

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARLINGTON, SC

September 9, 2019

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held this 9th day of September 2019, 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, on the bulletin board in the lobby of the courthouse, and at the entrance of the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building.

A Notice of Public Hearing for the Lease of Farmland was published in the Hartsville Messenger and the News and Press on August 7, 2019. A Notice of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 19-19 was published in the Hartsville Messenger and the News and Press on August 21, 2019. A Notice of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 19-20 was Published in the Hartsville Messenger and the News and Press on August 14, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bobby Hudson, Vice Chairman J. Lewis Brown, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. David Coker, Mr. Albert Davis, III, Mr. Marvin Le Flowers, Mr. Robert L. Kilgo, Jr., and Ms. Joyce W. Thomas.

ALSO PRESENT

County Administrator Marion Charles Stewart, III, Acting County Attorney Terry Quinn, Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Environmental Services Director Renee Howle, Finance Director Sherman Dibble, Fire District Chief Ricky Flowers, Library Director Jimmie Epling, Parks and Recreation Director Lee Andrews, Prison Farm Director Mitch Stanley, Risk Manager Molly Odom, Roads and Bridges Director Bobby Richardson, Sheriff Tony Chavis, Ms. Rosena James, Attorney Jacob Goodwin and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

Mr. Matt Christian of the Morning News and Mrs. Samantha Lyles of the News and Press.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Recognition Of County Officials Who Graduated From SC Association Of Counties' Institute Of Government For County Officials

Chairman Hudson recognized Councilman J. Lewis Brown, Councilman David Coker, Councilwoman Joyce Thomas, and County Administrator Charles Stewart on their recent

graduation from the South Carolina Association of Counties' Institute of Government for County Officials.

The Institute of Government for County Officials is a training program designed to equip county officials with the tools needed to enhance their skills and abilities to function more effectively in their positions. The South Carolina Association of Counties provides the Institute in cooperation with the Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston.

Recognition Of State Champions From Lamar Dixie Youth & Darlington County Little League - Parks, Recreation & Recreation Director Lee Andrews

Parks and Recreation Director Lee Andrews recognized Lamar Dixie Youth (Minor) Baseball team coaches and players. He reported that this team won District 5 Championship and was the first-ever team to win the Dixie Youth Division 2 State Championship (for minors). The team advanced to the World Series for ages 9 to 10 and finished in third place. Mr. Andrews also recognized Player A.J. Odom for being awarded the Dixie Youth World Series Division 2 Batting Championship.

Mr. Andrews then recognized Darlington County Little League Junior Girls Softball team coaches and players for winning the State Championship and advancing to the Southeastern Regional. This team consists of players ages 13 to 15 from Hartsville, Lamar, and Darlington.

Mr. Andrews also recognized Darlington County Little League Senior Division team coaches and players for winning the State Championship, advancing to the Southeastern Regional, and ended one game away from going to the World Series. This team consists of players ages 15 to 16 from Darlington and Lamar.

Chairman Hudson commended the kids for participating in sports with the Recreation Department and congratulated them on their wins. He wished them good luck in the future.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Lease #1: A five-year lease for a tract of farmland consisting of 109.6 acres in the interior of the runway system (inside the triangle of the runways) at Darlington County Airport, 313 G Graham Segars Parkway, Darlington, SC.

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing opening at 6:09 p.m. to receive comments on Lease #1 - a five-year lease for a tract of farmland consisting of 109.6 acres in the interior of the runway system (inside the triangle of the runways) at Darlington County Airport located at 313 G Graham Segars Parkway in Darlington.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Lease #2: A five-year lease for a tract of farmland consisting of 145 acres comprised of five parcels around the exterior of the runway system (outside the triangle of the runways) at Darlington County Airport, 313 G Graham Segars Parkway, Darlington, SC.

