

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARLINGTON, SC

JANUARY 6, 2015

A public hearing and regular meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held January 6, 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 "Pennie" Nicholson, and Mr. Robert L. Kilgo, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

Interim County Administrator Thomas W. Edwards, Jr., County Attorney James C. Cox, Jr., Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Codes Enforcement Director Randy Evans, Fire Chief Kenny Stratton, Emergency Services Director Charles Stewart, Finance Director Perry Strickland, Library Director Jimmie Epling, Special Programs Coordinator Mac McDonald, Recreation Director Ken McRae, Human Resource Director Ginger Winburn, Planning Director Doug Reimold, Sheriff Wayne Byrd, and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

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

SWEARING-IN

The Honorable Michael S. Holt, Family Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Dannie Douglas, Jr., Bobby Hudson, Mozella Nicholson, and David Coker.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 14-21, An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For The Development Of A Joint Industrial And Business Park Dated November 18, 2010 By And Between Florence And Darlington Counties So As To Enlarge The Park (PolyQuest)

County Attorney Cox declared the public hearing open at 6:05 p.m. to receive comments on Ordinance No. 14-21.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 14-29, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 2 (Administration), Division 3 (Meetings), Section 2-85 (Order Of Meeting), Item G (Agenda Categories), To Change The Order Of Business For County Council Meetings To Have Personal Appearances After Citizens' Comments And Consent Agenda After Personal Appearances

County Attorney Cox declared the public hearing open to receive comments on Ordinance No. 14-29.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 14-30, An Ordinance To Amend The Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 10 (Businesses), To Add Article II, Establishing A Local Hospitality Tax On The Sales Of Prepared Meals And Beverages Sold In The Unincorporated Area Of Darlington County

County Attorney Cox declared the public hearing open to receive comments on Ordinance No. 14-30.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 14-31, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-02, FY14/15 General Fund Budget, For A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$190,000 To Purchase The Old Post Office Building Located At 201 Pearl Street In Darlington To House The Darlington County Historical Museum/Gallery

County Attorney Cox declared the public hearing open to receive comments on Ordinance No. 14-31.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 14-32, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-02 (FY14/15 General Fund Budget), Section 18, To Reduce The Fee For Photocopies From One Dollar Per Page To Twenty-Five Cents Per Page

County Attorney Cox declared the public hearing open to receive comments on Ordinance No. 14-32.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Call To Order / Election Of Officers

Chairman. County Attorney Cox called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and opened the floor for nominations for election of Chairman of County Council for 2015.

Ms. Nicholson nominated Mr. Bobby Hudson. Mr. Douglas seconded the nomination.

Mr. Flowers nominated Mr. Robert Kilgo. Mr. Coker seconded by nomination.

MOTION was made by Ms. Nicholson and seconded by Mr. Douglas to close the floor for nominations.

The motion carried unanimously.

Those voting for Mr. Hudson were Ms. Nicholson, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Brock, and Mrs. Johnson. Those voting for Mr. Kilgo were Mr. Kilgo, Mr. Flowers, and Mr. Coker.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to elect Mr. Bobby Hudson as Chairman of County Council for 2015.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman. Ms. Nicholson nominated Mr. Robbin Brock. Mr. Hudson seconded the nomination.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to close the floor for nominations and elect Mr. Brock as Vice Chairman of County Council for 2015.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chaplain. Mr. Hudson nominated Mr. Douglas. Ms. Nicholson seconded the nomination.

The vote was unanimous.

