

The regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

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

Staff Present: Vic Carpenter Danny Templar Merri Seigler Ken DuBose
Barry Nelson Craig Hudson Peggy McLean Judge Branham
Sheriff Matthews Lauren Reeder Amber Conger

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 Councilman Dennis Arledge gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Lee Ann Torres, representing Kershaw County Coalition for Safer Schools, requested Council provide two school resource officers for each school in Kershaw County.

Ms. Penry Gustafson asked Council for assistance with the roads in Bridlewood Farms.

Mr. Donald Branham, candidate for Kershaw County Sheriff, supports SRO's in schools and advocates training for conflict resolution, hardening our schools and controlling the entrances and exits.

Ms. Elizabeth Ratcliff referenced Sandy Hook and feels plans for school safety should have been in place then. She thanked Council for their proactive stance on SRO's.

Mr. Pat Partin withdrew his request to speak.

Mr. Tom Webb noted there are no mental health facilities for troubled individuals. He supports arming teachers to protect students. Mr. Webb took issue with the County's policy of charging \$.50 per copy of documents. He would like to study the Comprehensive Plan, but it would cost too much to obtain a copy.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to amend the agenda to add an item to "Old Business" to request an additional 45 days for the submission of recommendations from the SRO/Growth Ad hoc Committee, seconded by Councilman Arledge.

In Favor: Julian Burns Dennis Arledge Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018, seconded by Councilman Connell.

In Favor: Julian Burns Dennis Arledge Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner
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ORDINANCE

Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and Between Kershaw County, South Carolina and Canfor Southern Pine, Inc., Formally Identified as "Project Saw", Its Affiliates and Assigns, to Provide for a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive; to Provide for Holding Public Hearing and other Matters Related Thereto

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

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NEW BUSINESS

Extension of Audit Contract with Sheheen Hancock and Godwin

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

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Discussion and Vote if Necessary Regarding Re-Establishing the Clean Community Commission

Council decided to consult the local municipalities and revisit the issue on the next agenda.

ATAX Committee Appointments

Councilman Gardner moved to appoint Mrs. Amy Kinard, seconded by Councilman Arledge.

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Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to appoint Mr. Woody Goff, seconded by Councilman Connell.

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Councilman Arledge moved to appoint Ms. Halie Brazier, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

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Councilman Connell moved to appoint Mr. Brantley Tomlinson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tucker.

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COUNCIL BRIEFINGS

Councilman Arledge

None

Vice-Chairman Tucker

Mr. Tucker thanked everyone for the successful "Soulalicious" and the opening of the African-American Cultural Center. Mr. Tucker mentioned the \$5m in the Governor's budget that has no earmark at this time.

Councilman Gardner

Mr. Gardner thanked those who came to support the SRO's. They are vitally important and he was glad to see them attending in force. They are a vital part of the process.

Councilman Bozard

Mr. Bozard noted he had received several phone calls concerning the property on the river purchased by the County. No decisions have been made as to use. Mr. Bozard feels part of the problem in schools is that we have taken God out; taken prayer out; and, taken the pledge of allegiance out.

Councilman Connell

Mr. Connell recognized the recent successes of our high schools' wrestling teams. Lugoff-Elgin High School has the state champion, as well as 2nd and 3rd place. Camden High School also placed 2nd in two categories.

Councilman Jones

Mr. Jones acknowledged social media is an effective form of communication, but it doesn't allow for voice inflection or intent. He was horrified by the current events at Parkland. He is recommending the Sheriff and School District make short term goals to establish smart security by locking all doors, installing security cameras and metal detectors, and utilizing off-duty deputies. Long term goals would be a reconfiguration of current staff and budget by the Sheriff. Mr. Jones supports any school staff who would be willing to be trained as a deputy. He would like to see appropriate signage at schools notify visitors that it is a hardened target. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Chairman Burns

Mr. Burns recognized the veterans in attendance. He informed everyone the issue of mental health assistance is being addressed. Mr. Burns recognized Trevor Albright of Boy Scout Troop #316 for his attendance. Trevor is working on his Eagle Scout badge. Mr. Burns informed everyone spring sign-up at the Recreation Department is in progress.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING

None

LEGAL BRIEFING

Mr. DuBose referenced an earlier memo regarding SRO's and the State Attorney General's opinion, which states funding of SRO's is the responsibility of the School District.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

3-13-18
Date Approved

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