

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 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, Evon Robinson, Phillip Taylor, in attendance.

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Ruth Mayer, Susan Keith, Iris Hill, Jane Darby

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

Awards and Recognitions

None

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting June 6, 2017

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said first and foremost I would like to announce with great joy that the air conditioning in the court room at the courthouse is now been replaced and working. I would like to thank our Clerk of Court Ms. Pat Grant and our resident Judge Buckner for their great patients and understanding as we have been through this process that we now have that taken care of. I also wanted to thank our Facilities Management Staff for all of the hard work they had to do to get that repaired. If ya'll remember that is a 25 ton unit that had to be manufactured up in I believe it was Illinois and it was about a 4-5 week process. They actually last week held court in this room and used our both conference room and my office for Judge's Chambers and Jury Room, so we are glad to get everybody back on their regular schedule and in their regular environment. Thanks those folks if you get a chance to see them.

I had a good meeting with Jeff Molinari, City Manager at Walterboro. We have come up with a date for a joint council meeting for August 9th, which is a Wednesday. We are going to hold that meeting over at Dogwood Hills. We will have lunch at 12:30 followed thereafter by a meeting at 1:00PM. This is primarily to discuss their Discovery Center

that they are working on at the Corner of Hampton and Jefferies. I know they have some parking issues they would like to discuss with us with regards in regards to our County Parking Lot as well as some other things and they are going to make a presentation within that regard. Then we will move forward from there. If there are any other items you all would like to add to that agenda between that discussion, please let me know between now and then because we are putting that together.

There is an item on the agenda tonight, Ordinance by title only regarding an access easement. This is the Lee Street property, it is an access easement to the Town of Edisto. They are working on their Reverse Osmosis Water System. They have done a number of Geo Technical Studies and we happen to own a piece of property within the area that was advantages to them to put the well. I have been working with Ms. Iris and Mayor Darby a good bit and don't know if they have anything to add to that, but we are going to grant them an access easement to put the well on that property, which will then supply water to the ...inaudible.. plant that they are putting in.

SC Chief Justice Batey, I know you all have probably seen some of the news articles over the last few weeks changed out about 2/3 of the chief magistrates throughout the state and Mr. Bert Duffy is now our Chief Magistrate for the County. That will be changed out from Judge Campbell, who was formally Chief Magistrate.

Item "h" Resolution 17-R-55, the title there refers to Wastewater Improvements to parcel "C" at the Walterboro-Colleton Lowcountry Regional Airport. We have two projects there involved in this. One if you all remember was Project Dent and the 2nd one is Project "C". Parcel "C" is Project Dent. Project "C" is the Lowcountry Regional Aviation Project. In order to clarify some stuff with the grant paperwork with the State and Dr. Flowers has the correct title when we do the reading, we are changing that to just to the Lowcountry Regional Airport Project.

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

None

New Business

1st Reading **By Title Only** Ordinance, 17-O-05, To Ratify FY17 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 1st reading by title only was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading **By Title Only** Ordinance 17-O-06, Granting an Access Easement to the Town of Edisto Beach Across a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 3002

Lee Street (TMS. No. 354-12-00-137.000) within the Town of Edisto Beach, SC; Such Easement is to be Used for the Town of Edisto Beach to Provide Water for its Planned Reverse Osmosis Water.

A motion to approve 1st reading by title only was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-50, To Consent Entering into South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-51, To Approve Appointments to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

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

Dr. Flowers said these appointments are Chris Horvath, Education Representative and Kevin Pak, Business Representative.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-52, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-53, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for Various Grants Received for FY 2017-2018.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-54, To Authorize Renewal of an Agreement Between Colleton County and the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice for the Housing/Detention of Juveniles.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-55, To Award the Contract for Water and Wastewater Improvements at the Walterboro-Colleton Lowcountry Regional Airport.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-56, To Approve Purchase of a Kenworth Truck with an Ox Body Dump Bed as Included in the 2016-2017 Lease Purchase.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

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

None

Council Time

Dr. Flowers congratulated Rev. Taylor assuming his role in his ministry at his church.

Mr. Taylor thanked Dr. Flowers and Colleton County for being so kind to his dad and his 80th birthday, the proclamation that was done. The proclamation that was done was done beautifully and we really appreciate that. I think it was a high mark in his birthday celebration as well as the county and Dr. Flowers did just a fantastic job representing the county at my installation as Senior Pastor, Saint Center Ministries here in Walterboro and Rev. Robinson kicked us off Wednesday night and he spoke and did a fantastic job and we just really appreciate all the participation that we had from everyone here in town. Thank you.

Mr. Robinson said I concur also in congratulating you.

Mr. Taylor said he wanted to ask Ms. Keith if she could give them the date for that Delegation Meeting that is coming up.

Ms. Keith said you all will be receiving letters, but the Delegation Meeting will be September 18th at the Colleton Museum at 6:00PM.

Executive Session

- a) Contractual
 - 1. Recreation Center Project

- b) Economic Development
 - 1. Project Benatam
 - 2. Project MTA
 - 3. Project Colony
 - 4. Project Global Site
 - 5. Sarla Flex

Regular Session

The item was discussed in executive session.

Resolution 17-R-57, To Award the Contract for the Recreation Complex Renovation and Expansion.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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