Invocation And Pledge Of Allegiance

County Attorney Cox relinquished the gavel to Chairman Hudson. Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Ms. Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

Approval Of Minutes - Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Of December 1, 2014

MOTION was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the minutes of December 1, 2014.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes - Special Meeting Of December 8, 2014

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes - Special Meeting Of December 15, 2014

MOTION was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve the minutes of December 15, 2014.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes - Special Meeting Of December 22, 2014

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve the minutes of December 22, 2014.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 14-21, Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For The Development Of A Joint Industrial And Business Park Dated November 18, 2010 By And Between Florence And

Darlington Counties So As To Enlarge The Park (PolyQuest) (Initiated by the Staff) - SECOND READING

MOTION was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Brock to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 14-21.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 14-28, An Ordinance Authorizing The Entry By Darlington County, As Lessor, Into An Agreement For The Lease Of Farm Land At Darlington County Airport, Authorizing The Chairman Of The County Council Darlington To Sign Such Leases, And Other Matters Relating Thereto (Initiated by the staff) - SECOND READING

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 14-28.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 14-29, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 2 (Administration), Division 3 (Meetings), Section 2-85 (Order Of Meeting), Item G (Agenda Categories), To Change The Order Of Business For County Council Meetings To Have Personal Appearances After Citizens' Comments And Consent Agenda After Personal Appearances; And Chapter 2 (Administration), Division 2 (Officers), Section 2-54 (County Administrator) And Section 2-55 (Clerk To Council) To Authorize The Clerk To Council To Attest The Signature Of The Chairman On All Ordinances, Resolutions And Directives Of The Council, And To Sign With The Chairman All Deeds, Leases, Bonds, Contracts And Other Legal Instruments Affecting The County; And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - AS AMENDED (Initiated by Councilman Kilgo & Staff) - SECOND READING

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 14-29.

Mr. Flowers wanted to know what type information would now be listed under the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Edwards explained that Council would establish the source and guidelines for the Clerk to Council and the County Administrator. Generally, ordinances and routine items that everyone would agree upon could be listed under the Consent Agenda. He also indicated that the proposed ordinance would provide for the Consent Agenda to be moved up on the agenda so that Council members would be given an opportunity to remove items from the Consent Agenda and place them on the agenda for discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 14-30, An Ordinance To Amend The Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 10 (Businesses), To Add Article II, Establishing A Local Hospitality Tax On The Sales Of Prepared Meals And Beverages Sold In The Unincorporated Area Of Darlington County (Initiated by Council) - SECOND READING

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Brock to **not** approve second reading of Ordinance No. 14-30.

Those voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Flowers, Mr. Brock, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Coker. Opposing were Mr. Hudson, Mr. Douglas, Ms. Nicholson, and Mr. Kilgo.
Due to a tie vote, the motion failed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 14-30.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the ordinance stipulates that it would become effective on March 1, 2015. He recommended that the ordinance be amended to change the effective date to July 1, 2015 to give the county time to advertise and promote the local hospitality tax.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to amend the motion to change the effective date of the ordinance to July 1, 2015.

The motion carried with Mr. Flowers and Mr. Brock opposing.

Chairman Hudson called for the vote to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 14-30, as amended.

The motion carried with Mr. Flowers and Mr. Brock opposing.

Ordinance No. 14-31, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-02, FY14/15 General Fund Budget, For A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$190,000 To Purchase The Old Post Office Building Located At 201 Pearl Street In Darlington To House The Darlington County Historical Museum/Gallery (Initiated by Councilwoman Johnson) - FIRST READING

Chairman Hudson read the title of Ordinance No. 14-31 for first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-32, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 14-02 (FY14/15 General Fund Budget), Section 18, To Reduce The Fee For Photocopies From One Dollar Per Page To Twenty-Five Cents Per Page (Initiated by Councilman Hudson) - FIRST READING

Chairman Hudson read the title of Ordinance No. 14-32 for first reading.

Ordinance No. 15-01, An Ordinance To Amend The Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Appendix A (Development Standards Ordinance), Article Six (How Development Permits Are Reviewed And Approved), Section 6.1 (Development Exempt From Permit) By Adding A Provision To Guide Subdivision Developments, Deleting Repetitive Language, And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance (Initiated by the Planning Commission & Staff) - FIRST READING

Chairman Hudson read the title of Ordinance No. 15-01 for first reading.

