

The regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

Council Present: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

Staff Present: Vic Carpenter Danny Templar Merri Seigler Ken DuBose
Barry Nelson Amber Conger Peggy McLean Michael Conley
Kermit Scott Shane Duncan Lauren Reeder Rob Keasler
Chris Bryant Janet Hasty Craig Hudson Joey Raczkowski

Members of the public and representatives of the media were also present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the agenda was sent to the newspapers, TV and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads, and posted on the county website and in the lobby of the Kershaw County Government Center.

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance, after which Vice-Chairman Tucker gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Steele requested Council chose a new Economic Development Director who will be focused on jobs.

Mr. Wesley Crowley agrees with Mr. Steele. He believes Council wastes money.

Mr. David Fuller, Commander of American Legion Post 17, reminded Council of the Legion's request to name the Wateree River park the Veterans Park.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

PROCLAMATION

Kershaw County Ponytails Softball Team

Councilman Bozard moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass. Members of the Ponytail team and coaches were present.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Friends of the Library Check Presentation / Mr. Bob Giangiorgi

Mr. Bob Giangiorgi presented a check for \$50,000 to the library for the renovation of the conference room at the main library.

Clean Community Commission / Ms. Wanda Swann

Ms. Wanda Swann outlined the accomplishments of the committee in the last year and presented a proposal for a litter control officer. (PowerPoint and proposal attached to approved minutes.)

Vision2030 Core Team / Survey

Mrs. Paula Scarborough, Vision2030 Core Team member, narrated a PowerPoint and reminded everyone of the upcoming survey in October. (PowerPoint will be attached to approved minutes.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to amend the August 13, 2019, minutes to reflect Chairman Burns departure, due to business, during the Administrator's briefing, seconded by Councilman Connell.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

ORDINANCES

Second Reading of an Ordinance by Kershaw County Council Authorizing the Conveyance to Bethune Rural Water Company, Inc. of 0.35 acres as shown on that plat prepared for Bethune Rural Water Company, Inc. dated December 6, 1979 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Kershaw County in Plat Book 36 at Page 1320 and Authorizing the Execution of the Deed and any other documents necessary to convey the property to Bethune Rural Water Company, Inc

Councilman Snodgrass moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Connell.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

Councilman Bozard moved to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters relating to Project Sweeper and Project Wildcat, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tucker.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Bozard. No votes were taken.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

First Reading in Title Only of an Ordinance Authorizing (1) Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976., as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of AD VALOREM Taxes Agreement, by and Between Kershaw County, South Carolina, and Project Sweeper, as Sponsor, and One or More Sponsor Affiliates, to Provide for a Fee-in-Lieu of AD VALOREM Taxes Incentive; (2) a Special Source Revenue Credit Incentive for Project Sweeper; (3) the Inclusion of Project Sweeper in a Multi-County Industrial Park; and (4) Other Related Matters

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell

Abstained: Jimmy Jones (Doesn't feel enough information was provided.)

First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of AD VALOREM Taxes Agreement, by and Between Kershaw County, South Carolina, and Project Wildcat, as Sponsor, and One or More Sponsor Affiliates, to Provide for a Fee-in-lieu of AD VALOREM Taxes Incentive; and Other Related Matters

Councilman Gardner moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Connell.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution Identifying a Project to Satisfy the Requirements of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, so as to Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred by a Company Known to the County as Project Sweeper, Its

Affiliates and Related Entities, to Qualify as Expenditures Eligible for a Fee-in-Lieu of AD VALOREM Taxes Arrangement with Kershaw County, South Carolina; and Other Matters Related Thereto

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell

Abstained: Jimmy Jones (Doesn't feel enough information was provided.)

