

WORKSESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 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. Delete Consent Item 3.
 2. Move Consent Item 5 to Introductions of Ordinances for First Reading.
 3. Add Consent Item 7 – Proposed Resolution To Recognize the Month of May as Older Americans Month: Living Today for a Better Tomorrow.
3. Status of Contingency Funds
 - a. The following allocation was made from the FY 2009 County Council Contingency Fund:

1.	American Legion Post 26	\$250	Barton	Sponsor Palmetto Boys State Program
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4. Position Vacancy Report
 - a. The Vacancy Report was distributed and reviewed.
5. Debris Removal - Beech Island and New Ellenton areas
 - a. An update of the debris removal from the recent tornado and storm in the Beech Island and New Ellenton areas was given. The County is providing large trash bins for the disposal of the debris.
6. Aiken Community Band
 - a. Mr. Ed Hallinan and Colonel Gary Lamb thanked Council for their assistance and reviewed upcoming events.
 - b. There being no further business, Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel matters, and contract negotiations. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - c. The motion to recess for Executive Session passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 6:27 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

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

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 5, 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.

(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. April 21, 2009 Worksession
2. April 21, 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. Delete Consent Item 3.
 2. Move Consent Item 5 to Introductions of Ordinances for First Reading.
 3. Add Consent Item 7 – Proposed Resolution To Recognize the Month of May as Older Americans Month: Living Today for a Better Tomorrow.
- b. Councilman Butler seconded. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(F) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. 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)

- a. Councilman Singer made a motion for the approval. Councilman Hightower seconded.
- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Add Article XV, Fair Housing, and Sections: Sec. 11-257. Short title; Sec. 11-258, Policy; Sec. 11-259. Definitions; Sec. 11-260. Purposes; Construction and Effect; Sec. 11-261. Unlawful Housing Practices; Sec. 11-262. Blockbusting; Sec. 11-263. Exemptions from Housing Provisions; Sec. 11-264. Complaints; Sec. 11-265. State Fair Housing Law; Sec. 11-266. Conspiracy to Violate this Division Unlawful.

- a. Councilman Bunker explained that the proposed Ordinance was a condition for accepting Federal government monetary assistance.

(H) OLD BUSINESS

1. Removal from the Table of a 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 Smith made a motion to remove the request from the Table. Councilman Hightower seconded.
- b. The motion to remove the request from the Table passed by unanimous vote.
- c. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Ordinance under Option A. Councilman Barton seconded.

- d. Councilman Barton made a motion to amend the Ordinance by changing the requested UD zone to NC. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- e. The amendment passed by unanimous vote.
- f. The amended Ordinance passed first reading by unanimous vote.

(I) 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)

(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 Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Aiken Regional Medical Centers for Medical Services.
(Administrative Committee)

(To award a contract for medical services)

DELETED

- 4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Beam's Contracting for an Effluent Collection Tank System at SRRC.
(Administrative Committee)

(To award a contract for an effluent collection tank system at SRRC)

5. **MOVED TO INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

- 6. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Add Article XV, Fair Housing, and Sections: Sec. 11-257. Short title; Sec. 11-258, Policy; Sec. 11-259. Definitions; Sec. 11-260. Purposes; Construction and Effect; Sec. 11-261. Unlawful Housing Practices; Sec. 11-262. Blockbusting; Sec. 11-263. Exemptions from Housing Provisions; Sec. 11-264. Complaints; Sec. 11-265. State Fair Housing Law; Sec. 11-266. Conspiracy to Violate this Division Unlawful.
(Development Committee) (Second Reading)

(To amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to add Fair Housing)

(J) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. Proposed Ordinance to Create an Audit Committee and to Adopt the Audit Charter for Aiken County.
(Administrative Committee)

(To create an audit committee and to adopt the audit charter)
- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- b. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(K) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2009 Aiken County Contingency Report as of April 22, 2009.

(L) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Mr. Franklin Jackson voiced concerns about the ambulance coverage in the Jackson and Beech Island areas.
- b. Councilman Butler made a motion to recess for Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel matters, and contract negotiations. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- c. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 7:43 P. M.

(M) 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 – 8:50 P. M.

- a. Following Executive Session Councilman Bunker made a Voice Motion to authorize the County Council Chairman to finalize and sign the recently negotiated contract with the County Administrator. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded the Voice Motion.
- b. The Voice Motion was approved by majority vote with Councilwoman Rawls, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, Councilman Butler, Councilman Bunker, Councilman Hightower and Chairman Young voting in favor. Councilman Barton voted in opposition and Councilman Singer was absent.
- c. Councilman Bunker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.
- d. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote with Councilman Singer absent.

(N) ADJOURNMENT – 8:51 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

Ronnie Young, Chairman