

REGULAR MEETING
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARLINGTON, SC

March 4, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held this 4th day of March 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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bobby Hudson, Vice Chairman J. Lewis Brown, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. David Coker, Mr. Albert Davis, III, Mr. Marvin Le Flowers, and Mr. Robert L. Kilgo, Jr.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Joyce W. Thomas.

ALSO PRESENT

County Administrator Marion Charles Stewart, III, County Attorney James C. Cox, Jr., Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Emergency Medical Services Director Kenny Bowen, Elections/Voter Registration Director Hoyt Campbell, Environmental Services Director Renee Howle, Finance Director Sherman Dibble, Fire Chief Ricky Flowers, Human Resource Manager Ginger Winburn, Library Director Jimmie Epling, Prison Camp Major Mitch Stanley, Recreation Director Le Andrews, Roads and Bridges Director Bobby Richardson, Sheriff Tony Chavis, Lieutenant Robby Kilgo, Mr. Maceo Haynesworth, Ms. Rosena James, Mr. George Cannon, and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

Ms. Samantha Lyles of the News and Press and Mr. Jim Faile of the Messenger.

Employee Recognition

Chairman Hudson recognized and presented Mr. Maceo Haynesworth with a plaque in appreciation for 36.8 years of service with Darlington County.

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Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Mr. Coker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens' Comments

Mr. George Cannon stated that he had spoken with the County Administrator about meeting with him and a group of people in his district to talk about issues in South Hartsville.

Personal Appearances

There were no Personal Appearances.

Consent Agenda (Receive As Information)

Included in the Consent Agenda were the following:

- 5.A. County Council Committee, 2019
- 5.B. Pee Dee Local Workforce Development Board Quarterly Report Ending December 31, 2018
- 5.C. County Transportation Committee (CTC) Minutes (January 23, 2019) & Agenda (February 27, 2019)
- 5.D. Finance Review Committee Minutes, February 18, 2019
- 5.E. Summons And Petition To Close Hill Street Located In Hartsville

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Flowers to receive the Consent Agenda items as information.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes – Minutes Of Regular Meeting, February 4, 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 4, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes – Minutes Of Worksession, February 18, 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes of the Worksession held on February 18, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 19-01, An Ordinance To Provide For Installment Payments Of Taxable Real Property Within Darlington County Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 45, Section 12-45-75 Of South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, FIRST READING

The title of Ordinance No. 19-01 was read for First Reading. No action required.

Ordinance No. 19-02, An Ordinance To Indefinitely Suspend Sunday Work Prohibitions, Commonly Referred To As Blue Laws, Pursuant To Title 53, Chapter 1, Section 53-1-160 Of South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, FIRST READING

The title of Ordinance No. 19-02 was read for First Reading. No action required.

Ordinance No. 19-03, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 18-04 (Darlington County FY18/19 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The Library Fund To Receive And Expend Additional Lottery Funds And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance, FIRST READING

The title of Ordinance No. 19-03 was read for First Reading. No action required.

Resolutions

There were no Resolutions.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Other Items

Appointments To Boards & Commissions To Fill Vacancies, Expired Terms, Terms Expiring June 30, 2019, And Attendance

Mr. Kilgo carried over his appointment to the Airport Commission, Alcohols/Drug Advisory Committee, Ambulance Commission, Board of Assessment Appeals, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission.

Mr. Douglas requested reappointment of Ms. Suzanne Calcutt to the Historical Commission and Mr. Ken McRae to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

MOTION made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Coker to reappoint Ms. Suzanne Calcutt to the Historical Commission and Mr. Ken McRae to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Calcutt's third term and Mr. McRae's first full term will commence July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2023.

Ms. Thomas was not present at the meeting. Therefore, her appointments were carried over (Alcohol and Drug Advisory Committee, Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, and Library Board).

Mr. Hudson carried over his appointment to the Ambulance Commission, Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals, Library Board, and Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mr. Flowers carried over his appointment to the Airport Commission, Alcohol/Drug Advisory Committee, Ambulance Commission, Board of Assessment Appeals, Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals, Historical Commission, and Planning Commission.

