

**Minutes
Regular Meeting
Sumter County Council
December 16, 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: Mary W. Lewis, Clerk to Council; Kathy Cuttino, County Attorney; John Duffie, County Engineer; Martin E. Rogers, Human Resource Director/ Assistant County Administrator; Mrs. Verna Moore, County Coroner; and William Houser, Comptroller.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 6 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell, and the Reverend Joey Nelms, Sr., Pastor, South Sumter Church of God, gave the invocation.

ACTION ON MINUTES: MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of December 2, 1997, as presented by the Clerk.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA:

MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to amend the December 16, 1997, agenda by adding *Request for Use of Fiscal Year 1997 Sumter County HOME Funds* under Grants.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS

Planned Development/Rezoning Requests -- None

Street Name Change -- None

Grants -- None

(1) Request for Use of Fiscal Year 1997 Sumter County HOME Funds

Vice Chairman Williams presented this matter before Council. He indicated that through conversation with Mr. James Darby, the Director of Santee Lynches Regional Council on Governments, he was informed that there are remaining funds in the fiscal year 1997 Sumter County HOME fund. Therefore, Vice Chairman Williams requested that \$150,000

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of those funds be used to refurbish homes for low-income families in the Shiloh/St. John community. There would be no matching funds needed from the County's resources for this project.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to request that Santee-Lynches HOME Consortium provide \$150,000 of the 1997 Sumter County HOME funds for use in the refurbishing of homes in the Shiloh/St. John community for low-income families.

PUBLIC HEARING

- (1) 97-339 -- An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 97-328 Respecting An Inducement Agreement With Peace Textile, Inc. And Other Matters Related to the Foregoing .

Prior to opening the public hearing, the County Attorney briefed Council on this ordinance Amendment. Then the Chairman convened the public hearing. He inquired if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing. Council then took action on this matter during old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Presentation by Clemson Extension

Mrs. Mariam Roman, Clemson Extension 4-H staff member, and students from the 4-H program, presented Council with Christmas baskets which were made by the 4-H students.

Council members thanked the group for their presentation.

- (2) Sumter County Mission Statement and Statement of Values

The Chairman presented the following Mission Statement for Council's consideration.

Sumter County Government exists because of the State's and citizens' desire for the professional delivery of certain significant community services. County government works to build a sustainable community in which to nurture the economic, environmental, educational, cultural, and social well-being of its citizens by using multi-jurisdictional, cooperative approaches. With other governmental and private entities, Sumter County seeks to create partnerships which will improve the quality of life for its citizens and area citizens. Sumter County will foster a climate conducive to increased economic development and will provide the leadership to insure citizen participation in the governance of the county.

Also, the Chairman presented the following value statements for Council's consideration.

The Sumter County Statement Of Values

The Sumter County Council recognizes the importance of building and nurturing a sustainable community. It further recognizes that economic opportunity, environmental integrity, and societal equity are the foundation upon which a county can build a better quality of life for its citizens. Locally elected county officials have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community based solutions to strengthen their county.

Among the values which can lead to the development of a sustainable community that Sumter County Council supports are the following:

- Economic vitality is crucial to the health of every community.
- Natural scenic, cultural, and historic resources are important community assets.
- Choices should be made to accommodate economic development while preserving vital natural environmental systems.
- The process of arriving at a community vision should be open and inclusive and reflect the diverse population of the community.
- Because a community and its surrounding areas are inter-dependent, there is a need for collaborative approaches to problem solving.
- Community stability and social well-being go hand-in-hand.
- A safe, healthy, and clean community is necessary to ensure a high quality of life for its citizens.
- The community should provide all children with an equal opportunity for a quality education.

After review of both documents. Council decided to receive the two documents as information and will discuss the County's Mission Statement after clarification for the Administrator as to whether he wanted the Mission Statement readopted or revised.

- (3) 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.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) **97-339 -- Third Reading -- An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 97-328 Respecting An Inducement Agreement With Peace Textile, Inc. And Other Matters Related to the Foregoing .**

The County Attorney presented this ordinance to Council. She stated that this ordinance amends ordinance number 97-328 which was adopted by the County in August. The Peace Textile project involves the purchase of 15 acres of property from the County by Peace Textile, Inc. for \$120,000. In exchange, Peace Textile, Inc. has agreed to invest approximately 2.2 million dollars in the community and to create at least 50 new jobs. This ordinance amendment would consummate the full agreement.

The Chairman then convened a public hearing and after the public hearing, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of the ordinance amendment.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- (1) Fiscal, Tax, And Property Committee Meeting On **Tuesday, December 16, 1997, At 5:30 P.M. In Council's Conference Room.** (Members: Campbell, Fienning, and Fleming)

The Chairman presented the following report and recommendations for Council's consideration:

NACO Legislative Conference: The Committee discussed and recommended that a representative of County Council will be sent to the 1997-98 NACO Legislative Conference to be held in Washington, DC. The funds for this conference will be secured from County Council's Travel and Education line item.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously approved by Council to approve the recommendation of the Committee.

Lynches River Festival: The Committee discussed Sumter County's involvement in the Lynches River Festival. The Lynches River Advisory Council requested that the County financially support the festival this year. It was recommended by the Committee to approve \$500 for this festival and the funds would be secured from the County's Community Promotional Funds.

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ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously approved by Council to approve the recommendation of the Committee.

MONTHLY REPORT:

- EMS
- Convenience Centers
- Public Works

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No report was given; the Administrator did not attend this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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 6:37 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: December 11, 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.

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Date Notified:

December 11, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Lewis