

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Sumter County Council
September 23, 1997 -- 6:00 P.M.
SUMTER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
County Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: James A. Campbell, Chairman; Frank E. Williams, Jr., Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Carol Burr, Charles E. Fienning, Louis Fleming, and Naomi Sanders.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: William T. Noonan, County Administrator; Mary W. Lewis, Clerk to Council; Kathy Cuttino, County Attorney; Tommy Mims, Sheriff; John Duffie, County Engineer; Anthony J. Criscitiello, Planning Director; Martin E. Rogers, Assistant County Administrator/Human Resource Director; Russell Elmore, EMS Director; Verna Moore, Coroner; Ed Owens, Deputy Assessor; Elizabeth Hair, County Treasurer; Hemby Smith, Correctional Officer; Carolina Richardson, Accounting Supervisor; Sergeant Roger Richardson, Lieutenant Hampton Gardner, Captain Anthony Dennis, and Simon Major, Correctional Center Major.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 29 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell, and Councilman Charles Fienning gave the invocation.

ACTION ON MINUTES: The Clerk to Council offered the following correction to the Minutes for action prior to Council taking action on the Minutes of September 9, 1997.

Page #3 under ACTION for OA-97-03 -- **97-335 -- First Reading --Julia Ragin** -- "second" reading should be stuck and add the word "first" and it should then read... and unanimously approved by Council to defer ~~second~~ first reading until such time...

MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of September 9, 1997, as amended and presented by the Clerk.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS
Planned Development/Rezoning Requests

- (1) RZ-97-21 -- Third Reading -- Carter Realty & Development -- A request to rezone the rear portion of two parcels, (each parcel consists of 4.9 acres) at Hwy. 76/378 next to Eagle Inn (Tax Map 186-01-01-008 & 009 part) from Residential-15 (R-5) to General Commercial (GC)

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to allow for future commercial development. The portion of each parcel requesting rezoning measures approximately 200 ft. X 530 ft.

Mr. Anthony (Tony) Criscitiello, the Planning Director, presented this proposed rezoning request to Council. He stated that at the last meeting, the applicant informed Council that if his property is rezoned, he plans to allow a commercial mobile home sales lot on the property. There have been no changes to the rezoning request since first reading. The Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the request.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Fienning, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of the rezoning request as presented.

- (2) OA-97-04 -- 97-336 -- Second Reading -- Sumter County -- A Request To Amend Article VI, Table II Of The Sumter Zoning Ordinance To Allow Correctional Facilities (SIC 9223) To Be Permitted As A Conditional Use In Heavy Industrial Districts. (Second Reading will be held on this proposed ordinance amendment after public hearing.)

Mr. Criscitiello presented OA-97-04 to Council as an amendment to the current Sumter Zoning Ordinance. He added that this request is not site specific. If approved, the amendment would allow correctional facilities to be permitted as a conditional use in the Heavy Industrial Districts throughout the County. The Planning Commission and Planning staff recommended approval of the proposed ordinance amendment.

ACTION: After the public hearing, MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to the proposed ordinance amendment.

Street Name Change

- (1) SN-97-01 -- Second Reading -- Miller Jordon -- A request to change the name of Readis Lane to Deonna Lane (Tax Map 365-00-01-009). (Second Reading will be held on this proposed street name change after public hearing.)

This proposed street name change was presented by Mr. Criscitiello. He stated that no changes have been made to the proposed street name change request since its initial reading. The owner of this property, Mr. Miller Jordon, wants to change the name from Readis Lane to Deonna Lane in order to name the street after Mr. Jordon's granddaughter. All the property owners which would be effected by this change have been notified of the request; they have signed the appropriate papers agreeing to the change.

ACTION: After the public hear, MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Fienning, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to the street name request.

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Grants -- None

PUBLIC HEARING

- (1) OA-97-04 -- 97-336 Sumter County -- A Request To Amend Article VI, Table II Of The Sumter Zoning Ordinance To Allow Correctional Facilities (SIC 9223) To Be Permitted As A Conditional Use In Heavy Industrial Districts.

The Chairman convened the public hearing and inquired if anyone wished to speak in favor of this proposed ordinance amendment. No one spoke in favor of it, then the Chairman asked if anyone wished to speak against the matter. No one commented; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing, and Council took action on this matter.

- (2) SN-97-01 --Miller Jordan -- A request to change the name of Readis Lane to Deonna Lane (Tax Map 365-00-01-009).

The Chairman convened the public hearing and inquired if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this proposed street name change. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing, and Council took action on this matter.

- (3) 97-333 -- An Ordinance Authorizing Sumter County To Convey Real Property Located At 12 Law Range, Sumter, SC To Schwartz, McLeod, And Durant. (Third Reading w ill be held on this proposed ordinance right after public hearing or during old business matters.)

The Chairman inquired whether or not anyone wanted to speak in favor of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore the Chairman informed Council that this matter will appear again for public hearing at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Report from COP's Summer Youth Work Program.

