

Darlington County Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 7, 2025
6:00 PM
Courthouse Annex/EMS Building
1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Hwy. 151)
Darlington, SC 29532
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AMENDED AGENDA / SECOND AMENDMENT

AGENDA

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1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1.A. *Ordinance No. 25-04, An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park By And Between Darlington County And Marlboro County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park So As To Include Additional Property In Darlington County And Marlboro County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto - THIRD READING*

[Agenda Item, Ord 25-04.pdf](#)

[MCIP- Darlington & Marlboro, Ord 25-04.docx](#)

[Marlboro Ordinance #857.pdf](#)

[Notice of Public Hearing, Ord 25-04.pdf](#)

1.B. *Ordinance No. 25-05, An Ordinance Authorizing Darlington County To Accept Ownership And Responsibility Of Property Through The Buyout Program With South Carolina Office Of Resilience (SCOR), Group 1 - THIRD READING*

Street Address & Tax Map/Parcel #

404 Watson Cir, Hartsville, SC - 036-05-01-009

406 Watson Cir, Hartsville, SC - 036-05-01-008

420 Watson Cir, Hartsville, SC - 036-05-01-005
412 Watson Cir, Hartsville, SC - 036-05-01-007
308 Kenwood Ave, Hartsville, SC - 056-02-02-012
511 Kenwood Ave, Hartsville, SC - 056-02-02-061
1236 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, SC - 054-16-01-076
107 Shoshone Dr, Darlington, SC - 184-00-01-017
2425 Sampit Dr, Hartsville, SC - 011-00-01-162
217 S Mary St, Hartsville, SC - 056-04-04-040

The Buyout Project is funded in part by a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant for Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) for the purpose of Darlington County acquiring property from voluntarily participating residential homeowners who are located in a floodplain and/or have suffered damages due to flooding during the 2015, 2016, or 2018 Presidentially-declared disasters and/or located in a program defined Disaster Risk Reduction Area.

Representatives for the South Carolina Office Of Resilience (SCOR) and the voluntarily participating residential homeowners have negotiated Contract(s) for Sale of Real Estate to be executed in the name of, and on behalf of, Darlington County. Darlington County anticipates receiving ownership of the properties at no cost and will be perpetually responsible for the maintenance of the properties.

The South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) and Darlington County are acting in accordance with a Darlington County application for a Community Development Block Grant for Mitigation (CBDG-MIT) and a Grant Agreement executed November 21, 2022.

[Agenda Item, Ord 25-05 Public Hearing.pdf](#)

[Ord 25-05, Accept Ownership SCOR Buyout Program, Group 1.docx](#)

[Contract For Sale of Real Estate Darlington County with Ordinance Process FINAL.doc](#)

[Notice of Public Hearing, Ord 25-05.pdf](#)

2. CALL TO ORDER

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-85 governs Citizens Comments. The following rules shall apply:

(1) Any citizen will be allowed a maximum of 2 minutes during this 30 minutes.

(2) The order of speakers shall be on a first-come, first serve basis as recorded on a log provided before and during the meeting.

(3) Input must be in the form of suggestions, information or comments pertaining to programs or activities of county government. Rules of order and conduct shall apply. Comments should not be made, either complimentary or critical, naming any citizen, board or commission member, employee, or councilmember.

(4) Speakers' comments will be received only as information. This time is provided for citizens to state their suggestions, information or comments, not for a debate or interrogation involving councilmembers or staff. If a member of council wishes to have discussion of a topic initiated during citizen comments, a member can make a motion to have the topic scheduled for council discussion and possible action at a subsequent meeting.

(5) Speakers desiring more time for a presentation should seek to make a scheduled appearance as

provided for by section 2-83(d).

5. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-83(d-e) governs appearances other than for public hearings. The length of scheduled appearances before Council shall be 10 minutes total for both presentations and questions/answers. The length of time can be extended or permitted at the end of the agenda by the unanimous consent of council or by a 3/4 vote; council may refer those wishing to communicate further to the county administrator or a committee of council; or individuals may be asked to come back at a later meeting. The purpose of appearances before council is for citizens to present their views and concerns in a manner consistent with the rules of order. This is not a forum for councilmembers to be interrogated or for a debate between parties to take place.

