

Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
August 24, 1999 - Held at 6:00 p.m.
SUMTER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
County Council Chambers

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:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Mary W. Lewis, Clerk to County Council; Mr. William T. Noonan, County Administrator; Ms. Kathy Cuttino, County Attorney; Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director; Mrs. Carolina Richardson, Accounts Payable Supervisor; Mr. John Duffie, County Engineer; Mrs. Pam Craven, Grants Writer; Mr. Latham Harris, Assessor; Mr. Ed. Owens, Deputy Assessor; Ms. Maggie Lane, Correctional Center Captain; the Honorable Verna Moore, County Coroner; Mr. Russell Elmore, EMS Director.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item, and WIBZ Radio.

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell, and the Reverend Dr. Kenneth D. Thomas, Pastor of Swan Lake Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

ACTION ON MINUTES: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council that the minutes of August 10, 1999, be approved as presented by the Clerk.

ACTION ON MINUTES: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of August 16, 1999, as presented by the Clerk.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS
Planned Development/Rezoning Requests -None

Street Name Changes - None

Grant Awards:

(1) Clemson Extension Grant Award To Serve At-Risk Families and Youth.

Ms. Barbara A. Brown and Ms. Judy Brock presented the \$813,000 grant award to Council. The grant has been awarded by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Children, Youth and Families At Risk Initiative. The initial funding is for \$213,000 with \$150,000 annually for the next four consecutive years.

Ms. Barbara Brown, the Clemson Extension agent who wrote the grant proposal, stated that the program grant focuses on at-risk issues like youth violence, academic failure, teen problems, or

whatever is the community's particular need. She added that the four target communities are Elgin in Kershaw County, Lynchburg in Lee County, South Sumter in Sumter County, and Zion Hill in Fairfield County. Each community will develop its own strategy in helping the at-risk youth.

ACTION: This announcement was received as information.

(2) A Letter of Endorsement To Support The Construction Of A Water System To Serve A Portion Of Eastern Sumter County.

Mr. John Duffie, County Engineer, presented a proposed letter of endorsement for Council's consideration (see below).

Mr. Duffie reminded Council that previous comments by Council have indicated that water and sewer development is severely needed in the eastern portion of Sumter County. The Grants Administrator, Pam Craven, has located a source of revenue to fund a portion of this project through CDBG funds for infrastructure.

At Sumter County Council's meeting on August 24, 1999, Council voted unanimously to endorse the proposed infrastructure project for the eastern part of Sumter County (St. John Shiloh Community). It is Council's understanding that this proposed project would be partially funded through Community Development Block Grant funds. If the grant application is approved, the project will be developed in several phases over a two to three year period. The project will begin with water and conclude with the installation of sewer lines. Therefore, Council further commits itself to direct the County Administrator to apply for all upcoming CDBG funds for infrastructure projects. County Council also understands and supports the idea that this project will carry over through several CDBG funding cycles; therefore, Council is committed to the idea that awarded CDBG funds will be used for this project through its completion for this targeted area.

After review of the letter, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the letter of endorsement and directed the Chairman to execute and deliver the letter on behalf of the County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Junior County Council - Warm Hearts, Cold Feet Project.

Ms. Erica McLeod stated that the 4-H and Family Community Leaders are sponsoring the "Warm Hearts, Cold Feet Project. This project involves local and statewide citizens donating new shoes for children of Romania. The deadline for this project is October 9, 1999. Ms. McLeod asked Council members to participate by donating one pair of shoes for a child in Romania.

ACTION: This announcement was received as information.

(2) Letter of Support to the State Department of Education for School District #17's Construction Debt Retirement

School District #17 requested that Council support the following letter for submission to the State Department of Education.

Sumter School District Number Seventeen is submitting an application to utilize \$210,869.88 of State Public School Building Funds to reduce debt incurred for the construction of Kingsbury Elementary School. These funds will pay the July 1, 1999, interest of \$60,869.88 (partial), and the January 1, 2000, principal, \$150,000 of the Certificates of Participation Issue dated April 1, 1991.

The use of these State allocations will assist the district in not having to increase tax millage. The total requested represents approximately 2.0 mills. Sumter County Council supports the school district in this request to utilize these funds in this matter.

After review of the letter, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the letter of endorsement and directed the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of County Council.

(3) June Financial Report - 1998-99 Unaudited.

Mrs. Carolina Richardson presented the Sumter County Financial Statement of General Funds for fiscal year ending June 1999. The annual revenue budget was \$29,545,627. However the actual revenue received was \$30,466,086. The budgeted expenditures were \$29,545,627 and the actual expenses for the year were \$28,348,835. The excess revenue versus expenses is \$2,117,251.

Mrs. Richardson ended her comments by reporting that the unaudited fund balance as of today is \$3,199,829. The County's total investments are \$2,485,887.13 and bond capacity is \$9,818,497.

ACTION: This report was received as information.

(4) Reaffirming Sumter County Council's Support of Central Carolina Technical College As A One-Stop-Shop Job Agency for WIA Recipients.

Vice Chairman Fleming asked Council to reaffirm Central Carolina Technical College as a One-Stop-Shop Job Agency for WIA recipients. He added that agencies such as the Career Center, DSS, the Employment Security Commission, Vocational Rehabilitation, and others will be working with Central Carolina Technical College to ensure that the welfare to work recipients will receive the training and assistance as outlined in the WIA legislation.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and carried by Council to reaffirm Central Carolina Technical College as a One-Stop-Shop Job Agency for WIA recipients. Councilman Burr abstained from voting.