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive comments on Lease #2 - a five-year lease for a tract of farmland consisting of 145 acres comprised of five parcels around the exterior of the runway system (outside the triangle of the runways) at Darlington County Airport located at 313 G Graham Segars Parkway in Darlington.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 19-19, An Ordinance Authorizing And Establishing A Program To Grant Special Property Tax Assessments To Certain Rehabilitated Historic Properties (the "Bailey Bill Program"); And Other Matters Related Thereto - SECOND READING -- CARRY OVER REQUESTED

Chairman Hudson declared public hearing open to receive comments on Ordinance No. 19-19. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 19-20, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 19-07 (Darlington County FY19/20 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The Airport Fund To Receive And Expend Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Funds For The Airport Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation Project And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - THIRD READING

Chairman Hudson declared the public hearing open to receive comments on Ordinance No. 19-20. 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 6:11 p.m. Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Ms. Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens' Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Personal Appearances

There were no personal appearances.

Consent Agenda (Receive As Information)

Included in the Consent Agenda were the following:

- 6.A. Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Workshop, Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Elections/Voter Registration Office, 131 Cashua Street, Darlington

6.B. Planning Commission Minutes, July 16, 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Kilgo 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, & Legislative Delegation, July 29, 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Flowers to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting Of Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, & Legislative Delegation held on July 29, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of Public Hearing & Regular Meeting, August 12, 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Flowers to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Of Special Meeting, August 26, 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Flowers to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 26, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 19-16, An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For The Development Of A Joint Industrial And Business Park Dated November 18, 2010, By And Between Darlington And Florence Counties So As To Enlarge The Park (Project Clean) - THIRD READING

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 19-16.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 19-17, To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$4,200,000) General Obligation Bond Of Darlington County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto - THIRD READING

MOTION made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Kilgo to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 19-17.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 19-18, To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$4,100,000) General Obligation Bond Of Darlington County,

South Carolina (Darlington County Fire Protection District), To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto - THIRD READING

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 19-18.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 19-20, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 19-07 (Darlington County FY19/20 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The Airport Fund To Receive And Expend Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Funds For The Airport Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation Project And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - THIRD READING

MOTION made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 19-20.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 19-19, An Ordinance Authorizing And Establishing A Program To Grant Special Property Tax Assessments To Certain Rehabilitated Historic Properties (the "Bailey Bill Program"); And Other Matters Related Thereto - SECOND READING -- CARRY OVER REQUESTED

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Flowers to carry over second reading of Ordinance No. 19-19.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 707, Recognition Of Darlington County Deputy David Self

Mr. Brown read the resolution and Chairman Hudson and Sheriff Chavis presented it to Deputy David Self.

MOTION made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Coker to approve Resolution No. 707.

The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Other Items

Appointments To Boards & Commissions To Fill Vacancies, Expired Terms, & Non-Attendance (NOTE: Individuals whose term has expired can be reappointed. There is no limit on the number of terms an individual can serve on a Board/Commission/Committee.)

Mr. Hudson carried over his appointment to the Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals, Library Board, and Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mr. Flowers carried over his appointment to the Airport Commission, Alcohol and Drug Citizen Advisory Committee, Board of Assessment Appeals, Construction Board of Adjustment/Appeals, Historical Commission, and Planning Commission.

Mr. Davis nominated Ms. Velda Mack for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Coker seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mack will replace Ms. Delores Gibson Patterson Hines in a term to expire June 30, 2020.

Mr. Brown carried over his appointment to the Alcohol and Drug Citizen Advisory Committee.

Bid Award For Five-Year Lease Of Farmland At County Airport (Lease #1 - 109.6 Acres In The Interior Of Runway System and Lease #2 - 145 Acres Surrounding The Exterior Of The Runway System)

MOTION made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Flowers to approve awarding the five-year farmland leases (Lease #1 and Lease #2) to the highest bidder, Joel Rivers, in the amount of \$56.95 per acre.

The motion carried unanimously.

Contract For The Airport Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation Project

MOTION made by Mr. Kilgo and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve acceptance of the contract with Hi-Way Paving for the Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$4,235,160.50 with the county providing five percent (\$211,758.03), the state providing five percent (\$211,758.03) and the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) providing ninety percent (\$3,811,644.40).

The motion carried unanimously.

Bid Award For The Purchase Of A Truck For Environmental Services, \$128,778.71

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve awarding the bid for the purchase of a new truck from Peterbilt of Florence in the amount of \$128,778.71.