Ordinance No. 15-02, An Ordinance To Amend The Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Appendix A (Development Standards Ordinance), Article Twelve (Communication Towers), Section 12.3 (Co-Location On Existing Towers And Structures) To Add A Section To Provide Guidelines And Requirements For Communication Tower Foundational And Structural Upgrades And Repairs; To Set The Fee For The Planning Review Of These Modifications To

Existing Towers In Darlington County; And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance (Initiated by the Planning Commission & Staff) - FIRST READING

Chairman Hudson read the title of Ordinance No. 15-02 for first reading.

Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Other Items

Appointments To Board/Commissions - Alcohol & Drug Citizen Advisory Committee (Flowers), Ambulance Commission (Nicholson), Construction Board of Adjustment & Appeals (Johnson & Flowers), Historical Commission (Brock), Airport Commission (Flowers), Library Board (Flowers), Parks & Recreation Commission (Flowers & Coker)

Historical Commission. Mr. Brock nominated Ms. Rachel Tanner for appointment to the Historical Commission.

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to appoint Ms. Tanner to the Historical Commission. She will fill an unexpired term through June 30, 2017.

The motion carried unanimously.

2015 Schedule Of County Council Meetings

MOTION was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the 2015 schedule of County Council meetings.

The motion carried unanimously.

2015 Holiday Schedule For Environmental Services Department

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the 2015 holiday schedule for Environmental Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

Acquisition Of Property Behind & Adjacent To Darlington Library (Parcel #164-14-02-016)

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Douglas to authorize the staff to proceed with formal negotiations for the conveyance of the property to the County.

Another **MOTION** was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to amend the agenda to allow Library Director Jimmie Epling to speak on this matter.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Epling reported that the property adjacent to Darlington Branch Library might be available at no cost to the county. The library property has this parcel landlocked from Main Street and North Street. It would provide space for any future expansion of the library.

The motion carried unanimously.

Partnership Agreement Between Darlington County Administration Building & S.C. Department of Corrections / Division of Young Offender Parole & Re-Entry Services

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve the Partnership Agreement with South Carolina Department of Corrections, Division of Young Offender Parole and Re-entry Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

Review Process For Renewal Of Hartsville Fire Protection Agreement

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the renewal of the Hartsville Fire Protection Agreement was not intended for a vote. This was placed on the agenda to bring it to Council's attention, although a lot of work has to be done before it would be practical for a vote by Council. Mr. Edwards suggested that a committee be appointed to work out the details for the two entities to approve at a later date. Hartsville Finance Director Shannon Morrison was present at the meeting to answer any questions. The last agreement expired in 2008.

It was the consensus of Council to appoint a committee to work out the details of a new agreement.

Budget Transfer Request, Sheriff's Office

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Brock to approve the budget transfer request for the Sheriff's Office.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

Personal Appearance - Mr. Benjamin Zeigler, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. - Installment Purchase Financing

Mr. Zeigler was not present at the meeting.

Personal Appearance - Ms. Vivian Wright, Plantation Pines Mobile Home Village - Request For Solid Waste Fee To Be Waived On Unused Mobile Home Lots

Ms. Wright, owner of Plantation Pines Mobile Home Village, complained about having to pay the \$53 Solid Waste Fee for 77 mobile home lots when only 16 lots have a mobile home. The remaining 61 mobile home lots were vacant. She did not object to paying the fee for the lots with a mobile home. Ms. Wright talked about ways the county could identify which lots have mobile homes (tax records, utilities, moving permits, etc).

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Coker for the County Administrator to work with Codes Enforcement to create path to not collect the Solid Waste Fee on vacant mobile home lots.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the Solid Waste Fee was not being collected individually by any department. It was a one-time billing each year on the tax bills.

Therefore, it would not be a simply answer because of the manner in which the Solid Waste Fee was currently being billed. Mr. Edwards will provide Council with a report.

The motion carried unanimously.

Personal Appearance - Mr. Gil Rogers, Rogers Brothers Farm- Request for Irrigation System to Cross JoJa Road When In Operation

Mr. Rogers reported that he wanted to install two irrigation systems along JoJa Road, a county maintained dirt road off East Seven Pines Street and Philadelphia Street. When the irrigation system is in use, it will block the road. Therefore, he was requesting Council's permission to block the road during irrigation, which would be about fifteen times per year during the months of June and July (possibly some in May and August). Mr. Rogers explained that JoJa Road has very little thru traffic and three residents who do not object to be road being blocked during irrigation. During irrigation, regular vehicles could drive under the system or the road could be blocked with warning signs and/or warning lights.

Mr. Cox stated that there were no problems with Mr. Rogers' irrigation system crossing a road in Lee County. Warning signs were erected and regular sized vehicles could drive under the system.

Mr. Brock suggested that E-911 be notified when the irrigation systems are in use and JoJa Road blocked.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Kilgo for Mr. Rogers to proceed with his plans for the irrigation systems and contact E-911 prior to use.

The motion carried unanimously.

Personal Appearance - Mr. Arnold Hall, Citizen – Errors Contained In Real Property Taxes & Remedies For Consideration

Mr. Hall withdrew his request to appear before County Council.

Personal Appearance - Ms. Christine Henigan – Lide Spring Road

Ms. Henigan's niece read a prepared statement regarding several incidents on Lide Spring Road where emergency responders were delayed due to entering Lide Spring Road from Mechanicsville Highway and having to turn around due to the western section of Lide Spring Road being blocked and the poor condition of the eastern unpaved section of Lide Spring Road off Old Charleston Highway. She also reported that Mr. Smiley Capers met with the former County Administrator and discussed the poor condition of the road, the delayed response time for emergency responders, and previous pleas to Council to address these issues. She said the former County Administrator indicated the he would contact the E-911 Director to inform all emergency responders to enter Lide Spring Road from Old Charleston Road. The residents were made aware that they should remind E-911 dispatchers that responders should enter Lide Spring Road from Old Charleston Road.

Mr. Cox pointed out that the county ordinance states that for a private dirt road to be accepted into the county's road maintenance system, the road has to be brought up to current county standards. He said the road rights-of-way were not consistent and the road had been blocked, which prevents people from traveling from one pave road to the other.

Mr. Cox stated that the request was for Council to vote to circumvent the ordinance that states that a private road has to be brought up to county standards. He also stated that should Council do this for Lide Spring Road, there would be a parade of people wanting other private roads to be taken into the county road maintenance system, too. Mr. Cox said Council previously received a report from Roads and Bridges regarding the number of roads that could come into the county maintenance system and the cost to the county to bring those roads up to county standards. He talked about the gate that was blocking the private road.

Mr. Douglas talked about the need for emergency responders to enter Lide Spring Road from Old Charleston Road and the request for the county to repair that portion of the road.

Emergency Services Director Charles Stewart provided a presentation about the computer aided dispatch system, the GPS tracking system on each emergency unit, and the ambulance's response time and direction traveled on November 22, 2014. He confirmed that the dispatcher told the responders to access Lide Spring Road off Old Charleston Road, and the responders traveled directly from the EMS base to Old Charleston Road and arrived onsite in eighteen minutes. However, the ambulance did travel the wrong direction when responding to the incident in July 2014. Mr. Stewart emphasized that anytime someone calls E-911 from a landline telephone or gives an address on Lide Spring Road, the dispatch system displays on the screen for the dispatchers to correspond with the responders on how to access Lide Spring Road. He indicated that he would review the records regarding the incident on October 26, 2014.

Council and a citizen talked about the poor condition of the road, which also delays the respond time for emergency responders.

Chairman Hudson stated that he wanted to visit the road and then get with Mr. Cox to see if the county could come up with something.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to move forward on doing whatever needs to be done in 2015 to remove all the hazards on Lide Spring Road.

Mr. Flowers requested clarification of the motion. He question whether the motion was to circumvent county ordinance to have county Roads and Bridges maintain the road or have meetings about working the roads.

Mrs. Johnson clarified that her motion was "whatever it takes to get this job corrected by Darlington County."

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas to change the ordinance and adopt an ordinance so that the county could maintain Lide Spring Road.

Chairman Hudson stated that he wanted the opportunity to look at the road. Attorney Cox pointed out that state law would not allow the county to maintain a private road. Council could not have an ordinance that violates state law. He explained that at one time, Darlington County maintained a lot of roads that people thought were public, but were really private roads. When state law changed and stated that county equipment could not be used on private property, this practiced stopped. He recommended that a committee look at the road and all resources to see how the road could be brought up to county standards.

Mrs. Henigan's niece then read a statement about the road being opened to the public and used as an established postal route. However, with the county's adoption of Ordinance No. 130, on April 15, 1985, the county abandoned this road.

MOTION was made by Mr. Coker to amend the motion for Council to form a committee to come up with a way to bring this road up to county standards.

Chairman Hudson called for the vote on Mrs. Johnson's motion. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Douglas, Ms. Nicholson, and Mr. Coker. Opposing were Mr. Flowers, Mr. Kilgo, Mr. Brock, and Mr. Hudson.

Due to a tie vote, the motion failed.

Mr. Douglas questioned the need to form a committee when the county cannot break a state law. Chairman Hudson said Council needed to find out who took the road out of the county road maintenance system.

Roads and Bridges Director Bobby Richardson explained that prior to 1985, anyone could get a driveway or road worked on a requested basis. When the State began enforcing the law in 1985, the county stopped working almost every road until the staff could research whether the roads were platted or had prescriptive rights-of-way and whether the roads had been worked on a consistent, scheduled basis (case history used 20 years). After the research, many of the roads were no longer worked. Mr. Richardson said there were about 900 roads similar to and in the same condition as Lide Spring Road.

Ms. Nicholson talked about the written code law and equitable law. She stated that when the written code does not work, the courts could exercise equity – doing the right thing. She said prescriptive easement was equitable law and the courts would allow the county to do the right thing because there were no laws to protect the people.

Chairman Hudson said the road would be looked at and the matter discussed at the next meeting.

Amendment To The Agenda To Consider Purchase Of Emergency Operation Center (EOC)/Council Chambers Video/Audio And Technology Updates

MOTION was made by Mr. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to amend the agenda to consider the request to purchase video/audio and technology updates for the EMS building. This information was placed at Council's desk prior to the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Brock to approve the use of budgeted grant funds and Duke Energy funds to purchase video/audio and technology updates for the Emergency Operations Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Update – Mr. Thomas W. Edwards, Jr., Interim County Administrator – Pending Items/List

Mr. Edwards presented a list of pending items (attached) that had been presented to and discussed by Council. He recommended that Council keep these items in mind,

establish priority, and forward to the new county administrator to develop some work and program.

Administrative Update – Mr. Thomas W. Edwards, Jr., Interim County Administrator – Salary Adjustment For Motor Equipment Operators (MEO) In Roads and Bridges Department

Mr. Edwards explained that several years ago, when Council received the budget information, it included a request to increase the salary of the MEO's in Environmental Services. This was approved by Council or as a part of the budget. Based upon what Mr. Edwards was told, Human Resources was not consulted about the request. In the information prepared by Human Resources and placed at Council's desk, it was being recommended to bring Roads and Bridges' MEO's salaries up to the same level as their counterpart in Environmental Services. This adjustment would include an increase of \$2,126 per position on an annual basis. The estimated cost per year would be about \$20,000 based upon current salary. Mr. Edwards recommended that in the future, Human Resources be consulted and an analysis conducted.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Douglas to adjust the Motor Equipment Operators' salaries in Roads and Bridges Department, effective immediately. Funds were available from the Road Maintenance Fee.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Update – Mr. Thomas W. Edwards, Jr., Interim County Administrator – Interim County Administrator Employment

Mr. Edwards requested that Council give consideration as to what role, if any, the existing County Administrator would play and convey that to him.

