

SPECIAL MEETING  
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
DARLINGTON, SC

AUGUST 24, 2015

A special meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015, at 6 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, South Carolina.

NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda, giving the date, time, and place of the meeting was mailed in advance to the local newspapers, persons requesting notification, and posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the County Administrator's Office and the Darlington County Courthouse Annex/EMS Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bobby Hudson, Vice Chairman Robbin Brock, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. David Coker, Mr. Marvin Le Flowers, Mrs. Wilhelmina P. Johnson, Ms. Mozella Nicholson, and Mr. Robert L. Kilgo, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

County Administrator Terence Arrington, County Attorney James C. Cox, Jr., Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Interim EMS Director Michelle Quick, Codes Enforcement Director Randy Evans, Interim Emergency Preparedness Manager Mac McDonald, Airport Manager Barry Kennett, Historical Commission Director Brian Gandy, Fire Chief Kenny Stratton, Environmental Services Director Renee Howle, Corrections Director Waddell Coe, Economic Development Director Frank Willis, Finance Director Sherman Dibble, Sheriff Wayne Byrd, Chief Deputy Sheriff James Hudson, Parker Poe Attorneys Sam Moses, James Luster, and Mark Simmons, and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

Mr. Jim Faile of the Messenger.

Call To Order/ Invocation / Pledge Of Allegiance

Chairman Hudson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Mr. Brock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Humane Society / Animal Shelter

Chairman Hudson recognized Mrs. Kathy McDonald who introduced Mr. Bill Hatfield. She said Mr. Hatfield will replace her at the animal shelter and with the Humane Society. He will be Council's contact regarding the Animal Shelter's budget and contract. Mrs. McDonald expressed her appreciation in working with Council since 2008.

Mr. Hatfield, a Florence attorney, talked about his experience with Darlington Animal Shelter which began with adopting a dog. He looks forward to working with Darlington County Council.

Vote For Executive Session - Executive Session For The Discussion Of Matters Relating To The Proposed Location, Expansion, Or The Provision Of Services Encouraging Location Or Expansion Of Industries Or Other Businesses In The Area Served By The Public Body

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Flowers to move executive session up to this point on the agenda.

The motion carried with Mr. Kilgo opposing.

Executive Session - Executive Session For The Discussion Of Matters Relating To The Proposed Location, Expansion, Or The Provision Of Services Encouraging Location Or Expansion Of Industries Or Other Businesses In The Area Served By The Public Body

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Brock for County Council, the Attorney Cox, the County Administrator, Economic Development Director Frank Willis, Finance Director Sherman Dibble, and Parker Poe Attorneys Sam Moses, James Luster, and Mark Simmons to go into executive session for the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council and the individuals listed went into executive session at 6:07 p.m. Ms. Nicholson arrived at the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and entered executive session. Upon reconvening at 6:28 p.m., Chairman Hudson announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 15-23, An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$550,000) Airport Facilities Refunding And Improvement Revenue Bond Of 2015 Of Darlington County, South Carolina, And Other Matters Relating Thereto - **THIRD READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Flowers to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 15-23.

Mr. Kilgo asked whether this was coming out of the eight percent that the county is allowed to bond up to.

Mr. Arrington explained that the county currently has a revenue bond on the hangar for Sonoco Products Company. Sonoco was making the payments on the bond and agreed to allow the county to refinance it for a lower rate. The money saved would be used for airport improvement.

Mr. Flowers clarified that revenue bonds do not count against the county's indebtedness bonds.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15-24, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V. (Finance), Division 7 (Fees), Item 5. (Environmental Services Dumping Fees/Charges) To Revise The Fee For Disposal Of Construction Materials To Accommodate Small Commercial/Private Companies Using The County's Construction And Demolition - **SECOND READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 15-24.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15-25, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To Receive And Expend Unclaimed State Lottery Funds For Darlington County Library System, And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - **SECOND READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 15-25.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15-26, An Ordinance To Amend The Darlington County Code Of Ordinances To Add A New Section (Chapter 7 - Airport) Establishing The Minimum Requirements For Airport Aeronautical Services And Airport Vehicle Operations At The Darlington County Airport - **SECOND READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 15-26.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15-27, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To Provide Funds For The FY 2015 Apron Taxilanes Rehab And Shoulder Demo And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - **SECOND READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 15-27.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15-28, An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Darlington County, South Carolina, And A Company Known To The County As Project Beacon IX, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; And Other Related Matters - **SECOND READING**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to carry over second reading of Ordinance No. 15-28.

The motion carried unanimously.

### Other Items

#### FY15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award, \$24,574 – Sheriff's Department

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the FY15 Edwards Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Award for the Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Nicholson wanted to know what the funds would be used for.

Sheriff Byrd indicated that most of the funds would be used to purchase body cameras.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### Sole Source Purchase Request For 114 New MSA G1 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, \$778,967.28 – Fire District

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the sole source purchase request for 114 self contained breathing apparatus.

Mr. Kilgo expressed his opposition to purchasing \$778,000 worth of equipment without soliciting bids.

Fire Chief Kenny Stratton indicated that the Fire District plans to sell the current equipment on GovDeals. He did not know the worth of the current equipment. Chief Stratton also talked about the equipment being chosen based upon performance and cost. He also explained that Newton's Fire & Safety was the county's vendor for this area for MSA equipment.

Mr. Kilgo indicated that the county could solicit bids for equipment and not specifically MSA equipment.

Mr. Flowers withdrew his **MOTION** and changed it to carry over to allow the Fire District to request a bid from Honeywell and Scott. Mr. Douglas withdrew his second. Mr. Kilgo seconded by motion to carry over.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### Sole Source Purchase Request For 18 P-25 Compliant Motorola 800 MHz Portables, Fire District - \$29,160

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to carry over this purchase to solicit bids for the portables.

Mr. Stratton indicated that the portables would be used/refurbished equipment with one year warranty.

The motion carried unanimously.

### Adjournment

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Kilgo to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

---

J. JaNet Bishop, Clerk to Council

---

Bobby Hudson, Chairman  
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of September 21, 2015.