

The regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

Council Present:	Julian Burns Ben Connell	David Snodgrass Jimmy Jones	Sammie Tucker, Jr.	Al Bozard
Via Phone:	Tom Gardner			
Staff Present:	Vic Carpenter Nathan Tisdale Michael Conley Jim Edge	Danny Templar Ken DuBose Russ VanPatten Carey Stacey	Merri Seigler Tommy Morgan Christy Freeman Johnny Burris	Lauren Reeder Gerald Blanchard Scott Wiles Brian Moak

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

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the newspapers, TV and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads and posted on the website.

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance, after which Councilman Gardner gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

Councilman Bozard moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

In Favor:	Julian Burns Al Bozard	David Snodgrass Ben Connell	Sammie Tucker, Jr. Jimmy Jones	Tom Gardner
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Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

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

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

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

A Proclamation Recognizing May 17-23 as Emergency Medical Services Week

Councilman Bozard moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass.

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

COVID-19 Update – Mr. Vic Carpenter

Anyone entering the Government Center will have their temperature checked. Anything over 100.4 will not be allowed in the building. (handout will be attached to approved minutes)

COVID-19 Grant Updates – Mrs. Amy Kinard and Rev. John Lee

Mrs. Amy Kinard, Executive Director of KC Chamber of Commerce, and Rev. John Lee, chairman of COVID Disaster Relief Committee, gave an update on the grants issued by the committee. 284 businesses applied for a grant; 68 were disqualified for various reasons; 103 businesses were awarded grants in the amount of \$300,000. Thirty-three businesses have completed their paperwork and will receive checks immediately. The second round of grants will begin on May 22.

COVID Non-Profit Grants - Mr. Vic Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter gave an update on the COVID Non-Profit Grants. Twenty-one applications were received. Some were disqualified due to separation of state and church or they were start-up programs. Fourteen received funds. There will be a second round.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the County Council of Kershaw County, South Carolina, the Governing Body of Kershaw County, South Carolina, Authorizing an Application to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for a Loan from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund; and Other Matters Related Thereto

This will complete the southern loop of the sewer system. The loan is 1.8% for eight years. There are no closing costs. Councilman Connell moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

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

ORDINANCES

Extending an Emergency Ordinance to Establish Safety Measures, Virtual Meeting Attendance and Operating Procedures Regarding Postponing and/or Rescheduling KC Council Meetings

This will extend the Emergency Ordinance for 60 days. Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

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 to Provide Budget Appropriations for County Purposes in the County of Kershaw for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021 and Adopt and Implement the Charge and Collection of Service and User Rates and Fees; and for Other Tax Purposes and County Appropriation Purposes

Mr. Carpenter explained the 2020-21 budget will take a significant hit. This ordinance will allow us to maintain the current budget. All elective travel has been cancelled and there is a hiring freeze. Councilman Connell moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by Councilman Snodgrass.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
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First Reading of an Ordinance by Kershaw County Council to Revise the Kershaw County Airport Commission Ordinance in Response to Kershaw County’s Transformed Role and Duties at the Kershaw County Airport and to Provide for Matters Related Thereto

This updates the Airport Commission to allow for the removal of the FOB and the transition to the County operating the airport. Councilman Gardner moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
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NEW BUSINESS

Airport Commission Appointments

Councilman Snodgrass moved to appoint Doug Fielding, Charles Grant and Gary Philpott to the Airport Commission, seconded by Councilman Bozard. All terms will be validated when the new ordinance takes effect.

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

Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding Reducing County Taxes

Councilman Bozard moved to direct the Administrator to reduce the budget by 10%, seconded by Councilman Jones. This would drop the budget by \$1.1 million and relieve the general public's taxes.

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

COUNCIL BRIEFINGS

Councilman Gardner

No report

Councilman Bozard

No report

Councilman Connell

No report

Councilman Jones

No report

Councilman Snodgrass

Mr. Snodgrass thanked Vic and County employees for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vice-Chairman Tucker

No report

Chairman Burns

Mr. Burns noted we are in the voting period. Volunteers are needed for the Census. The next Council meeting will be June 9.

Administrator

Mr. Carpenter advised Council June 9 is election day. Absentee voting is being held at Rhame Arena. Kershaw County is at 59% reporting for the census. Liberty Hill and Bethune are running behind. Kershaw County is shooting for 80-85% reporting.

Legal

No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bozard moved to go into Executive Session to discuss two contractual matters, seconded by Councilman Connell.

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

Councilman Gardner moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Connell. No votes were taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Gardner moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Connell.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

6-9-2020

Date Approved

Annie on Leigh

Clerk to Council