

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

May 03, 2016

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The Edgefield County Council held its regular meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 03, 2016, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield. Notice of this meeting was provided to Edgefielddaily.com, The Edgefield Advertiser and others as requested.

Members present

Dean Campbell, Chairman
Genia Blackwell, Vice Chairwoman
Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman
Betty Butler, Councilwoman
Albert Talbert, Councilman

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Others present

Tommy Paradise, County Administrator
Bruce Cooley, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director
Jennifer Gilley, Clerk to Council
Andrew Marine, County Attorney
and others as per list attached

Councilman Campbell called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Bruce Cooley. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then recited.

Chairman Campbell noted that Councilwoman Blackwell was running a few minutes behind but there was still a quorum of 4 in attendance. He also noted that at the April meeting Council stated the business item regarding Carey Hill would be carried to the May agenda. He stated that it was not listed on this agenda at Councilwoman Butler's request. She was the original Councilmember to request this go on the agenda. He also stated there were 2 items to be discussed in the Executive Session section on this agenda. They are regarding legal advice and contractual matters.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the May 03, 2016 agenda was made by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March 22, 2016 Budget Work Session County Council minutes (Special Called Meeting of Council) was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the April 05, 2016 County Council minutes (Regular Meeting of Council) was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers

None

Comments from the public

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1. Edgar Lamb

Mr. Lamb spoke on behalf of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Commission. He stated since the flooding in 2015 DHEC has been re-evaluating their regulations and that in order to meet the new standards they would need additional funding. He stated that he wasn't asking for any amount in specific just for Council to consider additional funding for the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Commission.

2. Will Williams

Chairman Campbell told Mr. Williams that he would speak during business item number one since he was here to explain the program.

3. Shelvie Frazier

Mrs. Frazier told Council that she is in favor of the County accepting Ridge Road into the County Road System.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Campbell asked Council if there were any items that needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda to allow discussion. There were no items that needed to be removed for discussion. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1. Consideration of approval of appointment to the Planning Commission.

Mark AndersonDistrict 5

- 2. Consideration of approval of reappointment to the Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Louis JacksonElectric Contractor

Consent Agenda Ends Here

Public Hearing

- 1. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 15-16-704, "An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2016-2017 General Operating Budget and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, Industrial Park, E-911 Administration, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims' Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Countywide Recreation, Road Maintenance, Tri-County Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, School Resource Officer #1, School Resource Officer #2, School Resource Officer #3, Event Security, Sheriff Grants, Clerk of Court Grants, Pre Trial Intervention, SRO Grant, Criminal Domestic Violence, and County Tire."

There were no comments regarding this public hearing.

Old Business

- 1. Consideration of approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 15-16-704, "An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2016-2017 General Operating Budget and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, Industrial Park, E-911 Administration, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims' Bill of Rights,

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Emergency Medical Services, Countywide Recreation, Road Maintenance, Tri-County Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, School Resource Officer #1, School Resource Officer #2, School Resource Officer #3, Event Security, Sheriff Grants, Clerk of Court Grants, Pre Trial Intervention, SRO Grant, Criminal Domestic Violence, and County Tire.”

Motion to approve the second reading of ordinance number 15-16-704 was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. This entered Council into the discussion period.

In discussion: Mr. Paradise stated staff received information that the medical indigent line item would need to be increased by \$10,206 bringing that line item to a total of \$66,799. This increase is due to an increase that was passed on by the State. The County is required by state law to fund the item at the level the State requests. He went on to say this would increase the amount being brought forward to balance the budget to \$290,874 and leave 4.33 months of operating expenditures in reserves.

Motion to amend ordinance number 15-16-704 to include the additional \$10,206 in the medical indigent line item was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

Council had no other recommended changes for the budget. Main motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Consideration of approval of Resolution Number 15-16-726, “A Resolution authorizing the County Council Chairman, on behalf of Edgefield County Council, to enter into an agreement to participate in the South Carolina’s Department of Commerce’s Palmetto Assessment Competitiveness Evaluation.”

Will Williams told Council this program is offered by the South Carolina Department of Commerce at no charge to Edgefield County. The program is intended to help determine the overall competitiveness of the County from an economic development perspective. He explained the program is designed to provide counties with the opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses and evaluate key factors for economic development success. The process should take approximately six months and a final report with the findings will be given to Edgefield County. He stated this would be a great tool for Edgefield County to use from an economic development standpoint.

Motion to approve resolution number 15-16-726 was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

***Chairman Campbell noted for the minutes that Councilwoman Blackwell was now in attendance.

2. Consideration of Approval of Award for Request for Bids Number 04-21-2016 Re-Roof Bid for EMS and Health Department.

Company Name	Bid Amount
I&E Specialties	\$72,594
Robert W. Nunnery Roofing	\$6,000
Crescent Construction	\$84,175

Mr. Paradise stated staff recommends awarding this bid to I&E Specialties with a bid of \$72,594. They have provided the lowest competitive bid. They met all bid qualifications and have proper

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licensing. Mr. Paradise went on to say they had excellent recommendations and the necessary experience.

Motion to award bid number 04-21-2016 to I&E Specialties with a bid of \$72,594 was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of approval of the proposed Kneece Building plans.