Mr. Davis carried over his appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission.

Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Robert Puechl for reappointment to the Planning Commission.

MOTION made by Mr. Coker and seconded by Mr. Douglas to reappoint Mr. Robert Puechl to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Puechl's first full term will commence July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2023.

Mr. Brown carried over his appointment to the Airport Commission and the Alcohol/Drug Advisory Committee.

Mr. Coker requested reappointment of Mr. Dick Coker to the Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals.

MOTION made by Mr. Coker and seconded by Mr. Davis to reappoint Mr. Dick Coker to the Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals for a second term to commence July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Coker carried over his appointment to the Alcohol/Drug Advisory Committee, Board of Assessment Appeals, Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals, and Parks & Recreation Commission.

Council Appointments

Economic Development Partnership Board. **MOTION** made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to reappoint Mr. Leo Bonaparte to the Economic Development Partnership Board.

The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bonaparte's second term on the Economic Development Partnership Board will commence July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2023.

Fire Board. **MOTION** made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Davis to reappoint Dustin Jordan (Industrial Park Station 3), Mr. Lucas Reed (Mechanicsville Station 4), and Mr. Justin Polson (Byrdtown Station 12) to the Board of Fire Control.

The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jordan's second term, Mr. Reed's first full term, and Mr. Polson's first full term will commence on July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2023.

Pee Dee Workforce Development Board - Council had not received a nomination from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the appointment to Pee Dee Workforce Development Board.

Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA). **MOTION** made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Brown to reappoint Mr. James Jackson as Darlington County's representative on PDRTA Board of Directors.

The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jackson's third term will commence on July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2022.

Appointments To The FY19/20 Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee - Citizens-At-Large and Cultural Organizations

Mr. Kilgo commended Mr. David McFarland's work on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for the past several years. He then nominated Mr. Troy Abraham to replace Mr. David McFarland as Citizen At Large on the FY19/20 Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Davis.

The vote carried unanimously.

Request To Amend The Accommodations Tax Procedures As Approved By County Council On March 16, 1992, As Amended

MOTION made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the amendments to County Council's Accommodations Tax procedures.

The motion carried unanimously.

The amendments included deleting the following guidelines:

- Give priority to one community-wide festival for each of the incorporated communities, as recognized and endorsed as such by the municipal and county councils.
- Treat all community-wide festivals alike in Funding. Deleted April 14, 1997)
- Treat the "Southern 500 Countdown" as a community-wide festival.
- Do not consider phasing out funding for festivals. (Added March 15, 1993)

And adding the following guideline:

Recommend funding for expenditures that attract or provide for tourists pursuant to the definition of "travel" and "tourism" as defined in Section 6-4-5(4) of South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

"The action and activities of people taking trips outside their home communities for any purpose, except daily commuting to and from work."

To clarify "home community," use the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee's Policy on the Interpretation of Tourism Related Expenditures which states,

“activities associated with all overnight trips away from home in paid or unpaid accommodations and day trips to places 50 miles or more, one way, from the traveler’s origin.”

Request Cooperative Contract Purchase For A Dump Truck, Roads and Bridges, \$147,210

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the cooperative contract purchase of a dump truck for Roads and Bridges, \$147,210.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bid Award For Darlington Library Remodeling, \$31,750

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve awarding the bid contract to remodel Darlington Library to Carraway Construction in the amount of \$31,750 to add additional office space and wall partition and relocate the door to the server room.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bid Award For Hartsville Library Flooring, \$75,400

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve awarding the bid contract to Go To Guys Flooring, LLC in the amount of \$75,400 to install carpet squares and Shaw Impact Flooring in Hartsville Library.

The motion carried unanimously.