The Chairman recognized the youth, the Sheriff, and the Sheriff's staff that were present on behalf of the COP's Summer Youth Work program. Sheriff Mims stated that the 46 students that worked in the program during the summer were between the ages of 14-16. The students worked Monday through Friday; however, Friday was considered Life Assessment Day. During this period of time, students listened to different speakers (Judge Ruben Gray, Justice Finney, Magistrates, and private sector citizens). Students were also asked to write an essay at the end of the program indicating what they had learned from the program. Jessica Greene, daughter of Geneva Greene and the late Bobby Greene, won the contest and was awarded at \$25 gift certificate from Walmart.

Then Chris Moore, one of the participants, spoke to Council and informed members of the many skills he received from the program including timeliness, working as a team,

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understanding the responsibility of a job, and communicating with Sergeant Richardson and the other officers.

The students then presented Council with a plaque recognizing Council for its help and belief in the program.

- (2) Suggested To Hold Executive Session To Discuss Contractual And/Or Personnel Matters. (The Executive Session, If Approved By Council, Will Be Held After All Business Matters Have Been Completed.)

No executive session was held.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Third Reading -- 97-333 -- An Ordinance Authorizing Sumter County To Convey Real Property Located At 12 Law Range, Sumter, SC To Schwartz, McLeod, And Durant.

This matter was deferred until the October 14, 1997, meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- (1) Public Safety Committee Meeting On Tuesday, September 23, 1997, At 4:00 P.M. In Council's Conference Room. (Members: Burr, Fleming, and Williams)

The Committee Chairman, Councilman Burr, gave the following report:

- SCANA Communications, Incorporated: The Committee discussed this matter in executive session (contractual matter). There was no recommendation given.
- Street Lights: The street lights located at Mohican Drive at Wilson Hall Road, Mohican Drive at Creek Side, Creek Side between Wilson Hall and Mohican, Creek Side towards Fenimore, Fenimore towards Wilson Hall Road, and Fenimore at Creek Side Drive, will be discussed at the next meeting. The Administrator and Comptroller were asked to research this matter with the City and report back to the Public Safety Committee.
- Firing Fire Arms in Residential Areas: Additional information will be received from the Attorney and the Sheriff, and then discussed at the October 14, 1997, meeting.
- Sumter/Lee Jail Planning Committee Update: A special meeting has been called for September 24, 1997, beginning in Council's Chambers at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at the Correctional Center's Annex. All Council members are asked to attend this meeting.
- Animal Control: Several complaints have been received concerning stray dogs in the unincorporated areas of the County. This matter will be discussed in the very near future after additional information can be received.

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(2) Fiscal, Tax, And Property Committee Meeting On Tuesday, September 23, 1997, At 5:00 P.M. In Council's Conference Room. (Members: Campbell, Fienning, and Fleming)

- Request from First Baptist Church: The Church requested to use the Exhibition Center on a Sunday evening in February. This request is in conjunction with the Sumter City/County Unity program. The Church requested that the County waive the \$1,000 rental fee of the Exhibition Center. The Committee recommended that the Church be notified that the County will reduce the rate for this event.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation of the Committee to reduce the rate for rental of the Exhibition Center for a Sunday evening in February as requested by First Baptist Church.

- Turbeville/Sumter Water Project Agreement: Mr. Duffie gave the following I-95 Area Sewer Service Revised Cost Estimation report as of July 1997: 6" force main, total project at a cost of \$397,690 which includes an additional \$82,550 agreed to by Department of Transportation to extend 10" force main into the Town of Turbeville; 8" force main, total project at a cost of \$478,480, difference to be paid by Sumter County \$80,790; additional cost to be paid by Sumter County; increase Force Main Size in Town of Turbeville, \$25,000. Total cost of project \$105,790. The committee recommended approval of request.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Fienning, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation of funding up to \$105,790 for the Turbeville/Sumter County I-95 Rest Area Sewer Service project.

- Replacement of the Kingsbury Road Recycling Center: This matter was discussed and is a top priority of the Administration. After several other recycling centers are constructed, then the Kingsbury Road Recycling Center will be next in line for expansion, replacement, or whatever corrections that need to be made.
- Purchase of Additional Property Adjacent to the Landfill at Shaw's Cross Roads: The Committee recommended that Council approve the purchase of property adjacent to the landfill at Shaw's Cross Roads.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation of purchasing property located adjacent to the landfill at Shaw's Cross Roads.

MONTHLY REPORT:

- Public Works

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Grant Award: The County has been awarded a \$25,000 grant to implement the Swamp Walk Trail which will begin at Dillon Park and conclude at the Airport Industrial Park. No match is required for this grant and the project should begin during early winter of 1997.
- The following items will be placed before Council for consideration:
 - Storm Water Management
 - Reconstruction of the Public Utilities Commission

PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Alphonso Johnson spoke to Council about the positive work with the COP's program. He asked County Council to adopt the words that the Chairman said to the students who worked in the COP's Summer Youth Program (We Owe You More Than You Owe Us) as a slogan for the citizens of Sumter. He also asked Council to continue working with controlling stray dogs.
- Councilwoman Sanders praised School District Two for their efforts in receiving the three million dollar grant. Council agreed to send District Two a letter of congratulations.
- Councilman Fienning thanked the public for their support during Industry Week.
- Chairman Campbell praised EMS American Grillon for being named South Carolina's Top Industry of the Year.

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 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:

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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 21, 1997

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 21, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Lewis