

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

June 7, 2016

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The Edgefield County Council held its regular meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, June 7, 2016, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield, SC. 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
- Andrew Marine, County Attorney
- Ginny Wall, Filling in for Clerk to Council
- and others as per list attached

Others absent

- Jennifer Gilley, Clerk to Council

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the June 7, 2016 agenda was made by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 3, 2016 County Council minutes (Regular Meeting of Council) was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers

None

Comments from the public

None

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 Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

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- 1. Consideration of approval of appointment to the Upper Savannah Council of Governments.
Don Smoak At-Large

Consent Agenda Ends Here

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

- 1. Consideration of approval of Third 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, 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 third reading of ordinance number 15-16-704 was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. This entered Council into the discussion period.

In discussion: Mr. Paradise stated that staff has received the salary study regarding the Sheriff's Office. He went on to say the increased salaries, overtime, police retirement, workers compensation, and social security for the Sheriff and Dispatch were accomplished within those current budget line items. There were no changes necessary to the budgets for those departments to implement the salary adjustment. He went on to explain staff was not able to do this for the Jail. He stated the amounts of the line items will need to be changed, but the total amount to fund the Jail will remain the same. He went on to say that Sheriff Dobey is agreeable to the line item changes.

Mr. Paradise then stated staff is in the process of having a salary study done for the Road Maintenance Department which will not be available until around August 1, 2016. In order to have money properly budgeted to make salary adjustments when the study is received staff is recommending changes in the line items for the Road Maintenance Department. These changes will allow \$10,000 for salary and associated costs for salary adjustments. He went on to say that Jimmy Feagin is agreeable to the line item changes.

Mr. Paradise stated with the proposed changes there were no changes to the bottom line of the budget. He explained staff just moved money around to accommodate these changes. There is no anticipated tax increase in order to fund these budgets. The total general operating budget is expected to increase by \$245,834 to a total budget of \$9,821,385. The County is anticipating use of \$290,874 of the fund balance in order to balance the expenditure and revenue budgets for the general fund. Elected Officials and Department Heads have worked hard to keep their requests to a minimum. This will still leave approximately 4.33 months of operating expenditures in our reserves.

Motion to amend ordinance number 15-16-704 to include the proposed changes was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

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

New Business

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1. Consideration of approval of Resolution Number 15-16-733, "A Resolution recognizing the Accomplishments and Works of Leonard Todd."
Chairman Campbell explained that County Council would like to recognize the Accomplishments and Works of Leonard Todd. He then read the resolution:

***A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WORKS OF
LEONARD TODD***

WHEREAS, Edgefield County Council wishes to recognize those persons who have brought recognition upon historically significant citizens of Edgefield County;

WHEREAS, Leonard Todd has conducted extensive research and provides educational information concerning Edgefield County resident Dave Drake, who is also known as "Dave the Potter," and "Dave the Slave;"

WHEREAS, Leonard Todd has appeared nationally and internationally at the Smithsonian Institution, the Atlanta History Center, The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, Harris Manchester College, Oxford and as a guest on National Public Radio to speak about Dave Drake;

WHEREAS, through Leonard Todd's work, Dave Drake has become a now-celebrated slave artisan of the antebellum South; having recently been inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame, April 25, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Edgefield County Council in session duly assembled this 7th day of June, 2016, that LEONARD TODD be honored for his services to recognize citizens of historical significance of Edgefield County.

Motion to approve resolution number 15-16-733 was made by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Number 15-16-734, "A Resolution providing for an Intergovernmental Agreement between Edgefield and McCormick Counties, whereby the two Counties will jointly utilize Edgefield County's Convenience Center located at the intersection of US Highway 378 and S-19-67."
Chairman Campbell explained Edgefield County renews this agreement each year and that it has been in effect since July 2002. Edgefield County owns a convenience center on Highway 378 near the McCormick County line. Citizens in McCormick County are permitted to use this site in exchange for McCormick County paying one half of the labor costs at this facility.
Motion to approve resolution number 15-16-734 was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Consideration of approval of renewing a contract with Smart911.