Requests / Comments – Members Of Council

Mr. Coker thanked everyone for showing faith in him. He had a lot to learn, but he would do his best.

Ms. Nicholson presented concerns regarding the condition of Lide Spring Road. She felt that Council was using technical terms to keep from doing what was right.

Mr. Douglas asked Council members to look at Lide Spring Road. He presented concerns about the condition of the road and the fact that emergency vehicles could not travel this road.

Mrs. Johnson stressed that corrective actions for Lide Spring Road were needed as soon as possible.

Chairman Hudson commented about hopes to resolve the issue regarding Lide Spring Road.

Vote For Executive Session (A) Personnel Matters Regarding The Employment Of A County Administrator (B) Discussion Of Negotiations to Proposed Contractual Matters Regarding Easement For The South Darlington Watershed Project

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to vote for executive session for the discussion of personnel matters regarding the employment of a

County Administrator, and discussion of negotiations to proposed contractual matters regarding easement for the South Darlington Watershed Project.

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session (A) Personal Matters Regarding The Employment Of A County Administrator (B) Discussion Of Negotiations to Proposed Contractual Matters Regarding Easement For The South Darlington Watershed Project

MOTION was made by Mr. Hudson and seconded by Mrs. Johnson for County Council, the County Attorney, and Attorney Chip Auman to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters regarding the employment of a county administrator, and for County Council, the County Administrator, and Planning Director Doug Reimold to go into executive session for the discussion of negotiations to proposed contractual matters regarding easement for the South Darlington Watershed Project.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed at 8:06 p.m. prior to going into executive session and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to offer Mr. Terence Arrington a contract consisting of two years, at will, beginning February 15, 2015; first year \$100,000 salary and \$5,000 moving expense; second year \$105,000 salary; Council's prior approval for travel; and vacation and sick leave as listed in the contract (same benefits as a 15 year county employee).

The motion carried unanimously.

Employment Of The Interim County Administrator

MOTION was made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to accept the resignation of Interim County Administrator Thomas Edwards, effective February 15, 2015.

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Council returned to executive session at 9:16 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m. Upon reconvening, Chairman Hudson announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Brock and seconded by Mr. Douglas to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. JaNet Bishop
Clerk to Council

Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of February 2, 2015.

**DARLINGTON COUNTY
ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP
December 31, 2014**

1. Revenue budget for FY2015/2016
2. Council adopted guidelines for FY2015/2016 balanced budget
3. Landfill operations: improvements, equipment, public or private
4. Reduction of overtime expenditures
5. Capital Equipment Replacement Plan and funding
6. Capital Improvement Plan with specific projects and funding
7. Organizational Structure
8. Financial affairs: reporting, internal controls, standard operating procedures, comprehensive review and model
9. Fees for municipal inmates
10. County-municipal recreation services
11. IT, technology, equipment, personnel
12. Fire Service Agreement with City of Hartsville
13. South Darlington Watershed Project
14. Courthouse & Admin. Building: capital cost, financing, operation & maintenance costs
15. Capital Project Sales Tax
16. Prison Farm
17. Economic Development Incentives, polices for developing & selling industrial park(s)/property
18. Zoning specific areas of the county
19. Wage and classification study
20. Efficient and effectiveness: review of all operations and each department
21. Expanding and cross training EMS and Fire personnel
22. Comprehensive review of budget, FY2015 through June 30, 2015
23. Standard Operating Procedure Handbook: Departments and countywide
24. Audit guidelines, reporting, and internal controls
25. Workers Compensation Modifier Reduction