(5) Approval Of Four HOME Projects.

Ms. Sallie Griffith, Housing Director, presented the following names for consideration of home repair.

Mrs. Mary Mickens, 522 McDaniel Road, Rembert, SC
Mr. Abe Dennis, 708 Boulevard Road, Sumter, SC
Mrs. Hester Capers, Cimmaron Road, Rembert, SC
Mrs. Wilhemenia Hollimon, McLeod Chapel Road, Rembert, SC

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, seconded by Councilman Williams, and carried by Council to grant approval of the four names as presented by Santee-Lynches HOME Director. Councilwoman Sanders and Vice Chairman Fleming abstained.

(6) Youth Training Corps (Y.T.C.) - Boot Camp Proposal.

This matter was removed from Council's agenda.

(7) Suggested To Hold Executive Session To Receive a Legal Briefing, Hear Contractual Issues, And/Or To Discuss Personnel Matters. (The Executive Session, If Approved By Council, Will Be Held After All Business Matters Have Been Completed.)

OLD BUSINESS

(1) 99-375 - **Third Reading** - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 97-324 Entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Noise Regulations Within The Unincorporated Areas Of Sumter County."

The Chairman presented this proposed ordinance for Council's consideration.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption.

(2) 99-376 - **Third Reading** -- An Ordinance Establishing New Salary Levels for Members of Sumter County Council.

The Chairman presented this proposed ordinance for Council's consideration.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Williams, and carried by Council to grant third reading and approval of this ordinance. Councilmen Campbell, Edens, and Burr voted in opposition.

NOTE: Councilman Burr stated that once the salary increase is in place, he will donate his increase to Alice Drive Baptist Church of Sumter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (1) Internal Affairs Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room (Committee Members: Williams, Campbell, and Edens)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Williams, presented the following appointments for approval.

- ◆ **Stormwater Management and Sediment Reduction Board Members At-Large and One Joint Appointment:** Approve the two at-large members and the one joint appointment as recommended by the City. These names will be announced once the City has made contact with the appropriate persons.
- ◆ **Santee Lynches Regional Council on Governments:** Appoint Mr. Rick Farmer to replace Mr. Joe Davis.
- ◆ **Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority:** Appoint Ms. Mary W. Lewis to replace Ms. Nancy Collura.
- ◆ **Building Codes Board of Adjustment and Appeals:** No action at this time.
- ◆ **Law Library Commission:** No action at this time.
- ◆ **Cultural Commission:** Reappoint Ms. Leila Long and appoint Ms. Caroline Mack to replace Ms. Patty Just.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the appointments as presented.

- (2) Fiscal Tax and Property Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 1999, at 4:30 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room. (Committee Members: Campbell, Fleming, and Edens).

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman Campbell, presented the following report.

- ◆ **Management Workshop:** The Committee recommended that Councilman Singleton be granted approval to attend a Management Workshop (Managing for Results - A Culture for the New Millennium) to be held in Austin, Texas April 26-28, 2000.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and carried by Council to grant approval of this request and to fund this trip from Council's Travel and Education line item or Council's Contingency fund as appropriate. Councilmen Burr and Edens voted in opposition.

- ◆ **Cherryvale Recreation Center:** The Committee recommended that approximately \$53,000 be moved from the County's reserve fund to the County's General Fund to start the work on the Cherryvale Recreation Center project.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of this request and to project a completion date of late December; sometime before Christmas of 1999.

- ◆ **Welcome Center - I-95:** The Committee recommended the approval of the establishment of a Welcome Center at the Department Of Transportation's rest area on I-95. This would also allow for the County to enter into an agreement with the S. C. Department of Transportation for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the visitor's center.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, seconded by Vice Chairman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to approve Sumter County entering into an agreement with the S. C. Department of Transportation concerning the construction, operation, and maintenance of a welcome (visitor's) center at a rest area in Sumter County on I-95.

- ◆ **Lease/Sale of County Property:** The Committee recommended that the Administrator negotiate the lease or sale of certain pieces of County property on behalf of County Council. Once negotiations are more firm, the Administrator will bring this information back to Council in the form of information or an ordinance as appropriate.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to authorize the Administrator to continue negotiations for lease or sale of certain pieces of County property. Should the property be ready for sale, an ordinance will be prepared for Council's consideration.

MONTHLY REPORTS -

- ◆ Convenience Centers
- ◆ Sumter County Public Safety
- ◆ County Treasurer's Interest Report
- ◆ Sumter City-County Planning Commission

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -

- ◆ **County Council Workshop:** It was suggested that Council hold a workshop on August 31, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss budgetary items.
- ◆ **Auditor For County's 1998-99 Fiscal Year Budget:** Roger Long has been engaged to conduct the 1998-99 County audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following person spoke during public comment.

- ◆ Mr. Alphonso Johnson spoke to Council about the road project (where are the roads located that have been worked on by paving or crusher run application), the Road User Fee total collection, the railroad stop at Spann's Grocery store.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Clerk to County Council

Approved: _____

I certify that public and media notification of the above mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows:

Public Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agenda posted on bulletin board outside the County Administrator's office and bulletin board on the first floor of the Administration Building.

Date Posted: August 19, 1999

Media Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas were sent to most radio stations, television stations, and newspapers in the Sumter, Columbia, Manning, and Florence communities.

Date Notified: August 19, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Lewis