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Mr. Paradise stated that in 2013 Edgefield County installed the Smart 911 system and has renewed the contract for the service each year. He explained this system allows callers to input private information into the system prior to an emergency situation that might assist emergency responders such as details about medical history, medicines, etc. The state will reimburse 80% of the costs of Smart-911 out of the 911 reimbursement pool fund. After this reimbursement the County will be paying \$2,580 for the Smart911 system contract renewal. Councilwoman Butler asked what the cost is for the citizens to sign up with Smart911. Mr. Paradise stated that it is free to start a profile on Smart911. Chairman Campbell stated that it is also very easy to sign up and he encouraged every citizen to sign up.

Motion to approve renewing a contract with Smart911 was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of approval of extending the contract with Southern National Services.

Mr. Paradise told Council that staff went out for bid last year and the current contract for janitorial services expires June 30, 2016. The terms of the contract are for one year and the County may extend the contract for additional terms not to exceed five (5) years in total if it appears to be in the best interest of the County. He explained staff is recommending the extension of this contract with Southern National Services for an additional year, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. This would be the first contract extension with Southern National Services.

Motion to approve extending the contract with Southern National Services was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of approval of extending the contract with Cullum Electric & Mechanical.

Mr. Paradise told Council that staff went out for bid last year and the current contract for HVAC maintenance service and repairs with Cullum Electrical and Mechanical expires on July 30, 2016. The contract for these services is for one year beginning on July 1, 2015 with the option to renew. Staff is recommending the extension of this contract with Cullum Electric & Mechanical for an additional year, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Motion to approve extending the contract with Cullum Electric & Mechanical was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 15-16-705, "An Ordinance modifying an Infrastructure Agreement between County of Edgefield and LL of SC, LLC, Dated May 5, 2015 and Establishing a Program to complete construction of certain roads in Mount Vintage Subdivision and other related actions."

Mr. Paradise started by saying that if this ordinance passes it will authorize the execution of a modification to the agreement dated May 5, 2015 between Edgefield County Council and LL or SC, LLC. The proposed modification will allow completions of the unfinished roads in The Village at Mount Vintage Plantation. He explained the developer didn't own these particular roads at the time so they weren't included in the original agreement. These additional roadways are also in need of resurfacing and completion in order to encourage the development of the lots in Mount Vintage Plantation which will significantly increase the County's property tax revenues and other revenues for the benefit of the citizens of the County. The proposed modification will also provide for reimbursement for the completion of Dry Branch Way and Fitz Simmons Road in accordance with

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the agreement of May 5, 2015. Approval of the modification will add \$44,284 to the County's investment with the work being required to be completed prior to November 1, 2016. The agreement recognizes a \$700,000 cap which will be increased to \$744,284 and there will be an 80% reimbursement from revenues generated by the developer. Mr. Paradise stated the agreement would stay the same other than the addition of these new roadways and the increase of the cap to accommodate the improvements to the new roadways.

Motion to approve the first reading of ordinance number 15-16-705 was made by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from public

None

County Administrator's report

Mr. Paradise started by telling Council that Doc Hart has been promoted to Director of Building and Planning.

Next, Mr. Paradise stated the County received \$1,492.20 of training ammunition from the NRA grant. This ammunition allows the sheriff's department to increase the number of training sessions. This will allow deputies to train on different weapons and increase their skills and capabilities with their weapons.

Mr. Paradise then told Council staff has received the new motor grader and it is in operation.

Mr. Paradise was pleased to let Council know the Comptroller General, Richard Eckstrom wrote Edgefield County a letter congratulating staff on having the County's check register on the County website and making the financial transactions more transparent.

Next Mr. Paradise stated the architect anticipates the plans for the Kneece Building to be completed and ready to bid by the beginning of August.

He stated staff is reviewing the construction documents for the Animal Shelter.

Mr. Paradise finished his report by announcing the work on Timberland Lane is complete. He stated that after the last rain, Jimmy Feagin and he went to Timberland Lane and found minor areas where the roadway would still need to be built up but otherwise the project appeared to be working as planned.

Comments by County Council Chair

None

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.

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Actions may be taken in public session on matters discussed in Executive Session.

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

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

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Dean Campbell, Chairman

ATTEST



Jennifer L. Gilley, Clerk to Council