

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARLINGTON, SC

November 4, 2024

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held this 4th day of November 2024, 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 and on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Darlington County Government Building located at 1 Public Square in Darlington.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Notice of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 24-20 was published in The Hartsville Messenger and News and Press on October 16, 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bobby Hudson, Vice-Chairman Marvin Le Flowers, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. Michael Kirk Askins, Mr. David Coker, Mrs. Angie Stone Godbold, and Ms. Joyce W. Thomas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Albert Davis, III.

ALSO PRESENT

County Administrator Marion Charles Stewart, III, County Attorney James H. Lucas, Attorney Adam Gainey, Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Central Communications Director Michelle Hall, Codes Enforcement Director Terri Cribb, Emergency Management Director Molly Odom, Emergency Services Director Kenny Bowen, Finance Director Sherman Dibble, Fire District Chief Ricky Flowers, Human Resources Director Ginger Winburn, Library Director Jimmie Epling, First Steps Parent Educators Britney Dargan and Jacqueline Bowman, and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

Mr. Stephan Drew of the News & Press.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 A Company 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 - SECOND READING

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open at 6 p.m. to receive comments on Ordinance No. 24-20.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Lease: A Five (5) Year Farmland Lease Between Darlington County And Joel Rivers For 254.6 Total Acres Of Land On The Interior (109.6 Acres) and Exterior (145 Acres) Located At The Darlington County Airport in Darlington, South Carolina, For The Period January 8, 2025, Through October 31, 2030. Parcel # 157-00-01-001

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive comments on the Five-Year Farmland Lease with Joel Rivers to lease a total of 254.6 acres of farmland in the interior (109.6 Acres) and exterior (145 Acres) of the runways at Darlington County Airport.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING

Call To Order / Invocation / Pledge Of Allegiance

Chairman Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Mr. Askins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

Personal Appearances

There were no personal appearances.

Consent Agenda (Receive As Information)

Included in the Consent Agenda were the following:

- 6.A. Beaver Management Program Report, September 2024
- 6.B. PDRTA's Appreciation Week, November 18-22, 2024
- 6.C. Darlington County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Activities, November 2024
- 6.D. DCHC&M Board Member Packet with Visitor Stats & Board Minutes, October 3, 2024
- 6.E. Financial Update through September 30, 2024
- 6.F. Darlington County Library System Calendar Of Events, November 2024
- 6.G. E-911 Statistics, September 2024
- 6.H. Fire District Call Volume Report, October 2024

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes – Minutes Of The Joint Meeting Of Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, And Legislative Delegation, September 30, 2024

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, and Legislative Delegation held on September 30, 2024.

The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Of The Public Hearing And Regular Meeting, October 7, 2024

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on October 7, 2024.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 24-16, An Ordinance To Authorize And Approve An Agreement For The Development Of A Multi-County Park Agreement By And Between Florence County And Darlington County, Such Multi-County Park To Be Geographically Located In Florence County And Darlington County And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended; Authorizing The Inclusion Of Certain Property Located In Florence County In The Multi-County Park; And Other Matters Related Thereto (Quiktrip Corporation) - THIRD READING

MOTION made by Mr. Coker and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 24-16.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 24-17, An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Darlington County, South Carolina And Throwback Solar, LLC, A Project Formerly Known To The County As Project Rob, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits For The Benefit Of A Project In The County; And Other Related Matters - THIRD READING

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 24-17.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 24-18, An Ordinance Authorizing The Enlargement Of The Joint County Industrial Park Between Darlington County, South Carolina And Florence County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Related Thereto (Project Rob) - THIRD READING

MOTION made by Mr. Coker and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 24-18.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 24-19, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 6 (Animals), Article II. (Animal Control) To Add A Section Governing The Tethering Of Pets, And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance – THIRD READING

MOTION made by Mrs. Godbold and seconded by Mr. Askins to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 24-19.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting – Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Chairman Hudson announced that Darlington County Council will hold a Special Meeting on December 10th at 9 a.m. to consider third reading of Ordinance No. 24-20 authorizing a Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Tax for Project Infinity.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 787, Proclaiming National Parents As Teachers Day, November 8, 2024

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve Resolution No. 787 proclaiming National Parents As Teachers Day.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Flowers read the Resolution, and Chairman Hudson presented it to Ms. Britney Dargan and Ms. Jacqueline Bowman on behalf of First Steps Darlington County.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Other Items

Appointments To Boards/Commissions/Committees

Chairman Hudson asked whether any Council member had an appointment from the list in the agenda packet.

There being no nominations, the appointments to Boards/Commissions were carried over.

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MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve the Five-Year Farmland Lease with Joel Rivers to lease a total of 254.6 acres of farmland in the interior (109.6 Acres) and exterior (145 Acres) of the runways at Darlington County Airport.

The motion carried unanimously.

Request to Purchase Two (2) Compactors, Environmental Services

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Askins to approve the purchase of two 35-yard compactors, at a cost of \$29,001.35 per compactor, from FleetGenius of NC, Inc. for Environmental Services for use at the solid waste collection/convenience centers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Request To Purchase Six (6) 30 Cubic Yard Roll-Off Boxes, Environmental Services

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve the purchase of six 30 cubic yard roll-off boxes, at a cost of \$7,075.62 per roll-off box, from FleetGenius of NC for Environmental Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Update

There was no administrative update.

Requests / Comments - Members Of Council

Mr. Coker urged everyone to exercise their right to vote tomorrow.

Mr. Douglas thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Flowers urged everyone to attend and support high school sports as well as recreational sports. He commended the sports program at the Recreation Department and high schools.

Ms. Thomas commented on the Recreation Department and Library System's activity reports/calendar of events in the agenda package. She would like the public to be informed about the activities.

Mr. Askins thanked those individuals who are running for elections. He stated that he would support whoever wins and hopes there will be a good turnout tomorrow.

Mrs. Godbold commended the approval of the Animal Tethering Ordinance. She reported that there had been numerous wrecks, of which two occurred within the last three weeks, at the intersection of Cashua Ferry Road and Springville Road. She asked whether the staff could talk with someone at SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation) to find out whether anything could be done and/or obtain statistics.

Mrs. Godbold stated that she had thoughts about the property that the City of Darlington owns along Highway 151 and the Carnegie Library. She requested that this be placed on the next County Council agenda for discussion.

Chairman Hudson asked Mrs. Godbold to submit written information to the County Administrator by the agenda deadline at noon on November 20th.

Chairman Hudson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and commended the employees for their work.


Vote For Executive Session

There was not a vote for an executive session.

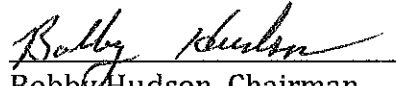
Adjournment

MOTION made by Chairman Hudson and seconded by Ms. Thomas to adjourn the meeting. There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Janet Bishop
Clerk to Council



Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of December 2, 2024.