A Resolution Identifying a Project to Satisfy the Requirements of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, so as to Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred by a Company Known to the County as Project Wildcat, Its Affiliates and Related Entities, to Qualify as Expenditures Eligible for a Fee-in-Lieu of AD VALOREM Taxes Arrangement with Kershaw County, South Carolina; and Other Matters Related Thereto

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tucker.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

NEW BUSINESS

Bid for Wateree River Park, Phase I

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to accept the bid from Contractor Services of Kershaw, LLC in the amount of \$383,185.82, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell

Opposed: Jimmy Jones

All America City Logo on Water Towers

Council requested this be placed on the next agenda with more information.

Clean Community Commission – Officer Grant

Councilman Jones moved to support the Clean Community Commission's effort to secure a \$20,000 two-year grant for a part-time litter control officer, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass. Mr. Carpenter explained this would be incorporated into Code Enforcement without hiring a new position.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

HVAC Equipment and Controls Contract for the Library and Sheriff's Office

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to approve the contract with Trane in the amount of \$154,979 for the main library and \$137,785 for the Sheriff's Office, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass. This is a State contract.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

COUNCIL BRIEFINGS

Vice-Chairman Tucker

Mr. Tucker encouraged Council to consider naming the river park the Veterans Park. He asked for prayers for his youngest son who is being deployed to Kuwait.

Councilman Gardner

None

Councilman Bozard

Mr. Bozard visited some Lugoff businesses who are dissatisfied with the recent SCDOT roadwork in the medians down Highway #1 S. He suggested contacting Senator Sheheen for assistance. Mr. Bozard recently attended meetings in Washington, D. C. with Congressman Mulvaney and requested his assistance on waterlines for the Doby's Mill area and Highway 5. Mr. Bozard commented that Chairman Burns has taken

some “hits” from the last meeting in regards to “re-opening” a vote. Mr. Bozard explained that Mr. Burns inadvertently missed seeing his hand raised for comments and “re-opened” the vote in order to allow him to speak. He apologized to Mr. Burns for the misunderstanding.

Councilman Connell

Mr. Connell asked staff and Council to consider the Courthouse renovations. He has also requested the codification project be placed on the next agenda.

Councilman Jones

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Tucker for this family’s and his military service. He has also received complaints regarding the recent SCDOT road work in Lugoff. Mr. Jones stated he doesn’t apologize for anything said in the last meeting. He suggested hiring a consulting firm to assist in securing a new Economic Development Director.

Councilman Snodgrass

Mr. Snodgrass thanked staff for their recent help with some constituent concerns. He thanked the Clean Community Commission for their work and inquired as to placing signs at the Recycling Centers. Mr. Snodgrass recognized Mrs. Peggy McLean and her hard work. He doesn’t believe it was wasted investment. Mr. Snodgrass categorized Mrs. McLean as a quality individual. He also complimented the Ponytails on their performance and noted they had 1 Corinthians 10:31 on their t-shirts. He praised the Camden High football team for their win over Hartsville.

Chairman Burns

Mr. Burns helped send off the 30th National Guard to Southeast Asia. He offered prayers to Mr. Tucker’s family and recommended Psalm 91. Mr. Burns informed Council Senator Sheheen and Representative Funderburk are aware of the dissatisfaction with the SCDOT project in Lugoff. Mr. Burns acknowledged we need to structure the Veterans Park. He thanked Ben for introducing the Courthouse issue. He stated he doesn’t need sympathy from Council, just wants everyone to be straightforward. Be gracious. Mr. Burns thanked Mrs. McLean and congratulated her on her new position with the Department of Commerce.

ADMINISTRATOR’S BRIEFING

Mr. Carpenter presented a PowerPoint regarding the recent transition at the Airport from the FBO to Kershaw County. (PowerPoint will be attached to approved minutes.) He introduced Officer Kermit Scott who will be handling security for the Government Center. Mr. Carpenter went on to say we are losing someone amazing in Mrs. Peggy McLean. She has been a stellar employee and an asset to Kershaw County.

LEGAL BRIEFING

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

In Favor:	Julian Burns	David Snodgrass	Sammie Tucker, Jr.	Tom Gardner
	Al Bozard	Ben Connell	Jimmy Jones	

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

10-8-19

Date Approved

Merri on Seigler

Clerk to Council