



**Minutes**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 25, 2009 - Held at 6:00 p.m.**  
**County Administration Building County Council Chambers**  
**13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney, Council District #5
2. Vice Chairman Eugene Baten, Council District #7
3. Councilman Artie Baker, Council District #2
4. Councilman Larry Blanding, Council District #6
5. Councilman Jimmy Byrd, Council District #3
6. Councilman Charles T. Edens, Council District #4
7. Councilwoman Naomi D. Sanders, Council District #1

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Denise McLeod; Administrative Assistant  
Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney  
Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst  
Latham Harris, County Assessor

William T. Noonan, County Administrator  
Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator  
Pam Craven, Finance Director

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

The Item Newspaper - Gina Vissilli

**THE PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of August 25, 2009, to order.

**INVOCATION:** Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the August 25, 2009, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Blanding, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the August 25, 2009, agenda as printed.

**ACTION ON REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2009:** Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of Sumter County Council held on August 11, 2009.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2009, as prepared by the Clerk.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS -  
Planned Development/Rezoning Request -**

- (1) OA-09-03 - Second Reading/Public Hearing - Planning Staff - 09-695 - A Request To Amend Article 10, Section B, Definitions Of The Sumter County Zoning And Development Standards Ordinance To Correct An Error And Conflict In The Definition Of "Yard, Side."

Ms. Helen Roodman, Planner from the Planning Department was present on behalf of Mr. George McGregor, the Planning Director. Ms. Roodman stated that there have been no changes to the proposed ordinance amendment since first reading.

Then the Chairwoman called for a public hearing; no one spoke on this issue; therefore, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this ordinance as presented.

**Street Name Change - None**

**Grant Awards -**

**OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS -- None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (1) Presentation Of Walmart Gift Check To Sumter County Emergency Medical Services.

Ms. Jamie Dahl, a representative from Walmart Stores, Inc., stated that the Walmart organization periodically donates several thousand dollars to the Community and Sumter County Emergency Medical Services is one such recipient. A check for \$1,000 was presented to the Emergency Medical Services, Mr. Robert Hingst. Thanks were also extended to Walmart by Council and Mr. Hingst.

**ACTION:** Received as information.

- (2) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss A Personnel Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, Or Discuss A Contractual Matter And Appropriate Actions May Be Required And Taken Thereafter.

No executive session was held.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- (1) **09-694 - Second Reading -- An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 09-689, Creating The Sumter County Crystal Lakes Golf Course Advisory Board.**

The County Attorney, Johnathan Bryan, presented the proposed ordinance to Council for second reading. Mr. Bryan stated that if approved, the ordinance will allow for the election of Crystal Lakes Golf Course members. There have been no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (1) **Liaison Committee Meeting Held On Monday, August 24, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building - (Sanders, Byrd, and McGhaney).**

The Chairwoman of the Committee, Councilwoman Sanders, stated that the Committee had dialogue concerning the joint items as listed below. Also, the Committee had an executive session matter. No action taken.

Brief Review/Discussion on the following City-County Joint Ventures

1. Planning/Building Departments
2. Vector Control
3. Development Board
4. City/County Jointly-Owned Land
5. South Sumter Gym
6. Local Option Sales Tax
7. Shaw Park
8. Election Commission/Voter Registration
9. Joint Land Use Study
10. Tax Increment Financing
11. G.I.S. Services/Assessor's Office

- (2) **Internal Affairs Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 3:30 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building - (Byrd, Blanding, and Sanders).**

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Byrd, gave the following report and recommendations to Council for information and/or action.

✓ Accommodations Tax Advisory Board - No action taken.

✓ Airport Commission - Appoint Mr. Frank Brown to replace Mr. Paul Gaughf.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the appointment as presented.

- ✓ Cultural Commission - Appoint Susan McGregor to replace Wygelia Palmer.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the appointment as presented.

- ✓ Crystal Lakes Advisory Board - It was recommended by the Committee to make the following appointments. Since this is the initial appointment process for these members for this board; the expiration date is also listed.

Fred Gordon	Expiration 2012
Herbert Hudson	Expiration 2011
Benjamin Bailey	Expiration 2011
Jay Britton	Expiration 2010
Wayne Hogon	Expiration 2010

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the appointments and the expiration dates as presented.

- ✓ Historical Commission - No action taken.

- ✓ Iris Festival Board - Appoint Tanya Peagler to replace Kelly Dodson.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the appointment as presented.

- ✓ Santee Lynches Regional Council On Governments - Appoint Rick Farmer to replace Jay Schwedler.

- ✓ Tax Board of Appeals - No action taken.

- (3) Personnel Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 4:30 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building - (McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens.

The Chairman of the Committee, Vice Chairman Baten, stated that the item listed on the Committee's agenda was discussed in executive session, no action taken.

**ACTION:** Received as information only.

- (4) Fiscal Tax and Property Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building - (McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens.

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairwoman McGhaney, gave the following report and recommendations.

1. Executive Session Items (A-F):

- A. **Economic Development Matters** - Tentative. No action taken.
- B. **Contractual Matter Pertaining To Law Enforcement** – Tentative. No action taken.
- C. **Potential Contractual Matter With A Local College**. No action taken.
- D. **Contractual Matter Pertaining To Judicial Center RFQ**. The Committee discussed this matter during executive session, and after executive session, the Committee recommended to authorize the Administrator to engage Drakeford and Associates as Consultants.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented to authorize the Administrator to engage Drakeford and Associates as Consultants for the Judicial Center Design Build Project.

- E. **Contractual Matter Pertaining To Water**. The Committee also discussed this matter during executive session, and after executive session, the Committee recommended to authorize the Administrator to respond to a letter relating to water.
- F. **Update On Acquisition Of Property**. No action taken.

- 2. **New Legislation – Expungement Flowchart** – Judge Kathy Ward. This matter will be placed on the agenda for September 8, 2009.
- 3. **Update (Information Only) Sumter County Forfeiture Land Commission** -- This matter will be placed on the agenda for September 8, 2009.

(5) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences.

No reports were given.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- Attendance Sheet From Santee Lynches Regional Council Of Governments
- Letter From Sheriff Anthony Dennis--OSSI
- Sumter County Financial Statement Of Fund – July 31, 2009
- Letter To The Honorable James C. Campbell
- Letter – YMCA – Freedom Of Information Act Request
- Census Information – Underreported 2000 Census Tracts
- Letter SCDOT – Road Repair – Jefferson Road
- Sumter County Shiloh Water System
- Sumter County Emergency Management Activity Report
- Public Works Monthly Report
- Sumter Little Theatre Monthly Minutes

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

The Administrator did not give a report at this meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairwoman asked if anyone wished to speak to Council during public comment; no one spoke during this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business and no comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. after a motion, a second, and unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian Fleming McGhaney* \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman or Vice Chairman  
Sumter County Council

*Mary W. Blanding*  
Clerk to County Council  
Sumter County Council

Approved: September 8, 2009

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Date Notified: August 21, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary W. Blanding*  
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