5.A. *Mr. Ben Gore, Center Theater Building Commission Chairman - Renovations At The Center Theater*
[BGore, Center Theater.pdf](#)

6. CONSENT AGENDA (RECEIVE AS INFORMATION)

6.A. *Darlington County Humane Society Impact Report, February 2025*
[DCHS Impact Report, Feb 2025.pdf](#)

6.B. *Economic Development Partnership Board Minutes, November 20, 2024*
[Econ Dev Partnership Brd Minutes, Nov 2024.pdf](#)

6.C. *DCHC&M Board Member Packet with Visitor Stats and Board Minutes - March 6, 2025*
[DCHC&M Board Member Packet with Visitor Stats and Board Minutes - March 6, 2025.pdf](#)

6.D. *Pee Dee Regional Council Of Governments COGNitive Connections Monthly Newsletter, March 21, 2025*
[PDCOG COGNitive Connections, March 2025.pdf](#)

6.E. *Library Board Minutes, January 15, 2025*
[Library Board Minutes.pdf](#)

6.F. *911 Call Volume Report, February 2025*
[911 STATISTICS \(1\).jpg](#)

6.G. *Darlington County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Activities/Events, April 2025*
[Darlington County Activities.docx](#)
[upcoming events april 25.jpg](#)

6.H. *Library System Calendar Of Events, April 2025*
[DCLS_Calendar_April_2025.pdf](#)

6.I. *Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Meeting Notice*
[Agenda, April 17, 2025.pdf](#)

6.J. *Fire District Call Volume Report, March 2025*
[Call Volume report.docx](#)

- 6.K. *Financial update through February 28, 2025*
[FIN UPDATE THRU 02282025.pdf](#)

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 7.A. *Minutes Of Regular Meeting, March 3, 2025*
[March 3, 2025, minutes.pdf](#)

8. ORDINANCES

- 8.A. *Ordinance No. 25-04, An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park By And Between Darlington County And Marlboro County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park So As To Include Additional Property In Darlington County And Marlboro County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto - THIRD READING*
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- 8.C. *Ordinance No. 25-06, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 2 (Administration), Article II. (County Council), Division 3. (Meetings), To Allow Virtual Attendance At Council Meetings And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance, SECOND READING - CARRY OVER REQUESTED*
- 8.D. *Ordinance No. 25-07, An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Property Near The Mazingo Building In Darlington - SECOND READING - CARRY OVER REQUESTED*
- 8.E. *Ordinance No. 25-08, An Ordinance Authorizing Darlington County To Accept Ownership And Responsibility Of Property Through The Buyout Program With South Carolina Office Of Resilience (SCOR), Group 2 - SECOND READING*
[Agenda Item, Ord 25-08.pdf](#)
[Ordinance 25-08, Accept Ownership SCOR Buyout Program Group 2.docx](#)
[Ord 25-08, Contract For Sale of Real Estate, SCOR, Group 2.doc](#)
- 8.F. *Ordinance No. 25-09, An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Ordinary County Purposes For Darlington County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, And Ending June 30, 2026; To Provide For The Expenditures Thereof; And To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof - FIRST READING - BY TITLE ONLY*
- 8.G. *Ordinance No. 25-10, An Ordinance To Designate That Agency In The County For Alcohol And Drug Abuse Planning For Programs And To Make Appropriations Pursuant To*

Sections 6-27-40(B) And 12-33-245(B) And (C) Of The 1976 Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, As Amended, For Darlington County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, And Ending June 30, 2026 - FIRST READING - BY TITLE ONLY

8.H. *Ordinance No. 25-11, An Ordinance Authorizing Darlington County To Accept Ownership And Responsibility Of Property Through The Buyout Program With South Carolina Office Of Resilience (SCOR), Group 3 - FIRST READING - BY TITLE ONLY*

8.I. *Ordinance No. 25-12, An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement By And Between Darlington County, South Carolina And Project Viper Providing For A Payment Of A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes, And Other Matters Related Thereto - FIRST READING - BY TITLE ONLY*

8.J. *Ordinance No. 25-13, An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement By And Between Darlington County, South Carolina And Project Joint Providing For A Payment Of A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes, And Other Matters Related Thereto - FIRST READING - BY TITLE ONLY*

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.A. *Resolution No. 796, Proclamation For National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 13-19, 2025*

[Agenda Item, Resolution 796.pdf](#)

[Telecommunicators Week Proclamation, Res 796.docx](#)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER ITEMS

11.A. *Appointments To Boards/Commissions/Committees*

[Boards Appointment Status Spreadsheet, April 2025.pdf](#)

[Econ Dev Partnership Brd Recommendations for Board Appointment.pdf](#)

[Board Members & Attendance.pdf](#)

[Code of Ord, Boards.docx](#)

[Description of Boards.doc](#)

12. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

13. REQUESTS / COMMENTS - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

14.A. *Discussion Regarding Personnel Matters Related To Employment Of The Darlington County Economic Development Director*

14.B. *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 Viper (Ordinance No. 25-12) And Project Joint (Ordinance No. 25-13)*

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There is the possibility that there may be a vote resulting from Executive Session)

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16. ADJOURNMENT

County Council Budget Worksession - Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., at Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Conference Center, 2314 Pisgah Road, Florence, SC 29501

Next Scheduled Meeting - May 5, 2025, at 6 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Hwy. 151), Darlington, SC 29532

County Operations Closed - Friday, April 18, 2025, in observance of Good Friday.

Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meeting upon request. Special assistance requests should be made to Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council, at 843-398-4100 seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.