

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARLINGTON, SC

March 7, 2016

A public hearing and regular meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held this 7th day of March 2016, 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.

A Notice of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 16-01 and Ordinance No. 16-02 was published in the Hartsville Messenger on January 13, 2016 for the Public Hearing held on February 1, 2016 and published in the News and Press on January 20, 2016 for the Public Hearing held on March 7, 2016.

A Notice of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 16-03, Ordinance No. 16-04, Ordinance No. 16-05, and Ordinance No. 16-06 was published in the News and Press and Hartsville Messenger on February 10, 2016.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bobby Hudson, Vice Chairman Robbin Brock, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. David Coker, Mr. Marvin Le Flowers (arrived at 7 p.m.), 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, Emergency Preparedness Director Mac McDonald, Recreation Director Ken McRae, Economic Development Director Frank Willis, Interim Development Services Director Terri Cribb, Tax Assessor Kyle Johnson, Human Resource Manager Ginger Winburn, Roads and Bridges Director Bobby Richardson, Chief Deputy Sheriff James Hudson, Sheriff Wayne Byrd, Historical Commission Director Brian Gandy, Finance Director Sherman Dibble, IT Manager Arthur Moore, Environmental Services Director Renee Howle, Assistant Environmental Services Director Paula Newton, Deputy Fire Chief Ricky Flowers, Magistrate Josh Edwards, Library Director Jimmy Epling, other staff members, and individuals from the public.

REPORTERS PRESENT

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

Recognition Of County Retiree

Chairman Hudson read a Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Ronnie Auman in recognition for 8.5 years of service with the County. Mr. Auman was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 16-01, An Ordinance To Amend And Up Date Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 46 (Purchasing) And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open at 6:02 p.m. to receive public comments on Ordinance No. 16-01.

There being no comments, Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance No. 16-02, An Ordinance To Create A Separate Fund For Reporting Capital Improvement Activity Created By The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive public comments on Ordinance No. 16-02.

There being no comments, Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance No. 16-03, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The Environmental Services Fund To Receive And Expend Funds From The 2016 Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive public comments on Ordinance No. 16-03.

There being no comments, Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance No. 16-04, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The Fire District Fund To Receive And Expend Monetary Donation From Nestle USA And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive public comments on Ordinance No. 16-04.

There being no comments, Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance No. 16-05, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The General Fund To Receive And Expend Funds For County Recreation Activities And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive public comments on Ordinance No. 16-05.

There being no comments, Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance No. 16-06, An Ordinance To Establish A Darlington County Economic Development Fund To Be Derived From Revenues Generated By Economic Development

Projects Subject To A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Or Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement And Located In Multi-County Industrial Parks And Other Matters Related Thereto

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive public comments on Ordinance No. 16-06.

There being no comments, Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing closed.

REGULAR MEETING

Call To Order / Invocation And Pledge Of Allegiance

Chairman Hudson called the meeting to order. Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizens' Comments

Ms. Beverly Hamlin, Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board Member, reported that in 2015, Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board hosted an event to provide County Council with statistics regarding the number of residents and services provided by Pee Dee Mental Health Center in Hartsville. A handout was distributed to Council members. Ms. Hamlin requested \$2,200 for Pee Dee Mental Health Center in Hartsville.

Mr. George Cannon reported on problems with mosquitos and calls he received regarding the mosquito problem. He questioned what the residents could do until the county solve the problem.

Ms. Nicholson requested the names of the individuals who had contacted Mr. Cannon. She stated that she did not receive any calls and would like to meet with the individuals who called Mr. Cannon.

Chairman Hudson said the county would look at the problem and possibly obtain some assistance from FEMA, etc.

Mr. Arrington reported that he was informed that some of the counties were contracting out this service. If interested, County Council could potentially place this back in the budget. However, the county does not have the staff to do the spraying. He indicated that during the budget worksession, Council could discuss contracting out this service.

Chairman Hudson suggested that Council look at contracting with a private contractor to spray for mosquitoes.

