

WORKSESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

6:00 pm

1. Pending Appointment Resolutions
 - a. No appointments were made.
2. Clarification and Discussion of Agenda Items
 - a. The following changes were made to the agenda:
 1. Add Consent Item 12 – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Allocation of Up to \$100,000 from the County’s Local Option Capital Projects Sales Tax Fund to the City of North Augusta to Purchase Three Parcels.
 2. Add Consent Item 13 – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Donation of a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria to the Town of Wagener Which is Surplus to Aiken County.
 3. Add Consent Item 14 – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Filling of Certain Vital Positions Previously Restricted by the Hiring Moratorium.
3. Status of Contingency Funds
 - a. The following allocations were made from the FY 2009 County Council Contingency Fund:
 1. Friends of the Aiken County Library \$500 Bunker Support Summer Reading Program
4. Position Vacancy Report
 - a. Following discussion, Council approved the filling of the following positions:
 1. Corporal - Detention Center
 2. Lieutenant - Detention Center
 3. Training Manager Lieutenant - Detention Center
 4. Recreation Program Supervisor - PRT
 5. Aquatics Supervisor - PRT
 6. Co-Op Student - PRT
 7. Day Camp Counselor - PRT (2 positions)
 8. Day Camp Supervisor - PRT
 9. Lifeguard - PRT (6 positions)
 10. Student Intern - PRT

11. Water Safety Instructor - PRT (2 positions)
12. ESO Trainee - PSA
13. Juvenile Arbitration Program Office Manager - Solicitor's Office
14. Senior Clerk II - RMC

Council also discussed critical positions and approved the following for immediate filling upon the occurrence of a vacancy. No further approval from Council would be required before filling the positions.

1. Dispatchers – Sheriff's Office
2. Deputies – Uniformed Road Patrol
3. Emergency Medical Services – Ambulance Medical Personnel
4. Detention Center Floor Officers

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 21, 2009 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Gary Bunker
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
James M. Holly, County Attorney
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 17, 2009 Worksession
2. March 17, 2009 Regular Meeting

- a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Smith seconded.
- b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:
 1. Add Consent Item 12 – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Allocation of Up to \$100,000 from the County’s Local Option Capital Projects Sales Tax Fund to the City of North Augusta to Purchase Three Parcels.
 2. Add Consent Item 13 – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Donation of a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria to the Town of Wagener Which is Surplus to Aiken County.

3. Add Consent Item 14 – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Filling of Certain Vital Positions Previously Restricted by the Hiring Moratorium.
- b. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(F) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Lease Agreement with Greenway Energy, LLC for Office Space at the Center for Hydrogen Research Located at the Savannah River Research Campus.
 - a. No comments were made.
2. Request for Approval of a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning Map Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcel 135-06-05-001 (1.19 Acres) Located at the Corner of Columbia Highway North (US 1) and Bradley Mill Road (S-1716), Aiken, SC in Council District 6 from RC to UD.
 - a. Mr. Toby Ward, legal counsel for Eagle Aviation, Inc., briefed Council on the history of the lot and the original intent for commercial use of that property.
 - b. Several Council members voiced concern about the rezoning request and suggested that the use of an intermediate or transitional zone, rather than UD, would be more appropriate and would provide more protection for the residential areas near the property.
 - c. Councilman Barton stated his intent to Table the request and asked that the applicant consider a more appropriate designation for the parcel.