Upgrading And Maintaining Fire/EMS - 5 Site VHF Simulcast System To Include Communication Towers And Structural Communication Buildings

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the contract with Motorola Solutions to upgrade and maintain the Fire/EMS 5 site VHF Simulcast system for \$1,119,490 and purchase structural communications buildings for \$120,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Update – Mr. Charles Stewart, County Administrator

Mr. Stewart pointed out that Council’s next scheduled meeting is April 1st and Budget Worksession on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 9 a.m., at Darlington Raceway Media Center in Darlington. He mentioned that the staff was still gathering data regarding the courthouse and possible renovations and upgrades.

On behalf of the employees, Mr. Stewart expressed appreciation to Council for the Employees’ Appreciation Banquet that was held this past Saturday.

Requests / Comments - Members Of Council

Mr. Kilgo mentioned that the County News contained an insert about substance abuse, especially the opioids crisis and impact. He then suggested that the county spend money to obtain a professional architect to design the 4th and 5th floors of the courthouse to ensure the area/space complies with what was being recommended/requested by those in Columbia.

Mr. Stewart explained that Michael Baker Engineering Firm had already been engaged and could be asked to scale back the original project to just the 4th and 5th floor recommendations. He said county would have to pay for the schematic/design concept drawings, etc.

Mr. Kilgo said the county needs to see the architectural rendition so that Council can approve it. He pointed out that this was not a job for the Prison Camp.

Mr. Stewart responded that the county would have to obtain a bid or quote from Michael Baker for Council's approval.

Mr. Flowers stated that he did not know what the 4 and 5th floors of the courthouse need. However, the main push has been from Court Administration. Therefore, he suggested that the county make sure that what the staff wants is what Court Administration will accept. He agreed that there needs to be an outsider working with Court Administration as well as Council/the staff.

Mr. Flowers briefly commented about the condition of the landfill when he visited today and asked the citizens to be patience.

Mr. Brown commended the employees' service and professionalism.

Mr. Douglas asked whether the remodeling of the 4th and 5th floors of the courthouse would include adding a sally port.

Mr. Stewart commented that the security of prisoners will have to be considered during the remodel efforts. He also mentioned possible efforts to isolate or add another elevator for prisoners.

Mr. Davis thanked the citizens for allowing him/Council to serve. He briefly talked working with Mr. Stewart on something for Council District 6; farmers' loss due to the amount of rain from recent storms/hurricanes; and no homeless shelters in Darlington County.

Letter From Darlington County Farm Bureau Requesting Council To Contact Legislative Delegations

Mr. Coker reported that council members received letter today from Mr. Hoyt Campbell, Chairman of Darlington County Farm Bureau, asking Council to draft a letter to the Congressional Delegation asking for help for the farmers because of the rain.

MOTION made by Mr. Coker and seconded by Mr. Flowers for Council to send a letter to the Governor and the local and congressional delegations asking for financial assistance equal to that recommended by Clemson University Agriculture Economists.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Coker commented about the number of lives Mr. Maceo Haynesworth touched during his 36-year tenure with Darlington County Recreation Department.

Recognition Of Councilman Flowers and Councilman Kilgo

Chairman Hudson recognized and presented Councilman Flowers with a Service Pin in appreciation for 25 years of service on Darlington County Council. He also recognized and presented Councilman Kilgo with a Service Pin in appreciation for 5 years of service on County Council.

Chairman Hudson commended the Employees' Appreciation Banquet and thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting.

Vote For Executive Session - Discussion Of Personnel Matters Involving Retiree Health Insurance

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to vote for executive session for the discussion of personnel matters involving retiree health insurance.

The motion carried unanimously

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Kilgo for Council, the County Attorney, and the County Administrator to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters involving retiree health insurance.

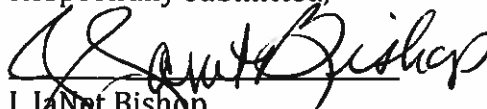
The motion carried unanimously.

Council members and the named individuals went into executive session at 6:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m. Upon reconvening, Chairman Hudson announced that no action was taken in executive session.


Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Flowers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Janet Bishop
Clerk to Council



Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of April 1, 2019.