Mr. Cannon felt that the mosquito problem was caused by poor drainage.

Mr. Kilgo reported that he contacted South Carolina Department of Transportation about a product that can be thrown in ditches, etc. to kill the larvae. This product can be purchased in bulk. He also explained that spraying for mosquitoes requires contact with the mosquito. If the mosquitos are not present, spraying will not do any good.

Ms. Nicholson stated that years ago when Mrs. Phyllis Griffitts was the County Administrator, she would direct Environmental Services staff to place the mosquito product in places where water had settled to combat the mosquito problem. Ms. Nicholson thought this program was still in place.

Mr. Arrington stated that he was told that the program was cancelled prior to his arrival.

Personal Appearance - Mr. Marty Dettelbach, Coast2Coast Rx Free Discount Prescription Card

Mr. Dettelbach presented information about the Coast2CoastRX free discount prescription card program. This program is free to the county, county residents, and anyone using the card. The discount prescription card is available online, accepted at virtually every pharmacy in the United States and covers about 60,000 drugs – brand name and generic. The card is primarily for uninsured and underinsured individuals and provides discounts on hearing, vision, dental, labs, veterinarians, etc. Mr. Dettelbach also reported that the county will receive \$1.25 in royalty for each time the card is used. Therefore, it was important to distribute the cards, which Coast2Coast will provide.

Personal Appearance - Mrs. Wilhelmina P. Johnson, County Council District 3 - Vision For Darlington County

Mr. Johnson read a prepared statement about government working for the people, leadership/management in action, the county budget, growth with consideration for the people, the grand opening of Wal-Mart, the mosquito and drainage problems, road problems, government providing resources for people, people speaking to the government, and problems facing the people.

Consent Agenda

Included in the Consent Agenda were the following:

- Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board Quarterly Report For Period Ending December 31, 2015 - Receive As Information
- Marlboro/Darlington County Beaver Report, February 2016 - Receive As Information
- Historical Commission Minutes & Visitor Stats, January 2016 - Receive As Information
- Animal Control Report, January 2016 - Receive As Information
- Building Permits Report, January 2016 - Receive As Information
- Building Inspections Report, January 2016 - Receive As Information
- Lide Springs Road Follow Up - Receive As Information
- Airport Commission Minutes, January 21, 2016 - Receive As Information
- Photographs Of Trash Left At Gates Of Solid Waste Collection Centers On Wednesday, February 24, 2016 When Centers Were Closed Due To Inclement Weather - Receive As Information

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Douglas to receive the Consent Agenda items as information

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes - Minutes of February 1, 2016

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Brock to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016.

The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment To The Agenda

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to amend the agenda for a Personal Appearance by Mr. Smiley Capers of Lide Spring Road.

The motion carried unanimously.

Personal Appearance – Mr. Smiley Capers, Lide Spring Road

Mr. Smiley Capers mentioned that a letter was distributed pointing out certain things regarding public health. He talked about the need for Council members to support each other to provide services throughout the county. He felt that it was immoral and illegal for the county to take tax money from residents of Lide Spring Road to make other areas pretty. Mr. Capers also talked about Lide Spring Road being inadequate for emergency vehicles and other services to travel. He suggested that each Council member visit this road. He stated that although the County refers to Lide Spring Road as a private road, the residents (approximately fifteen) were not receiving the services as required as taxpayers.

Mr. Capers also reported that residents would provide the necessary easements required in order to have a safe passage and for emergency services to travel. He said the residents patched the road but do not have the money to bring the road up to county standards.

Chairman Hudson told Mr. Capers that the county's hands were tied. He suggested that Mr. Capers contact the Senator and Representatives. However, the county could not go on private property.

Mr. Capers stated that Lide Spring Road was not a private road, and Council could bring the road into the county road maintenance system based upon the need for services. He said services are delayed because vehicles could not travel the road and Council has the authority to change the ordinance.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 16-01, An Ordinance To Amend And Up Date Chapter 46 (Purchasing) Of Darlington County Code Of Ordinances And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - Third Reading

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 16-01.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 16-02, An Ordinance To Create A Separate Fund For Reporting Capital Improvement Activity Created By The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - Third Reading

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 16-02.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 16-03, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The Environmental

Services Fund To Receive And Expend Funds From The 2016 Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - Second Reading

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 16-03.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 16-04, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The Fire District Fund To Receive And Expend Monetary Donation From Nestle USA And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - Second Reading

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 16-04.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 16-05. An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The General Fund To Receive And Expend Funds For County Recreation Activities And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - Second Reading

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 16-05.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 16-06, An Ordinance To Establish A Darlington County Economic Development Fund To Be Derived From Revenues Generated By Economic Development Projects Subject To A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Or Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement And Located In Multi-County Industrial Parks And Other Matters Related Thereto - Second Reading

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Brock to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 16-06.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 16-07, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article IV. (Boards, Commissions, And Committees), Chapter 18, Section 18-52 (Ambulance Service Commission), Chapter 26, Division 2 (Board Of Fire Control), Chapter 34, Article II. (Library Board), Chapter 38 (Parks And Recreation), Chapter 42 (Planning And Development), And Chapter 58, Article II. (Board Of Assessment Appeals) To Increase The Terms To Staggered Four-Year Terms And To Allow Members To Serve Until Their Successors Are Appointed And Qualified - First Reading

The title of Ordinance No. 16-07 was read for first reading. No action required.

Ordinance No. 16-08, An Ordinance To Amend The Darlington County Code Of Ordinances To Add A Section To Chapter 46 (Purchasing) To Govern Procurement Cards, First Reading

The title of Ordinance No. 16-08 was read for first reading. No action required.

Ordinance No. 16-09, An Ordinance Developing A Multi-County Industrial Park With Florence County; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Agreement Governing The Multi-County Industrial Park; Authorizing The Inclusion Of Certain Property Located In Florence County And Darlington County In The Multi-County Industrial Park; And Other Related Matters - First Reading

The title of Ordinance No. 16-09 was read for first reading. No action required.

Ordinance No. 16-10, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 6 (Animals), Article II. (Animal Control), Section 6-21 (Dangerous Animals) To Specify Who Has The Authority To Determine If An Animal Is A Dangerous Animal As Defined In This Section Of The Code And To Issue Certain Documents Stating The Same - First Reading

The title of Ordinance No. 16-10 was read for first reading. No action required.

Ordinance No. 16-11, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Appendix A (Development Standards Ordinances), Article Thirteen (Requirements For Mobile And Manufactured Homes), Section 13.2. (Duty Of Owner) To Delete Exceptions For Temporary Registration Of Mobile And Manufactured Homes - First Reading

The title of Ordinance No. 16-11 was read for first reading. No action required.

Ordinance No. 16-12, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 15-21 (Darlington County FY15/16 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The General Fund To Receive And Expend Hospitality Tax Revenue

The title of Ordinance No. 16-12 was read for first reading. No action required.

~ Councilman Flowers arrived at 7 p.m. ~

Resolutions

Resolution No. 662, Proclamation Commemorating End Racism Day, March 21, 2016

MOTION was made by Ms. Nicholson and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve Resolution No. 662.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 663, Commissioning William Curry As A County Code Enforcement Officer For the County Of Darlington, South Carolina

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve Resolution No. 663.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 664, Commissioning Dale Dilling As A County Code Enforcement Officer For The County Of Darlington, South Carolina

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve Resolution No. 664.

The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Other Items

Appointment To Boards and Commissions (1) Councilman Hudson - Alcohol & Drug Citizen Advisory Committee (2) Councilman Flowers - Airport Comm., Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals, Library Board, Parks & Recreation (3) Councilman Douglas - Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals, Planning Commission (4) Councilwoman Johnson - Planning Commission (5) Councilwoman Nicholson - Historical Commission

Chairman Hudson, Mr. Flowers, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Johnson, and Ms. Nicholson carried over their appointment(s).

Request To Purchase A Forklift Using Grant Funds, Environmental Services

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the request to purchase a forklift from Southland Equipment using grant funds (\$25,056).

The motion carried unanimously.

Darlington County Compensatory and Overtime Policy

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the Compensatory and Overtime Policy.

Mr. Kilgo commented that Council approved Resolution No. 662 about ending racism, but was now considering a policy that would create a double standard in Darlington County for employees. It was his position that the county either pay all employees overtime or pay all employees comp time. One employee should not be treated different from another. Therefore he would vote against this.

Mr. Arrington explained that some departments do not follow the directive of the County Administrator in regard to telling employees to go home when their shift ends, which has a fiscal impact on the county. He did not think that this policy would create a division or conflict within the organization. However, he did not understand how racism correlates with comp time. Mr. Arrington stated that this was an operational issue in which comp time needs to be capped to not allow employees to continuously accumulate comp time. He also pointed out that most departments do not budget a line item for overtime. This policy would control how money would be spent and how functions would operate from day to day. Mr. Arrington emphasized that this was not a racism issue, but operations.

Mr. Kilgo said there was a difference between employees and this was where he related racism or inequality. He said all county employees should be treated the same and no department should be give over time if another department gives comp time. This was the reason he correlated the two.

Mr. Coker questioned whether the county was trying to create a procedure to control the accumulation of comp time uniformly across the county.

Mr. Kilgo said it would not be uniform if one employee gets overtime and another employee gets comp time.

Mr. Arrington and Human Resource Manager Ginger Winburn pointed out that every department does not budget for overtime.

Mr. Coker suggested budgeting overtime for everyone.

Ms. Winburn indicated that this would be an option which would require a larger budget.

Mr. Brock indicated that if an employee with a large amount of comp time leaves employment with the county, the county has to pay the comp time, which would not be budgeted.

Ms. Winburn stated that this policy would require the use of comp time instead of employees continuously accruing time.

Mr. Arrington added that there would be opportunities for public safety employees, who provide support to county residents in the event of an emergency, to get overtime because of the nature of their jobs. However, administrative and office employees can go home. Their jobs are not as critical to the organization as with emergency and public safety professionals (Sheriff Office, EMS, Fire Department, etc.). He explained that administrative/office employees should not be accumulating a lot of comp time because if they leave, the county has to pay out the comp time. As a result, this will postpone hiring a new employee because only a certain amount of salary is budgeted. He also explained that all departments do not have an overtime line item. Public safety departments need overtime since these employees are responding to emergency calls. If they are paid comp time, they would max out quickly because the operation must remain up and running. Administrative/office employees are not responding to emergency calls and can go home at the end of the shift.

Ms. Nicholson stated that the policy would provide the authority for management to prioritize positions regarding comp time. She mentioned that racism was race inequality; this was possibly inequality in the administrative economic sense.

Mr. Douglas commented that the county does not have the funds to pay out overtime.

The motion carried with Mr. Kilgo voting no.

Darlington County Acceptable Use Policy

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Brock to approve the Acceptable Use Policy.

The motion carried unanimously.

Request To Purchase A Replacement Vehicle For Victim Advocate

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to approve the purchase of a replacement vehicle for Victim Advocate.

Mr. Kilgo asked whether the local dealers had been contacted.

Finance Director Sherman Dibble indicated that the vehicle would be purchase off State Contract.

Sheriff Byrd responded that he selected to go with State Contract. However he would check with the local vendor(s).

The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfer Request For School Resource Officers, Sheriff's Office

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the budget transfer request for the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Byrd reported that at Council's last meeting, Council approved the acceptance of funds (\$2,000 per officer) from the School District to help with the cost of uniforms, etc. for School Resource Officers. However, the funds were inadvertently placed in the Victim Advocate Budget. This was transferring the funds to the proper line item.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Sheriff's Office was requesting to transfer \$16,000 to Specialized Department Supplies (001-035-42100-61900) from Specialized Department Supplies (001-035-42124-61900).

Request To Authorize The County Administrator To Contact John Pierce To Coordinate A Goal Setting Worksession To Include County Council, Elected/Appointed Officials, & Department Directors

MOTION was made by Ms. Nicholson and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to authorize the County Administrator to contact Mr. John Pierce (formerly with the South Carolina Association of Counties) to coordinate a goal setting worksession to include County Council, Elected/Appointed Official, and department directors.

Mr. Arrington talked about the significance of this worksession to talk about goals, vision, etc. of Council and how important it is to meet collaboratively as a body. He stated that he could only function within the directions given to him by County Council. Therefore, it was important to meet and talk about goal setting and what Council would like to see regarding a vision and a plan. Mr. Arrington said all key players who have some influence and are concerned about their operation should sit down, identify the problems and work through the process.

Council briefly talked about which dates members could and could not meet.

The motion carried unanimously for the worksession to be scheduled for April 8, 2016.

Purchase New Tanker/Pumper for Darlington County Fire District Station 8 Pine Ridge

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Brock to approve the purchase of the new tanker/pumper for Fire Station 8/Pine Ridge.

The motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum Of Agreement Between Darlington County Fire District and Darlington Dragway

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Darlington County Fire District and Darlington Dragway.

The motion carried unanimously.

Farm Lease Agreement to Lease 49.8 Acres of Farm Land Located On Flatnose Road, Parcel #139-00-01-012

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to accept the high bid of Mr. Charles Adams to lease the parcel on Flatnose Road.

The motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Extrication Struts/Jacks, Fire District

Chairman Hudson indicated that this item would be carried over.

Purchase of F-500 Encapsulating Foam Agent, Fire District

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the purchase of F-500 encapsulating form agent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment To The FY16/17 Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee - Lodging Industry

Mr. Kilgo nominated Ms. Hannah Stanley of Hampton Inn in Hartsville for appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee to represent the lodging sector. He reported that Ms. Stanley was a Clemson graduate and former Director of Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Coker to appoint Ms. Stanley to the FY16/17 Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee to replace Ms. Gaye Tallon who is no longer in the lodging sector.

The motion carried unanimously.

Work Authorization Contract For Michael Baker To Provide Professional Services For The Development Of A Lake Darpo Master Plan

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve the work authorization contract for Michael Baker to provide professional services for the development of a Lake Darpo Master Plan.

Mr. Arrington indicated that Hospitality Tax revenue would be used to pay for the master plan. This was an opportunity to take a site and make it a tourism attraction. Michael Baker would develop a proposal to create a Lake Darpo Master Plan to make this site a potential revenue generator for Darlington County.

Mr. Coker questioned spending \$100,000 for a plan to see what would be done. He suggested that the funds be used to fix the current building and equipment as opposed to spending the money for someone to tell the county to fix the building and equipment.

Council and the staff talked about the recent utilization of Lake Darpo and the current status of the facility and equipment. Mr. Arrington encouraged Council to look at the big picture and have a plan as to how the county would promote tourism in Darlington County. He asked Council whether they had any other recommendations.

Mr. Kilgo suggested that this item be addressed in during the worksession on April 8th. He was not against the study. However, he felt that it was too costly and bids needed to

be solicited as opposed to using one source. Mr. Kilgo also stated that this may fall under strategic planning.

Mr. Flowers stated that he would rather see the funds spent on something as opposed to being used to pay for a plan. However, he was not opposed to a plan. He too suggested that Council look at this matter during the April 8th worksession. Mr. Flowers asked about the possibility for obtaining a grant to pay for the plan.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she received a call from someone who said Mr. Kilgo had stated that the county has \$200,000 or \$250,000 in Hospitality Tax and people could submit their application.

Mr. Kilgo responded that the Hospitality Tax collected was not budgeted because the county did not know how much it would bring in. However, it looked like the county may collect from \$100,000 to \$200,000 this first year.

Mr. Douglas withdrew his motion.

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to carry over this item to the April 8th worksession.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arrington clarified that Council carried over this matter to discuss during the worksession scheduled for April 8th. He asked whether Council would provide a list of projects that they would like to see funded with the Hospitality Tax revenue in lieu of the Lake Darpo Master Plan. He reminded Council that Hospitality Tax is generated from the unincorporated area of Darlington County and could only be used for specific tourist related activities. Mr. Arrington asked whether Council members would provide the County Administrator with directions as to what they want to fund with Hospitality Tax in lieu of the Lake Darpo Master Plan. He said Hospitality Tax revenue could not be used for General Fund expenses.

Mr. Coker stated that at the April 8th worksession, he would like to know what Ken McRae thinks the county should do with the funds since he was the Recreation Director.

Mr. Arrington questioned whether the Recreation Director's recommendation would be any better than his recommendation as the County Administrator. He explained that, at some point, the Recreation Director and he met and talked collaborately about this project. He said this came across as if he did not know anything, and Council would listen to Mr. McRae. Mr. Arrington said this was not right. Mr. Coker was making it seem that he did not know what he was talking about and wanted Mr. McRae tell Council what to do.

Mr. Coker stated that this was not what he meant. He said Mr. Arrington was suggesting that Council spend \$100,000 to figure out what the county wants.

Mr. Arrington pointed out that this was not just the County Administrator's suggestion. He works collaborately with the staff. He stressed that Council hired him to represent Council.

Mrs. Johnson suggested that the Hospitality Tax revenue be spent to purchase the old post office building.

Parliamentary Procedure

Mr. Kilgo asked the County Attorney, as Parliamentarian, whether it was proper that when a Council member requests to address the County Administrator, the Council member should go through the Chairman.

Attorney Cox responded that this was correct.

Mr. Kilgo also asked that when a Council member wants to address someone in the audience who works for the county, this should also go through the Chairman and then through the County Administrator.

Attorney Cox responded that this was correct.

Creation Of A Network Administrator Position Within The IT Department

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Flowers to approve the creation of a Network Administrator Position within the IT Department.

Mr. Flowers agreed that the IT Department was understaffed and was spread too thin. He suggested that Council establish a priority list as to what the IT person should be working on. He said the first priority should be the most important things happening in government. Mr. Flowers explained that Council should meet with the County Administrator to know what the top priorities are and where the IT staff should go. He indicated that he did not have a problem with creating the position. However, Council should establish the priorities and take responsibility. Therefore, if there is a complaint from an elected official, the staff could say that Council established the priorities for the position.

Mr. Arrington explained that everyone wants to have priority when their office is down. Prior to having an IT person on staff, the county spent \$100 per hour for an IT person to work for Darlington County. If the Company did not want the IT person to work on a ticket, the work was not done. It did not matter what the county's priorities were because the work was contracted. Now that the county has an IT Manager on staff, many people were complaining when there was only one person trying to manage IT for the entire county organization. Mr. Arrington also talked about how departments were disrespecting the IT Manager and how certain officials complain to Council about their operation being down. Mr. Arrington stated that it was coming across that Council wants the authority to tell the staff what to do.

Mr. Flowers explained that if Council sets the priorities, when people or elected officials complain, it would be on Council and not the staff. They would have to take it up with Council and not a county employee. Mr. Flowers said he was not trying to take away the County Administrator's authority or tell the IT Manager what to do. However, if elected officials do not like the way things are handled, it would be Council's decision. The IT Manager would be working under Council's directives as given to the County Administrator.

Mr. Arrington said that if there is a problem, it should be taken to the County Administrator. He also stated that this was not personal, just business. However, people call Council members when they have an issue. Mr. Arrington said that if Council is going to trust in him as a County Administrator, Council would call the County Administrator. However, it does not happen this way. Instead, Council talks about establishing a priority list. He indicated that several days ago he met with Council Chairman and they decided.

Mr. Flowers interrupted to point out that Mr. Arrington met with the Chairman and they decided without a phone call to him. Mr. Flowers said he received phone calls but he did not call the County Administrator. He told the individual to meet with the County Administrator and work it out and at the next Council meeting, he would bring it up so that all members of Council would know what was going on and try to address the problem.

Mr. Arrington indicated that this was a personnel issue.

Mr. Flowers then questioned why a personnel issue was being discussed with the Chairman and no other members of County Council and not in executive session. He said he was trying to solve a problem between administration and other elected officials.

Chairman Hudson indicated that he called Mr. Flowers twice on his cell phone but did not receive an answer. He also pointed out that he also called Mr. Kilgo and Ms. Nicholson but received no answer. He was able to talk with Mr. Brock.

Ms. Nicholson talked about the organizational chart as approved by County Council for the County Administrator to use to resolve problems.

Mr. Brock suggested that the Network Administrator position be a full time position. He said it would be unfair to everyone to make this position part time.

The motion carried unanimously to create a full time Network Administrator position.

Mr. Douglas asked how a full time position would be funded.

Mr. Arrington indicated that the staff would have to find the money. Although there were some funds currently in the IT budget that would cover the part-time portion of the position.

Administrative Update - Annual Audit Report for Darlington County – Update

Mr. Arrington reported that a memo was included in the agenda package regarding the current audit report. Since the audit will not be ready for the April 4th meeting, Council may have to schedule a special meeting to review it. He mentioned that the staff would solicit proposals from other firms to complete the audit next year.

Mr. Arrington reported that the staff was able to purchase tablets for County Council members after Mr. Kilgo expressed concerns about using his personal device to access county email, etc. The staff will schedule a training session with Council members so that Council may have access to their email accounts, etc.

Mr. Arrington reported that there will be two budget worksessions. He requested that departments keep their requests flat and provide a list of their capital needs. First Reading of the budget is anticipated to occur in May.

Requests / Comments - Members Of Council

Ms. Nicholson asked whether the staff would contact the county's legislative delegation to attend the worksession on April 8. She stated that Council would need input from these individuals. She also talked about the road problems and the Prison Farm.

Mr. Douglas stated that the county's legislative delegation already knew about the road problems.

Ms. Johnson requested that Council revisit the ordinance governing roads. She also talked about budgeting for growth and tourism. Mrs. Johnson said the County Administrator needs a plan of action instead of trying to figure out what Council wants.

Chairman Hudson announced that the Employees' Appreciation Banquet was scheduled for Saturday, March 12th. He mentioned his visit and tour of the Darlington County Historical Commission facility. Chairman Hudson requested a good phone number for each Council member in order for him to contact them to keep them informed.

Mrs. Johnson commended the Roads and Bridges Department and requested a list of equipment that needs to be purchased.

Recess

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo to recess the meeting until March 14, 2016, at 6 p.m. to address the executive session items.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Vote For Executive Session (1) Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Darlington County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Department (2) Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding the 2015 SC Property Tax Rates For Counties, (3) Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Development Services, and (4) Vote For Executive Session - Discussion of Personnel Matters Regarding the County Administrator

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers to go into executive session for the following items: (1) Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Darlington County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Department; (2) Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding the 2015 SC Property Tax Rates For Counties; (3) Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Development Services; and (4) Discussion of Personnel Matters Regarding the County Administrator

Attorney Cox reported that after a discussion with the County Administrator, he would rather go into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding the County Administrator and not discuss the other items at this time.

Mr. Flowers withdrew his motion.

Vote For Executive Session For Discussion of Personnel Matters Regarding the County Administrator

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Brock to vote to go into executive session for discussion of personnel matters regarding the County Administrator.

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session For Discussion Of Personnel Matters Regarding The County Administrator

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mrs. Johnson for Council, Mr. Arrington, and the County Attorney to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters regarding the County Administrator after a five-minute recess.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. prior to going into executive session and reconvened at 9 p.m. Upon reconvening, Chairman Hudson announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. JaNet Bishop
Clerk to Council

Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of April 4, 2016.