

WORKSESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

6:00 pm

1. Pending Appointment Resolutions
 - a. Councilman Smith reported the resignation of Harry Weigle from the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.
 - b. Councilwoman McKenzie submitted the following citizens for reappointment:

Lynn Kirkland	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
Sean Johnson	Emergency Services Commission
Hector Rodriquez	Human Relations Commission
2. Clarification and Discussion of Agenda Items
 - a. The following changes were made to the agenda:
 1. Amend Consent Item 3 – Add one Legal Secretary for Traffic Court and one Mechanic II for Public Works.
 2. Delete Consent Item 10.
3. Status of Contingency Funds
 - a. No allocations were made from the FY 2009 County Council Contingency Fund.
4. Position Vacancy Report
 - a. Mr. Killian distributed and reviewed the vacancy report. Staff recommended that the Legal Secretary for Central Traffic Court and a Mechanic II position in Public Works be approved.
 - b. There being no further business, Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel matters, and contract negotiations. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - c. The motion to recess for Executive Session passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 6:35 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

Ronnie Young, Chairman

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

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

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 2, 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 AGENDA

a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:

1. Amend Consent Item 3 – Add one Legal Secretary for Traffic Court and one Mechanic II for Public Works.
2. Delete Consent Item 10.

b. Councilman Butler seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(E) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Administration, Article II Council of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Add Section 2-50 Audit Committee Charter.

- a. Councilman Smith voiced his discomfort with the Audit Committee's authority as outlined in the proposed Ordinance. Councilman Smith preferred that authority of that scope be the responsibility of the entire Council.
- b. Councilwoman Rawls voiced her agreement with Councilman Smith.

2. Proposed Ordinance to Amend The Aiken County Code of Ordinances By Adding Chapter 19.6, Stormwater Management Program, For the Purpose of Regulating Stormwater Runoff Resulting From Land Development Activities and By Repealing Any Ordinances in Conflict Therewith.
 - a. No comments were made.
3. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Lease Extension with the University of South Carolina Aiken for Laboratory Space at the Center for Hydrogen Research.
 - a. No comments were made.

(F) OLD BUSINESS

1. 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 NC.
(Barton) (Third Reading)

(To rezone land located at the corner of Columbia Highway North (US 1) and Bradley Mill Road for neighborhood commercial)
 - a. Councilman Hightower made a motion for the approval. Councilman Barton seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(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)

(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 Filling of Certain Vital Positions Previously Restricted by the Hiring Moratorium.
(County Council)

(To fill certain vital positions frozen during the hiring freeze)

AS AMENDED

4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Lease Extension with the University of South Carolina Aiken for Laboratory Space at the Center for Hydrogen Research.

(Administrative Committee)

(To extend a lease for laboratory space with the University of South Carolina Aiken at the Center for Hydrogen Research)

5. 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)

6. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute Agreements with South Carolina Interactive to Provide the Credit Card Services Needed by Aiken County.
(Administrative Committee)

(To award a contract for credit card services)

7. Proposed Resolution to Amend Resolution 08-2-59 by Adding the Provision of Reimbursing Volunteer Fire Departments that Use an Agency Other Than the Margaret J Weston Community Health Center for OSHA Required Physicals.
(County Council)

(To reimburse volunteer fire departments for required physicals)

8. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Apprenticeship Program with Aiken Technical College and Aiken County School District.
(County Council)

(To approve the apprenticeship program with Aiken Technical College and Aiken County School District)

9. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with National Mail Service for Mailing Service.
(Administrator Committee)

(To award a contract to National Mail Service for mailing service)

10. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Professional Recovery Consultants for the Collection Agency Contract.
(Administrator Committee)

(To award a contract to Professional Recovery Consultants for the collection agency contract)

DELETED

11. Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning Map Atlas to Rezone 116 Tax Parcels (Approximately 2,700 Acres) Located Along Pickett Lane (P-107), Casa Lake Drive (P-127), Silver Bluff Road (SC 302), Sarahsetter Trail (P-397), Kimball Pond Road (C-2330), Holley Haven Drive (P-915), Gray Mare Hollow Road (S-146), Brownlee Street (P-861), Bimini Lane (P-1679), White Pond Road (S-504), Sunnyside Circle (C-373), and Chime Bell Church Road (S-861), Aiken, SC in Council District 2 from RUD and RD to AP.
(Singer) (Second Reading)

(To rezone land located along Pickett Lane, Casa Lake Drive, Silver Bluff Road, Sarahsetter Trail, Kimball Pond Road, Holley Haven Drive, Gray Mare Hollow Road, Brownlee Street, Bimini Lane, White Pond Road, Sunnyside Circle, and Chime Bell Church Road for agricultural preservation.)

12. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Administration, Article II Council of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Add Section 2-50 Audit Committee Charter.
(Administrative Committee) (Second Reading)

(To amend the code of ordinances to add an audit committee charter)

13. Proposed Ordinance Amend The Aiken County Code of Ordinances By Adding Chapter 19.6, Stormwater Management Program, For the Purpose of Regulating Stormwater Runoff Resulting From Land Development Activities and By Repealing Any Ordinances in Conflict Therewith.
(County Council) (Second Reading)

(To add a new chapter to the Aiken County Code of Ordinances)

- a. Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Bunker seconded.
- b. Councilwoman Rawls, Councilman Smith, Councilman Barton and Councilman Hightower stated that they would be voting in opposition to Consent Item 12.

Councilman Smith pointed out that the proposed Audit Committee Ordinance, under Consent Item 12, was receiving second reading. He requested that the Administrative Committee revisit the authority issue prior to third reading.

- c. The Consent Agenda passed by unanimous vote with the exception of Consent Item 12. Consent Item 12 was approved by majority vote with Councilman Singer, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Butler, Councilman Bunker and Chairman Young voting in favor. Councilwoman Rawls, Councilman Smith, Councilman Barton and Councilman Hightower voted in opposition.

(H) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2009 Aiken County Contingency Report as of May 20, 2009.

(I) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel matters, and contract negotiations. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- b. The motion to recess for Executive Session passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 7:22 P. M.

(J) 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 – 7:39 P. M.

- a. Councilman Bunker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Smith seconded.
- b. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(K) ADJOURNMENT – 7:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman