

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARLINGTON, SC

January 2, 2019

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held this 2nd day of January 2019, at 6 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, South Carolina.

NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda providing the date, time, and place of the meeting was emailed to the local newspapers, persons requesting notification, and posted on the county's website, on the bulletin board in the lobby of the courthouse, and at the entrance of the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building.

In compliance with Section 4-9-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, a Notice of Public Hearing to lease the following real property owned by the county was published in the News and Press and the Hartsville Messenger on December 12, 2018: Lake Darpo Caretaker's House to Louene Baker, certain space in the Robert L. Groom Building to Linda M. Faircloth to lease, and certain space in the Society Hill Neighborhood Center to Jacqueline DuBose.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bobby Hudson, Vice Chairman J. Lewis Brown, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. David Coker, Mr. Albert Davis, III, Mr. Robert L. Kilgo, Jr., and Ms. Joyce W. Thomas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Marvin Le Flowers.

ALSO PRESENT

County Administrator Marion Charles Stewart, III, Acting County Attorney Chris Scott, Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Development Services Director Terri Cribb, Emergency Medical Services Director Kenny Bowen, E-911 Coordinator Michelle Moore, Elections/Voter Registration Director Hoyt Campbell, Environmental Services Director Renee Howle, Finance Director Sherman Dibble, Human Resource Manager Ginger Winburn, Library Director Jimmie Epling, Roads and Bridges Director Bobby Richardson, Emergency Management Coordinator Molly Odom, Probate Judge Marvin I. Lawson, Darlington County Superintendent of Education Tim Newman, Darlington County Board of Education Member Connell Delaine, Ms. Rosena James, Mr. James Lee Miller, Mrs. Blondell Miller, Ms. Gladys Wingate Jules, Mr. George Cannon, and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

Ms. Samantha Lyles of the News and Press.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The Honorable Judge Marvin I. Lawson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Albert Davis, III (Council District 6), Mr. Dannie Douglas, Jr. (Council District 2), Mr. Bobby Hudson (Council District 4), and Mr. David Coker (Council District 8). Their term of office will commence January 2, 2019, and end December 31, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER / ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman. Acting County Attorney Chris Scott called the meeting to order and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of County Council for 2019.

Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Bobby Hudson. Mr. Coker seconded the nomination.

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas to close the floor for nominations. There being no further nominations, Attorney Scott called for the vote.

The vote was unanimous to elect Mr. Bobby Hudson as Chairman of County Council for 2019.

Vice Chairman. Acting County Attorney Chris Scott relinquished the gavel to Chairman Hudson who then opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of Council for 2019.

Mr. Coker nominated Mr. J. Lewis Brown. Mr. Davis seconded the nomination.

Mr. Douglas nominated Flowers.

Chairman Hudson called for the vote. Those voting for Mr. Brown were Mr. Coker, Mr. Davis, Mr. Brown, Ms. Thomas, and Mr. Hudson. Those voting for Mr. Flowers were Mr. Douglas and Mr. Kilgo.

Mr. J. Lewis Brown was elected as Vice Chairman of County Council for 2019.

Chaplain. Chairman Hudson opened the floor for nominations for Chaplain of County Council for 2019.

Mr. Kilgo nominated Mr. Douglas. Mr. Coker seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous to elect Mr. Douglas as Chaplain of County Council for 2019.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Lease Renewal Agreement With Louene Baker To Lease Lake Darpo Caretaker's House In Exchange For Stipulated Caretaker Services And Rent. Lake Darpo Caretaker's House Is Located At 190 Lake Darpo Road, Darlington, SC

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive comments on the proposed Lease Renewal Agreement with Louene Baker to lease Lake Darpo Caretaker's House in exchange for stipulate caretaker services and rent.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Lease Renewal Agreement With Linda M. Faircloth To Lease Certain Space In Robert L. Grooms Building For Prosperity Child Care Center. Robert L. Grooms Building Is Located At 528 Cartersville Highway, Lamar, SC

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive comments on the proposed Lease Renewal Agreement with Linda Faircloth to lease certain space in the Robert L. Grooms Building for Prosperity Child Care Center.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Lease Agreement With Jacqueline DuBose To Lease Certain Space In Society Hill Neighborhood Center For Jumping 2 New Heights Program (Double Dutch). Society Hill Neighborhood Center Is Located At 223 Hall Street, Society Hill, SC

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive comments on the proposed Lease Agreement with Jacqueline DuBose to lease certain space in Society Hill Neighborhood Center for Jumping 2 New Heights Program.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING

Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens' Comments

Mr. James Lee Miller, of 503 Pleasantview Drive in Hartsville, complained about poor drainage in his area due to ditches not being cleaned. He asked that someone clean the ditches to improve the drainage off his property.

Mrs. Blondell Miller also talked about how the water has backed up in the South Hartsville area. She stated that over the years, they have been asking County Council for help with drainage problems in this area. She said a complete drainage system is needed in South Hartsville.

Ms. Gladys Wingate Jules announced that the Center for Heirs' Property in Charleston will come to Darlington County to offer free services if there is enough interest. This organization is for everyone who does not understand the laws regarding probating property. She mentioned the various counties in the State where this organization is offering assistance. Ms. Jules provided the website (heirsproperty.org) and phone number (843-745-7055) for this free service.

Mr. Kilgo offered his assistance as a local lawyer. He stated that this is a necessity and he would provide his assistance, too.

Personal Appearances – Mr. George Cannon – Poor Drainage In South Hartsville

Mr. George Cannon mentioned that the County Administrator and Roads and Bridges Director had met with him and provided a “good road for success” regarding the flooding situation in the South Hartsville area. He said the problem involves the entire south section

of Hartsville and will require work from the city, the state, and the county. Mr. Cannon stated that he understands that this is not free and will not happen overnight. However, he now has strong faith that the problem will be corrected. He also requested Council 's participation in notifying the residents.

