



Colleton County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified, and notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Call to Order: Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Scott Biering, Council Vice-Chairman Bubba Trippe, Councilman Johnny Frank, and Councilman Phillip Taylor were present.

Councilman Steve Murdaugh arrived late and was marked present.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the following Minutes.

- a. Special Meeting, October 3, 2025
- b. Regular Meeting, October 6, 2025
- c. Special Meeting, October 23, 2025

The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions: Council presented Mayor William T. (Bill) Young with a Proclamation in recognition and appreciation of his many years of dedicated service to the City of Walterboro.

Council presented Carla Harvey with an award honoring her nine years of dedicated service as the Engineer for Colleton County.

Appearances and Public Presentation: None

Public Comment (3 minutes per person/max time 20 minutes): None

Administrator's Briefing: Administrator Higgs expressed his appreciation to Ms. Harvey for her assistance since his arrival, welcomed the new Finance Director, David Leathers, and updated Council on the status of capital projects.

Public Hearing

- a. **Third Reading Ordinance 25-O-9, to Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers:** Councilman Trippe made a motion to enter into Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously. No public comments were received. Councilman Trippe then made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- a. **Third Reading Ordinance 25-O-9, to Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Trippe. Discussion followed. Councilman Taylor then amended his motion to lay the item on the table, seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Second Reading Ordinance 25-O-11, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and a Company Known to the County as Project Quail with Respect to Certain Property Located in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto:** Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 25-O-11, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Second Reading Ordinance 25-O-12, Authorizing the Amendment of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Charleston County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property Located in Colleton County as Part of the Park; and Other Matters Related Thereto:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 25-O-12, seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- a. **Resolution 25-R-65 – To Approve a Joint Use Agreement Between Colleton County and Ruffin High School Owned by Siwel d/b/a Aspire2Inspire for Recreation Improvements:** Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Resolution 25-R-66 – To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee From the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, and Other Matters Related Thereto:** Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Resolution 25-R-67 – To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies:** Chairman Biering asked for a motion to table the item. Councilman Trippe made the motion, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

Executive Session: Councilman Taylor made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the following topics:

- a. Matters Concerning Economic Development
 1. Project Reward
 2. Project Waterfall
 3. Project Jupiter
 4. Project Cast
- b. Personnel Matter Related to the Office of County Administrator
- c. Personnel Matter Related to Fire-Rescue

The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

Council returned to open session. The Chairman stated that Council discussed the matters as announced in the motion to enter Executive Session. No action was taken.

Adjournment: Councilman Taylor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL



By: Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Martha B. Thompson

Martha B. Thompson, Clerk to Council

Approved: 1/5/24





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