(G) CONSENT AGENDA

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts At-Large 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.
(Young, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Butler, Barton, Bunker)

(To appoint members to standing committees created by Council)
2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non-Profit Agencies from the FY 2009 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council) (p. 4 – 6)

(Council has a certain amount of money allocated in the budget which can be used for projects at its discretion. This resolution distributes some of the money)
3. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Central Procurement Division to Purchase a Refurbished Boom Lift from Blue Star Rental & Sales, Inc.
(Administrative Committee)

(Purchase a refurbished boom lift from Blue Star Rental & Sales, Inc)
4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Lease with Greenway Energy, LLC for Office Space at the Center for Hydrogen Research Located at the Savannah River Research Campus.
(Administrative Committee)

(To lease office space at the Center for Hydrogen Research to Greenway Energy, LLC)

5. Proposed Resolution to Accept Easements on Sudlow Ln (C-86) Needed for Capital Projects Sales Tax Paving Project.
(Development Committee)

(To accept easements needed for sales tax paving project)

6. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Name to Existing Un-Named Private Roads in County Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8.
(Development Committee)

(To name existing un-named private roads)

7. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Name of Hubert St (P-1667) to an Extension of Hubert St (C-2686) in County Council District 3.
(Development Committee)

(To name an extension of Hubert St)

8. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Renewal Agreement with ESI for Maintenance of the Communications Equipment in the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)

(To renew an agreement with ESI for maintenance of the communication equipment in the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center)

9. Proposed Resolution to Proclaim May 3 – 9, 2009 as Aiken County Government Week and to Encourage County Officials, Employees and Residents to Assist in Greening Our Future.
(County Council)

(To proclaim May 3 – 9, 2009 as County Government Week in Aiken County)

10. Proposed Resolution to Approve Funding for the City of North Augusta for US 25/Walnut Lane Intersection Improvements.
(Development Committee)

(To approve monies for the City of North Augusta for intersection improvements)

11. Proposed Resolution to Congratulate Goodman Chevrolet for Seventy-Four Years of Business and Community Service in Aiken County.
(Singer)

(To recognize Goodman Chevrolet for seventy-four years of business and community service in Aiken County)

12. Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Allocation of Up to \$100,000 from the County's Local Option Capital Projects Sales Tax Fund to the City of North Augusta to Purchase Three Parcels.

ADDITION

13. Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Donation of a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria to the Town of Wagener Which is Surplus to Aiken County.

ADDITION

14. Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Filling of Certain Vital Positions Previously Restricted by the Hiring Moratorium.

ADDITION

- a. Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.
- b. Councilman Bunker requested that the record reflect him voting in opposition to Consent Item 14.
- c. Consent Item 14 passed by majority vote with Councilman Bunker voting in opposition. The remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(H) NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Approval of a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning Map Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcel 135-06-05-001 (1.19 Acres) Located at the Corner of Columbia Highway North (US 1) and Bradley Mill Road (S-1716), Aiken, SC in Council District 6 from RC to UD:
 - A. Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning Map Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcel 135-06-05-001 (1.19 Acres) Located at the Corner of Columbia Highway North (US 1) and Bradley Mill Road (S-1716), Aiken, SC in Council District 6 from RC to UD.
(Barton) (First Reading)

or

- B. Proposed Resolution to Disapprove a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning Map Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcel 135-06-05-001 (1.19 Acres) Located at the Corner of Columbia Highway North (US 1) and Bradley Mill Road (S-1716), Aiken, SC in Council District 6 from RC to UD.
(Barton)

(To rezone land located at the corner of Columbia Highway North (US 1) and Bradley Mill Road for urban development)

- a. Councilman Barton made a motion to Table the request to rezone the parcel. Councilman Butler seconded.
- b. The motion to Table passed by unanimous vote.

(I) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2009 Aiken County Contingency Report as of March 18, 2009.

(J) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Mr. Billy Wood requested that the unpaved portion of Stack Road, C-634, be paved. Mr. Wood discussed his plans to expand his poultry business and how the poor condition of the road is impacting his business.

- b. Councilman Butler made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilman Smith seconded.
- c. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 7:40 P. M.

(K) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Legal Matters:
 - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
- 2. Contractual Matters:
- 3. Personnel Matters:

RECONVENED – 9:36 P. M.

- a. Councilwoman Rawls made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded
- b. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(L) ADJOURNMENT – 9:36 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman