

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2017
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on January 25, 2017 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Stevie Grice, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, Jack Scott, Harold Moody and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Karl McColleston (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Florence Morning News Room, Kenneth Smith, Calvin Matthews, Charlie Bailey, Rhonda Leonard, Gerry Flemming, Tonie Martin, Rosco Oxendine, Delores Smith, Terry Brown, Winna Miller, Jacorie M., Melissa Thompson, Deborah Vann, Jennifer Ward, Corey Jackson, Bill Patel; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rodney Berry, County Administrator led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Archie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James Campbell motioned to approve agenda. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12/14/16, 01/03/17 (called), 01/13/17(called)

Attorney Alan Berry told Council that correction needs to be made to minutes 1/13/15 called should be 1/13/17. **James Campbell motioned to approve agenda with correction of minutes 1/13/17 called instead of 1/13/15. TF Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.**

PUBLIC HEARING

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's January 5, 2017 edition.

RESOLUTIONS

DILLON COUNTY RECREATION ALL-STARS – 7 & 8 YEAR OLD

Robbie Coward motioned to approve resolution. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor. Stevie Grice and James Campbell presented the plaques.

DILLON COUNTY RECREATION ALL-STARS – 11 & 12 YEAR OLD

Stevie Grice motioned to approve resolution. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor. Stevie Grice and James Campbell presented the plaque.

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LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL – 2016 CLASS A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

James Campbell motioned to approve resolution. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor. Jack Scott, Archie Scott and TF Finklea presented the plaque

DILLON HIGH SCHOOL – 2016 CLASS 3A LOWER STATE FOOTBALL TITLE

Robbie Coward motioned to approve resolution. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor. Harold Moody and Robbie Coward presented the plaque.

NEW BUSINESS

WAYNE GREEN – KARATE KIDS

Wayne Green thanked the council for their generous support of his karate students. He then presented the council with an Appreciation Award.

HIRING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CONTRACT

Hiring County Administrator and Contract will be discussed in executive session.

RECREATION REQUESTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

JUDICIAL CENTER

Rodney Berry told Council that the drainage appears to be working out with last rain. Judicial Center was inspected and still has some minor leaks. Architect and Engineer will not sign off until they are completely satisfied.

RESIDENT FROM WEST COUNTRYSIDE ROAD TO SPEAK

Mary Miller, Paul Moody and Aaron Musselwhite came to Council to discuss the closing of the crossing at Countryside road. Mrs. Miller told Council that they had concerns about closing the crossing, that if they had an emergency they wanted the ambulance, fire trucks and law enforcement to get to them as quickly as possible to save a life, save a home or stop a criminal. She told how they loved their rural neighborhood and would like to keep it intact. Chairman Scott thanked the residents of Countryside for coming and expressing their feelings.

CSX AND SCDOT CLOSING RESPONSE

John Dillard from CSX told Council that the way the issue of the closing of the crossing came about was with the Ports Authority and others to develop site. He explained that what they would need would be a siting to effectively enter and exit the Port properly. He said that in order to accommodate not only the existing day one of the port but future growth of the port and future growth in area determined that to build a 16,000 foot siting adjacent to West of the mainline from approximately Fairfield Road down South of Dothan, right through Countryside and Skip Drive. CSX approached the County about closing crossing and with that comes concerns. There are safety benefits when you can reduce chances that cars and people interact with trains are better and when there are alternative accesses. CSX is trying to have enough capacity to officially serve the port today and tomorrow and into the future. Councilman James Campbell asked if the road is not closed will this stop the Inland Port from coming. Mr. Dillard replied, no but will significantly change the design and delay the opening of the Port.

DISCUSSION OF FUND 45

TF Finklea did research on Fund 45 and 2013 when capital sales tax fund was completed, \$686,184.59 voted by Council to assist Latta area with sewer problems. 2014 voted to protect Lake View monies by placing the monies in the budget for Lake View area. Clay Young put these in the budget under Fund 45 Capital Projects. TF Finklea suggested having a workshop on Fund 45. Archie Scott told Council that he did not have a problem having a workshop but he felt that Clay Young needed to come and explain Fund 45.

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FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of January 25, 2017 with net available funds of \$669,451.37

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Rodney Berry told Council that the County is getting a bus. Mr. Berry explained that an employee appreciation day is planned for March. 14th, 2017. He also told Council that the auction is underway and will be March 18, 2017.

ORDINANCES

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER 132 AT 137 FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) DISTRICT TO RESIDENTIAL 2 (RS2) DISTRICT.

TF Finklea motioned to amend the official zoning map of Dillon County to rezone a parcel of land known as tax map number 132 at 137 from General Commercial (GC) District to Residential 2 (RS2) District. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

THIRD READING – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Ben Zeigler, lawyer from Haynesworth, Sinkler and Boyd told Council that his firm was now doing the third reading of the GO Bond and that this basically deals with authorizing borrowing \$3.2 million that will be paid back by property taxes by GO Bond. State law requires 60 days waiting period to close bond after third reading which will be around the first of April. Term will be set for 4 year term. **Robbie Coward motioned to have third reading. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY INVOLVED INAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT KNOWN AS PROJECT BADGER; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY, PURSUANT TO TITLE 4 CHAPTER 1 AND 20 AND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT AND A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND SUCH COMPANY; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE GRANT AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE PROJECT; THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY AND THE CONVEYANCE OF SUCH PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; THE PROVISION BY THE COUNTY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT; AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Stevie Grice motioned to have first reading by title only. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – DISTRICT ONE – JAMES CAMPBELL

James Campbell motioned to appoint Swift Bethea to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

DILLON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD – DISTRICT SEVEN – STEVIE GRICE

Stevie Grice motioned to appoint Thelma Anne Burns to the Dillon County Library Board. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

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DILLON COUNTY PUBLIC PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD – DISTRICT TWO – JACK SCOTT; DISTRICT THREE – ARCHIE SCOTT; DISTRICT FOUR – TF FINKLEA

Jack Scott – None at this time.

Archie Scott motioned to appoint Lafon LeGette as a non-voting member, serving in Chairman’s place, to the Public Private Economic Development Partnership Board. TF Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.

TF Finklea motioned to appoint Dr. Linda Manning Hayes to the Public Private Economic Development Partnership Board. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

James Campbell motioned to go into executive session. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

TF Finklea motioned to come out of executive session. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

Robbie Coward motioned to hire Rodney Berry with contract. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

James Campbell motioned to adjourn. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved