

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Dr. Flowers called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Evon Robinson, Phillip Taylor (arrived 6:10PM) in attendance. Steven Murdaugh Absent

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Pete Anderson, Dale Mann, Tom Mann, Denney Conley, Donna Lamb

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

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting September 1, 2015

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

The motion carried unanimously

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said as you know we had a major storm over the weekend and we are dealing with some of the aftermath in regards to that. 1st if all our primary concern and the current moment is the Edisto River. It is rising very rapidly well over 14 ½ ft. at this point. Flood stage is 10 ft. and they anticipate it to get up to around to 16 ½ to 17 ft. which will be right at the record for the river itself.

Fire Rescue and the Sheriff's department have been working diligently over the last two days to get those folks notified and evacuated as much as possible. We do have a shelter opened at Jericho United Methodist Church on Pierce Road in Cottageville.

The sheriff asked me tonight if I would express as well that during the evacuation process they had a lot of trouble folks, boaters sightseeing along the river with the flood waters and those type things, taking a look at them. Especially going too fast, this creates more property damage on these houses that are on the river. He is asking that any recreational boating be stopped at least at this point unless you are going on the river to help somebody or for commercial purpose, to please stay off the river at this time and let emergency personnel do their job.

We do have a number of other areas in the county such as Public Landing, Bennett's Point Road, Edisto has obviously gotten a lot of water and we have damage. We had our assessment teams down there today. Last I heard from our Assessor, Tommy Hill, we were up to about \$315,000 worth of damage. We still haven't heard from the 2nd team that is down there right now. Our threshold with FEMA for Federal Disaster Assistance is a little over \$134,000, so it appears we are going to meet that. They still have not looked at any areas inland nor will we even get a chance on places like Edisto River until such time those waters recede and we can see.

There was a good bit of confusion among the counties and county administrators and the local official today regarding the Governor's Declaration- Disaster Declaration request to the President. What ended up happening is we had a release come out that a number of counties were already deemed as disaster areas. That information was based on aerial surveys done by the State and other folks and then given to the Governor. There were a number of counties such as ourselves Calhoun County, Florence County, Marion County that are in the heart of that that weren't on it because they hadn't done aerial surveys at that point. We are in the process, there is a process you have to follow if you all remember when we had the ice storm. We will do the same thing. You have to go through your damage assessment process and submit it to FEMA. We had another call 3:00PM today and everything is on go and the state understands that. We will be getting that information to them. None of the counties has gotten that to them yet. They were going primarily based on the aerial surveys.

There is a couple of items on the agenda I wanted to point out. The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance; that is an update from our State Bi-Annual Audit. Just some tweaks to our Flood Code; nothing major.

Also I wanted to explain we had an emergency ordinance on the agenda tonight. That is for the restaurant at the Dogwood Hills Golf Course. The reason we did an emergency ordinance and then an ordinance to ratify is that is in effect for 60 days and that would give the business owner the chance to go ahead and apply for his permits now; DHEC and the other State organizations will not allow to apply for a permit until you have an agreement on lease in hand. This will temporarily give him that and then we will ratify it with our three readings of the ordinance.

In regards to the Cottageville ordinance, that is regarding a piece of property that the Town of Cottageville was using as their Town Hall and have now moved their Town Hall to a different building. We had a reverter clause. Evidently this property goes a good ways back, they have asked us to release that reverter so that they can now dispose of the property themselves. That is what the ordinance is about for 1st reading.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 15-O-11, To Ratify FY15 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.

Old Business

3rd Reading, Ordinance 15-O-11, To Ratify FY15 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 3rd reading was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1st Reading Ordinance 15-O-13, To Amend Various Sections of Chapter 13.12 - Flood Damage Prevention of Title 13, Buildings and Construction, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Ordinance 15-O-14, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 2.5 Acre Parcel at Bennett's Point, Identified as TMS 334-00-00-074, from Community Commercial (CC) to Rural Conservation-2 (RC-2)

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Ordinance 15-O-15, To Authorize the Transfer of the Property Located at 10913 Cottageville Highway and Identified by T.M.S. No. 152-02-00-015 to the Town of Cottageville; to Authorize Execution of the Quit-Claim Deed; and Other Matters Related Thereto

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Ordinance 15-O-16, Granting a Lease to H&H Lowcountry Management, LLC d.b.a. Double Bogey Restaurant & Bar and to Authorize the County Administrator to Negotiate, Finalize, Execute and Record a Lease Document for H&H Lowcountry Management, LLC d.b.a. Double Bogey Restaurant & Bar; and Other Matters Related Thereto

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

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Ordinance 15-O-17, To Ratify Ordinance 15-O-16, which Granted a Lease to H&H Lowcountry Management, LLC d.b.a. Double Bogey Restaurant & Bar and Authorized the County Administrator to Negotiate, Finalize, Execute and Record a Lease Document for H&H Lowcountry Management, LLC d.b.a. Double Bogey Restaurant & Bar; and Other Matters Related Thereto

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously

Resolution 15-R-91, To Approve the Use of the Courthouse Grounds by Agape Hospice on Monday, November 23, 2015, at 5:30 pm

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers said let the record reflect that Mr. Taylor arrived.

Resolution 15-R-92, To Approve Purchase of Two Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office from Love Chevrolet and to Approve the Addition of the Vehicles to the County's Insurance Policies

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

Resolution 15-R-93, To Authorize Acceptance, Budgeting, and Pass-Through of Funds for a United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant for the Lowcountry Regional Airport; to Approve the Grant Agreement Between the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration, the City of Walterboro and Colleton County; and to Ratify the County Administrator's Signature on said Grant Agreement

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

Public Comments

No comments were made

Council Time

Mr. Robinson said at the subcommittee meeting regarding memorializing Senator Clementa Pinckney we did not reach a decision because we had some things we needed to look into. Mr. Taylor informed me of a person who said that he may have access to some funds or something that we might be able to acquire. At this point he was suppose to call me before the meeting tonight and I haven't heard anything back. I would like to respectfully request to leave it on the table until ...inaudible...

Mr. Taylor said I didn't have an opportunity to hear the Administrator's briefing and I am thankful I was able to make it, but I wanted everyone to be aware we did suffer damage with the Shelter and also damage with the LCCA office and both Head Start Centers, so the agency got hit four times from this one storm, so I would like for everyone to keep their families ...inaudible...

Dr. Flowers said the administrator said they were looking into this now.

Executive Session

- a) Economic Development
 - 1) Project Global
 - 2) Project Lion King
 - 3) Project Cricket
 - 4) Project CY
 - 5) Project Deck

- b) Personnel – Recreation Department

Regular Session

Dr. Flowers said we discussed numerous items in executive session.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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