Consent Agenda (Receive As Information)

Included in the Consent Agenda were the following:

- 7.A. Historical Commission Board Minutes, Stats and Updates, November 1, & December 6, 2018

MOTION was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve receiving the Consent Agenda item as information.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes - Public Hearing & Regular Meeting, December 3, 2018

MOTION was made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes of December 3, 2018.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 18-14, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 18-04, FY18/19 County Budget, To Add New Additional Revenue And Two New Employee Positions And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance- THIRD READING

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Ms. Thomas to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 18-14.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

There were no Resolutions.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Other Items

Appointments To Boards & Commissions To Fill Vacancies & Expired Terms

Mr. Hudson carried over his appointment to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Mr. Flowers was absent. Therefore, his appointment was carried over for the Airport Commission, the Ambulance Commission, the Board of Assessment Appeals, the Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals, and the Historical Commission.

Mr. Davis nominated Ms. Lunell Williams for reappointment to the Airport Commission, Mr. Lawrence Manning for reappointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals, and Mr. Clarence Brunson for reappointment to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Brown to reappoint Ms. Lunell Williams to the Airport Commission, to reappoint Mr. Lawrence Manning to the Board of Assessment Appeals, and to reappointment Mr. Clarence Brunson to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Williams will complete a full term that commenced July 1, 2017, and expires on June 30, 2021. Mr. Manning will complete a full term that commenced July 1, 2018, and expires on June 30, 2022, and Mr. Brunson will complete a second term that commenced July 7, 2018, and expires on June 30, 2022.

Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Samuel Phillips for reappointment to the Construction Board of Adjustment & Appeals.

MOTION was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Coker to reappoint Mr. Phillips to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Phillip will complete a second term that began July 1, 2018, and expires June 30, 2022.

Mr. Coker carried over his appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

2019 Schedule Of County Council Meetings

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the 2019 schedule of County Council meetings.

The motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve the Lease Renewal Agreement with Ms. Louene Baker to lease Lake Darpo Caretaker House in exchange for stipulated caretaker services and rent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lease Renewal Agreement With Linda M. Faircloth To Lease Certain Space In Robert L. Grooms Building For Prosperity Child Care Center. Robert L. Grooms Building Is Located At 528 Cartersville Highway, Lamar, SC

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Lease Renewal Agreement with Mrs. Linda Faircloth to lease certain space in the Robert L. Grooms Building for Prosperity Child Care Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lease Agreement With Jacqueline DuBose To Lease Certain Space In Society Hill Neighborhood Center For Jumping 2 New Heights Program (Double Dutch). Society Hill Neighborhood Center Is Located At 223 Hall Street, Society Hill, SC

Mr. Stewart requested carry over of the Lease Agreement with Ms. Jacqueline DuBose due to the staff not receiving certain documentation.

MOTION was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Coker to carry over consideration of the lease agreement with Ms. Jacqueline DuBose.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bid Award For Replacement Of HVAC Condensation Lines in Courthouse

MOTION was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the contract with Jacob Plumbing Company to replace the HVAC condensation piping in the courthouse for \$60,000.

Mr. Kilgo and Ms. Thomas questioned whether the county received only one bid. The staff confirmed that only one bid was received.

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Holiday Schedule For Landfill & Solid Waste Collection/Recycling Centers

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the proposed holiday schedule for the Landfill and the Solid Waste Collection Centers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Update – Mr. Charles Stewart, County Administrator

Mr. Stewart reported that he had received a draft of the audit and will present it to Council in February.

Executive Session

There was not a vote for executive session.

Requests / Comments - Members Of Council

Mr. Coker stated that 2018 was interesting and tough. He commended the emergency responders and staff for their work during the hurricanes. Mr. Coker also congratulated Mr. Davis and looks forward to working with him and having a great year.

Mr. Davis thanked the citizens of Darlington County for giving him the opportunity to serve Council District 6. He thanked family members and Senator and Mrs. Malloy for their words of wisdom. Mr. Davis said he is here for the people of Darlington County and will work at their pleasure. He thanked Council members for accepting him.

Mr. Douglas talked about the recent amount of water and rain and the fact that there is no place for the water to go. He thanked Mr. Davis for serving on Council.

Mr. Brown welcomed and commended Mr. Davis on his decision to run for County Council. He said it can be challenging and rewarding to serve the people in your district and county. Mr. Brown stated that although 2018 was challenging with hurricanes, he commended the EOC operations. He asked the citizens for patience regarding the water/drainage issues.

Ms. Thomas also stated that 2018 was challenging, especially with infrastructure. She would like to see the county work closer with Pee Dee Council of Governments in reference to grants and infrastructure. She said everyone will continue to be a team during 2019.

Mr. Kilgo welcomed Mr. Davis and suggested a half-day worksession to bring him up-to-date. He looks forward to another year.

Chairman Hudson welcomed and congratulated Mr. Davis and encouraged him to call other Council members or the County Administrator for questions and/or assistance. He thanked the employees for their outstanding work. Chairman Hudson stated that work will continue on the water problems. He wished everyone a happy New Year.

Mr. Stewart asked Council about scheduling a worksession during January or February.

Mr. Kilgo suggested February or the Chairman decide. Chairman Hudson suggested a half-day worksession during mid-February.

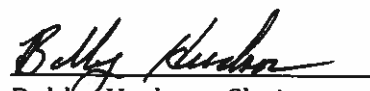
Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo to adjourn the meeting. There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Janet Bishop
Clerk to Council



Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of Feb 4, 2019.