conditions.

The Farm to Market Kitchen we have gotten a nod although not an official approval yet and we are going to be going into the design stage within the next week or two.

The SCAC meeting will be coming up soon. We have a resolution on the agenda tonight to move as we generally do combine the July/August meeting on the last

Tuesday of July. That will be July 30<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid a conflict with the SCAC meetings.

**Public Hearing**

Ordinance 13-O-03, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2014; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made.

**Old Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 13-O-03, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2014; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

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 13-O-05, to Amend Title 14-Land Management of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, Sections 14.08-5.020 Parking Lot Surface Materials, 14.08.6.020(A) Sign Design Guidelines and 14-08-6.050(A)(3) Freestanding On-Premises Signs.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 13-O-06, to Relinquish Any and All Claim, Right, Ownership or Interest of Colleton County to the Property Located at TMS #195-00-00-180 and to Remove all Title Restrictions and Reverters of Same.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Resolution 13-R-52, To Reschedule the July County Council Meeting and Cancel the August County Council Meeting.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-53, To Authorize Execution of a Fire Protection Service Agreement Between Colleton County and the Town of Edisto Beach.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-54, To Award the Health Care Services **Contract** for the Colleton County Detention Center.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-55, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

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

None

#### **Public Comments**

Stephen Thomas- I am glad that Ordinance 13-O-04, was removed from the agenda tonight. I am very pleased it was removed for whatever reason. I would like to see it removed all together and a lot of other citizens would like to see the same thing. I would like to let you know we have started a petition and we got signatures of citizens throughout the county, they are opposed to this ordinance and this petition will be presented at the proper time. I would also like to ask when and if this ordinance is put back on the agenda, will the public be notified and will council hold a special meeting, like the one they had on May 28<sup>th</sup> when they put it back on the agenda, that's the question. In any way you look at this ordinance it all boils down to gun control and citizens' rights. The bottom line is if ya'll want to pass this ordinance. Put it out to the citizens. Put it on a referendum and if the people who live in these blue areas and it has already been said there is other areas that can be or will be included. Put it on the referendum and let the people decide and you won't hear anything else out of me. Whatever the people decide. That is what I think.

Billy Rogers- In reference to the same ordinance 13-O-04, I have a unique prospective. I shoot, I reload, I teach young people how to shoot, my property is located next to an area that would be included if it were closer to City Limits in such an ordinance. Recently, my property was damaged by someone shooting from some of that property that should not have been shooting. The Sheriff's Department handled that issue and

was handled properly. Nobody got in trouble, it was an accident. Just several hours ago I was presented with a problem where I may have had to shoot an animal, the Rottweiler very large 150 plus pounds. It has treed several women in our neighborhood on Penny Creek Drive and it almost got be with the owner chasing it trying to stop it from harassing or getting loose. Animal Control has been involved. What I would like to present; would that have made me a criminal had I had to shoot this animal and it being in one of these locations later added that the community may not have known was added . My property as I said is technically located within an area that would be included in three consecutive, three acre lots, but we shoot into a 400 acre property we have permission to shoot into that. I want you guys to consider that while you are considering this ordinance.

### **Council Time**

Mr. Taylor recognized Ms. Mary Harris who is retiring after at least 25 years of serving as clerk to the county Delegation.

### **Executive Session**

- a) Legal Advice- Contractual
- b) Economic Development- Colleton County Commerce Center Contractual

### **Regular Session**

Mr. Whetsell made a motion to approve Resolution 13-R-56, To Authorize the Administrator to Execute a Master Agreement Between Colleton County and URS Corporation for Professional Services at the Commerce Center and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Whetsell made a motion to approve Resolution 13-R-57, To Authorize the Administrator to Execute an Agreement Between Colleton County and Carlisle Associates, Inc. for Architectural Services at the Commerce Center and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

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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