Mr. Davis asked whether the county received any other bids for this truck.

Mr. Stewart responded that the staff looked at vehicles that had been bided out through the Cooperative Purchasing Program. Of the vehicles available, the Peterbilt was the best price for the value. The staff looked at Peterbilt, Mack, Volvo, and International. The Peterbilt seemed to offer the best deal for the price. Delivery could be by December.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Update - Mr. Marion Charles Stewart, III, County Administrator

Mr. Stewart reported that due to the time limit to compile the agenda package prior to Hurricane Dorian, the staff was unable to compile the text for the Bailey Bill (Ordinance No. 19-19). Part of the Bailey Bill Ordinance will consist of historic preservation and property tax incentive. Therefore, Historical Commission Director Brian Gandy, with the Historical Commission, will look at the proposed ordinance and come back next week with

suggestions on how the Architecture Review Board should function. The Architecture Review Board will probably be the Historical Commission Board. Mr. Stewart added that Codes Enforcement, Development Services, and Planning will also look at the information to ensure that the program runs smoothly and that the ordinance states how the process should occur. The county's ordinance will differ slightly from the City of Hartsville's ordinance since the county has a Historical Commission and Planning Commission.

Mr. Stewart reported that each Council member should have received a Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Annual Review Brochure published by the Economic Development Office under the Partnership (the private, public sector committee). The brochure provides an overview of statistics and data from the last few years regarding new growth, where it occurred, who brought it in, and the amount invested over that time period.

Mr. Stewart reported that the county's Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed on Tuesday, September 17th at 4 p.m. at the Elections/Voter Registration Office as indicated in the Consent Agenda. This session will provide an opportunity for the public to talk with the planned developer who is contracted through Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments (COG).

Ms. Thomas asked whether the information about the Comprehensive Plan was published in the newspapers.

Mr. Stewart was certain that Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments or their contractor had advertised the public meeting. The information was also included in the agenda package.

Requests / Comments - Members Of Council

Mr. Kilgo commended the efforts of the staff to obtain Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funds (\$3,811,644.40) and state funds (\$211,758.03) to pay for the Airport Runway Rehab Project. He mentioned that there will be an inconvenience at the airport for a few months during the project, but upon completion, bigger corporations and bigger planes will be able to access the county airport, which will be beneficial to economic development.

Ms. Thomas expressed the need to visually see the county airport. She thanked the Sheriff and commended his staff for presenting a church safety presentation which she attended.

Mr. Flowers recognized Attorney Jacob Goodwin, a native of Hartsville and new attorney at Saleeby and Cox Law Firm.

Mr. Brown commended the race track's staff/volunteers on the success of the race event and the county staff for monitoring the potential hurricane.

Mr. Douglas talked about the need to repaint the display jet at the County Airport. Airport Manager Barry Kennett responded that the County is responsible for maintaining the display aircraft. However, the Boy Scouts has maintained it at one time.

Mr. Flowers will contact the Boy Scouts to find out whether they would like to clean/paint the display aircraft as their Eagle Scout Project. He remembers the last upkeep being a joint effort between the Civil Air Patrol and the Eagle Scout.

Mr. Davis thanked Recreation Director Lee Andrews and the ball teams for their efforts and achievements. He commended Deputy Self and thanked the staff for monitoring the hurricane.

Mr. Coker briefly commented about and commended the annual Byrdtown Rodeo.

Chairman Hudson announced that Highway 401 will be closed for 360 plus days for bridge repair work. He commended the race events and the staff for work during the hurricane. Chairman Hudson also commended the ball teams.

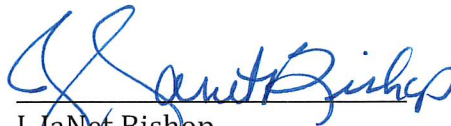
Vote For Executive Session

There was not a vote for Executive Session.

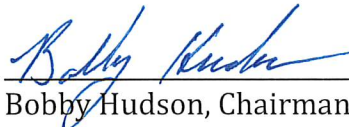
Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting. There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Janet Bishop
Clerk to Council



Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of October 7, 2019.