

Minutes
Special Meeting
Sumter County Council
Tuesday, June 15, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.
Sumter County Council Chambers
County Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: James A. Campbell, Chairman; Louis Fleming, Vice Chairman; Carol Burr, Charles T. Edens, Naomi Sanders, Rudy Singleton, and Frank E. Williams, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. William T. Noonan, Mary W. Lewis, Jeanette Mixon, Carolina Richardson, Lorraine Washington-Dennis, Anthony Dennis, Lath Harris, Gary Mixon, Kathy Cuttino, Bobby Galloway, and Simon Major.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 16 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell, and Councilman Frank E. Williams, Jr. gave the invocation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A Resolution Supporting the Merging of Permanent Improvement Funds of the Wedgefield and Catchall Community Centers Into Santee Senior Services Fund Allocations.

Mr. Don Teseniar, Executive Director of Santee Senior Services, spoke to Council about the resolution listed below.

Be It Resolved, that Sumter County Council does hereby endorse and support the merging of Senior Center Improvement (PIP) funds allocated by Department of Health and Human Services, Division on Aging, to the Wedgefield Community (\$35,000) and the Catchall Community (\$33,000) with the \$433,000 allocated to Santee Senior Services.

Be it Further Resolved that it is recognized and understood by the Sumter County Council that this new aggregate fund of \$501,000 will allow Santee Senior Services to construct a new, more adequate, senior center facility on the O'Donnell House grounds for use by all senior citizens in Sumter County, and that transportation from rural areas of the County, including Wedgefield and Catchall, will be provided to the new center by Santee Senior Services.

He stated that the consolidation of these funds would allow for the Senior Center, known as the O'Donnell House, to be renovated to provide a more adequate facility for seniors. Then the Directors of the Wedgefield and Catchall Community Centers voiced their concerns to this merger. They stated that they support what the Santee Senior Services was trying to accomplish but that the funds for each of these centers need to be used for the seniors in the outlying areas of Sumter County.

Mrs. Sylvia Loney spoke to Council stating that her problem with the concept proposed by Mr. Teseniar was lack of daily transportation for the seniors from the outlying areas to come to the Center located on Liberty Street. Also, the seniors presently enjoy being in their familiar community in a familiar center. Mrs. Loney added that the Catchall Community Center has always been opened five days a week for more than four hours a day. Additionally, she stated that the plan that Mr. Teseniar has presented to the state has not been shared with this Center and if this Center was given the same information, she and others could come up with a workable plan for this Center. Catchall needs the funds for improving its center or at least in providing services for the Catchall seniors.

Mrs. Susanne Howard, Director of Wedgefield Community Center, also spoke to Council voicing her concern for the wellbeing of the Wedgefield Center. She stated that she had a meeting with Ms. Shirley Baker, representative of Santee Senior Services, and later Mrs. Howard made a report of that meeting to the seniors of the Wedgefield Center. The seniors declined the concept that was presented by Santee Senior Service. Mrs. Howard stated that this Center is opened five days a week, eight hours per day. She also stated that transportation to Santee Senior Services' Center on Liberty Street would be a problem for the in he Wedgefield community. Funds that are earmarked for Wedgefield Community Center can be used to improve the existing Center and there are volunteers that can provide manpower to assist with the work that needs to be completed to the Center.

Mrs. Loney added that she would like to see the funds earmarked for Catchall Center used on the County's building (the Old Shaw Center for Central Carolina Technical College) for a more expanded Community Center for the Catchall community and use the existing Catchall Center to cook food for the Center since the Catchall Center already has a DHEC approved kitchen.

After all discussions, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to deny the resolution as presented by Santee Senior Services.

- Budget Discussions for the 1999-2000 Operational, Schools, College, University, Career Center, Other Agencies and Board, and All Other Matters Relating Thereto.

The Administrator presented the Budget to Council stating that at the second reading, he presented a projected revenue of \$31,297,000 with the projected expenses being the same. Additional work has been completed on the budget and the Administrator reported the following as of June 1, 1999.

PROJECTIONS

Debt Service	\$9,818,497.00
Unaudited Reserve	\$1,929,077.00
Projecting Excess Revenue from Current Year's Budget	\$ 750,000.00
Use Portions of the Excess Revenue for the Unaudited Reserve Fund to increase the reserve fund	<u>\$ (600,000.00)</u>
	\$ 150,000.00

Projected Unaudited Reserve	\$ 600,000.00
Unaudited Reserve Fund	<u>\$1,929,077.00</u>
Projected Reserve Fund	\$2,529,077.00

Recommendations for Agencies and Board – Use the \$150,000 of Excess Revenue

• Development Board	\$25,624
• Library	\$20,493
• Pee Dee Regional Commission	\$60,000
• Santee Cooper Regional Water	<u>\$21,000</u>
	\$127,117

Once the One Cents Local Option Sales Tax credits are factored in, the County would have a balanced budget with a 28% mill tax reduction to the citizens of Sumter County as far as operations are concerned.

The Administrator added that final figures are not in as of today regarding final tax collections for the school districts. Those figures will be ready by the June 22, 1999, meeting.

Councilman Singleton also presented his recommendations to the proposed 1999-2000 budget. He proposed a 5% cut to the 1999-2000 operational side of the budget. This figure is \$1,574,877.00. Councilman Singleton then recommended cutting the non-mandated agencies and boards by 10% and this figure would be \$211,112. The total expenditures cut would be \$1,785,989. Additionally, he requested that these funds be directed to the School systems within Sumter County. He made additional suggestions, and it was received as information.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA:

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to add to this agenda "Preparation and Procedures for Council Agenda."

The Clerk to Council requested that Council readopt its policy and practice of allowing those citizens, agencies, and businesses that want to appear on Council's agenda to provide the request to the Clerk in writing by 4:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the next Council meeting. Also, the Clerk requested that the "Chairman or the Vice Chairman (in the absence of the Chairman)" be authorized to give "final" approval of the pending agenda. She further stated that if any Councilperson receives a request from a citizen, business, or agency to appear on Council's agenda, then that Councilperson should direct those persons to her for the proper way to appear on Council's agenda. She also asked for Council's support in this practice and policy in order to keep Council's business organized.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the practices and procedures of preparing Council's agenda by affirming that citizens, businesses, agencies, etc, should provide a written request to the Clerk stating when they would like to appear on the agenda and the subject matter that they will speak to Council. And Council further approved unanimously that the Chairman or the Vice Chairman (in the absence

of the Chairman) will give final approval of the agenda once prepared by the Clerk to County Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Prior to entering the executive session, the Chairman stated that he would entertain a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter and two contractual matters.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to discuss two contractual matters and a personnel matter. At the conclusion of executive session, Council re-entered open session.

OPEN SESSION

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to re-enter open session.

The Chairman stated that there was no report to be given from the executive session.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Approved: _____

cc: Mr. William T. Noonan
Mrs. Kathy Cuttino