

SPECIAL MEETING
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARLINGTON, SC

December 10, 2024

A Special Meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held this 10th day of December 2024, at 9 a.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 and the bulletin board in the lobby of the Darlington County Government Building located at 1 Public Square in Darlington.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bobby Hudson, Vice-Chairman Marvin Le Flowers, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. Michael Kirk Askins, Mr. David Coker, Mr. Albert Davis, III., and Mrs. Angie Stone Godbold.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Joyce W. Thomas.

ALSO PRESENT

County Administrator Marion Charles Stewart, III, County Attorney James H. Lucas, Attorney Adam Gainey, Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Economic Development Director J. Lewis Brown, Emergency Management Director Molly Odom, and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

Mr. Stephan Drew of the News & Press.

Call To Order / Invocation / Pledge Of Allegiance

Chairman Hudson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Mr. Coker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendment To The Agenda To Bring Forward Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Davis to amend the agenda to bring forward executive session for (1) the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim regarding the Darlington/Florence County boundary line and (2) the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body regarding Project Infinity.

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – (1) The Receipt Of Legal Advice Where The Legal Advice Relates To A Pending, Threatened, Or Potential Claim - Darlington - Florence County Boundary Line and (2) Discussion Of Matters Relating To The Proposed Location, Expansion, Or The Provision Of Services Encouraging Location Or Expansion Of Industries Or Other Businesses In The Area Served By The Public Body - Project Infinity

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Davis for Council, the County Administrator, the Economic Development Director, County Attorney Jay Lucas, and Attorney Adam Gainey to go into executive session for (1) the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim regarding the Darlington/Florence County boundary line and (2) the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body regarding Project Infinity.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council members and the named individuals went into executive session at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 9:52 a.m. Upon reconvening, Chairman Hudson announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 24-20, An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Tax And Incentive Agreement By And Between Darlington County, South Carolina And Echelon DC Darlington LLC, A Company Formerly Known To The County As Project Infinity Acting For Itself, One Or More Affiliates And/Or Other Project Sponsors; To Provide For A Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes, Certain Infrastructure Credits And Other Incentives; To Include The Project Within The Boundaries Of A Multi County Park; To Modify Building Permit And Review Fees Consistent With The Foregoing; And Other Matters Relating Thereto -THIRD READING

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 24-20.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 788, Identifying A Project To Satisfy The Requirements Of Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The South Carolina Code, So As To Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred By A Company Known To The County As Project Infinity, Its Affiliates And Related Entities, And/Or Other Project Sponsors To Qualify As Expenditures Eligible For A Fee -In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes And Incentive Agreement With Darlington County, South Carolina; Providing For Other Related Economic Development Incentives, Including Infrastructure Credits; And Other Matters Related Thereto

MOTION made by Mr. Coker and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve Resolution No. 788.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Davis announced the passing of Mr. Leo Bonapart, a former member of the Darlington County Economic Development Board.

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Janet Bishop
Clerk to Council



Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of January 7th, 2025.