Mr. Paradise first told Council that with the money set aside for this project and the cost estimates there will be approximately \$6,000 left before the County completes the IT infrastructure and puts in a parking lot. He stated staff would be looking for grants to help cover the IT costs and that CTC would be helping with the parking lot costs.

Michael Walker of Tych & Walker Architects, LLP presented the plans for the Kneece Building to Council.

Motion to approve the proposed Kneece Building plans was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of approval of Resolution Number 15-16-725, "A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Deed of Dedication from Ernest Long Jr."

Mr. Paradise told Council that a request has been made to have Ridge Road included into the County road system. He stated this road meets all of the criteria to be accepted into the road system. Ridge Road is in the Woodridge Subdivision that was developed in the late 1980's. Mr. Paradise stated the road has held up well during the previous years but will need resurfacing in the future. He went on to say that if this road is accepted the paving would then be a County Transportation Commission decision.

Motion to approve resolution number 15-16-725 was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of approval to give Edgefield Community Children's Home permission to have the Neighborhood Center tested for asbestos and inspect the property for possible purchase.

Joel Jolly spoke on behalf of the Edgefield Community Children's Home. He explained they are hoping to open a children's home and they are coming before Council interested in possibly purchasing the Neighborhood Center after the County vacates the building next year. He explained they are requesting permission to inspect and test the building for asbestos issues and other issues that would be obstacles for their use. Mr. Jolly agreed to share the findings with Edgefield County and stated there would be no cost to the County. The group would like to have this information so that they can look at other locations if there are issues that would make this building cost prohibitive.

Motion to approve to give Edgefield Community Children's Home permission to have the Neighborhood Center tested for asbestos and inspect the property for possible purchase was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion of Timberland Lane issues.

Chairman Campbell stated that Councilwoman Butler requested that Mr. Danny Mills of Timberland Lane come and discuss the issues in this area. He turned the floor over to Mr. Mills. Mr. Mills started by thanking Council for allowing him to speak on behalf of the watershed issues in the Timberland Lane area. He stated the County took Timberland Lane into the County road system in 2011 and that

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since then a pipe has been put in to help with the water issues but that he doesn't believe it is helping. He said not much more has been done other than bringing in crush and run and that he would like to see the County do more in that area to help control the watershed. He stated he believes this road and the Cul de Sac doesn't meet the standards set forth by the County and he would like to see it be brought up to standards. Mr. Roger LeDuc stated there were several other things the County was going to try to see if they would help but the pipe that was put in was to control the water runoff only on that hill, not in the Cul de Sac. He stated the Cul de Sac has not changed at all since the road was taken into the County road system.

No votes or action were taken on this item of business. This was discussion only.

7. Consideration of amending the policy for the use of County Council chambers which are not county government related to include Saturday as a day that the chambers could be used. Councilwoman Butler told Council the current policy restricts the use of the County Council chambers to Monday through Friday. She explained that she is requesting that Council consider amending this policy to include Saturday as a day the building could be used. Motion to amend the policy for the use of County Council chambers which are not county government related to include Saturday as a day that the chambers could be used was made by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from public

1. Art Biggs

Mr. Biggs told everyone that a company named "Smart Assets" based in New York City completed a study of the 46 counties in the State of South Carolina. He went on to say that Edgefield County was rated as number 1 for getting the "biggest bang for our buck." He went on to thank Edgefield County Council, the Department Heads and Elected Officials for being good stewards of the tax payers' dollars in Edgefield County.

2. Fred Peterson

Mr. Peterson gave Council handouts of information that he gathered pertaining to research he has done regarding Timberland Lane. He briefly reviewed that information with Council.

County Administrator's report

Mr. Paradise started by telling Council that Wayne Collins has retired from the County and Doc Hart has assumed the position as the Interim Director of Building and Planning. The position has been advertised internally and externally and staff anticipates a replacement being named by the middle of May.

Mr. Paradise went on to report the County's Relay for Life Team has raised over \$1,400 to battle cancer. Next, Mr. Paradise told Council the grant application for the Brighttop/Barton Road area in conjunction with South Carolina Department of Transportation is on schedule and will be submitted prior to May 5, 2016. The cost estimate for the grant application is \$100,000.

Mr. Paradise went on to say that he represented Edgefield County at the Technical Coordinating Committee of Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) meeting for South Carolina that was held this month.

Mr. Paradise told Council that he met with Carlos Milanes, CEO of the Edgefield County Hospital and was updated on the plans for the hospital.

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Mr. Paradise finished by telling Council the Safety Committee is getting bids on the tumblers for the employees. He stated the employees should have the tumblers prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Comments by County Council Chair

Chairman Campbell thanked Mr. Biggs for his comments regarding Edgefield County getting the "biggest bang for the buck." He went on to thank Council for approving the Palmetto Assessment Competitiveness Evaluation. He stated economic development is vital to any county's success and he believes this will be a very helpful tool to help with the economic development of Edgefield County.

Executive Session

§ 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure; circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

The Executive Session will be to discuss contractual matters and receive legal advice pertaining to them.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Campbell called the meeting back to order in open session. He stated that no action or votes were taken in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Councilwoman Blackwell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

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Dean Campbell, Chairman

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Jennifer L. Gilley, Clerk to Council