



# JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.  
358 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Monday, March 18, 2024

MINUTES

## ***Budget Workshop:***

### **Review of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Schedule – Kimberly Burgess**

Ms. Burgess was present to give a review of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Schedule to the Council. She noted that 05.06.2024 would be the first reading of the budget; she noted the school district was set for the 05.06.2024 meeting and possibly the 05.20.2024 meeting; 05.20.2024 would be the public hearing and second reading of the ordinance and on 06.03.2024 if all went as planned this would be the final reading of the budget ordinance.

### **Jasper County Neighbors United – Tedd Moyd**

Mr. Tedd Moyd of Jasper County Neighbors United was present to discuss their budget requests with Council. Mr. Moyd noted that they were embarking on new ventures and discussed some of that information with Council. He said that JCNU is becoming sustainable and self-sufficient. He discussed their budget request amount with the Council and noted their plans for the use of the funds.

### **Jasper County Council on Aging – Lila Resh**

Ms. Lila Resh, Mr. Rochester and Mr. Newton of the Jasper County Council on Aging was present to discuss their budget requests with the Council. They discussed their mission and what they provide to the citizens of Jasper County. They discussed their funding sources and the number of clients they had serviced.

**Officials Present:** Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, and Councilman John Kemp. **Absent:** Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Councilman Coy Garbade

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Chief Russell Wells, Danny Lucas and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

### **Call to Order:**

Vice Chairwoman Clark meeting to order as soon as the Workshop was over. The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification.*

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**2. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.**

**(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:**

**(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – Tax Map # 063-26-14-001 and Map # 063-26-14-002; Consideration of just compensation for I95 widening property request by SCDOT; Parks and Recreation Master Plan Proposals; Airport matters-Heddings Lawsuit**

**(5) 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 a public body – Prospect Update; Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Assignment**

**ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS.**

**Motion to go into Executive Session:** Councilman Adkins

**Second:** Councilman Kemp

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Return to Open Session:**

**Motion to return to Regular Session:** Councilman Adkins

**Second:** Councilman Kemp

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

○ **Action coming out of Executive Session:** There were no motions coming from Executive Session.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Councilman Adkins.

**5. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:**

Councilman Kemp noted that the Consent Agenda needed to be amended to include the 02.05.2024 Minutes that was left off the agenda but were included in their packets.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted change:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**6. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve the agenda:** Councilman Adkins

**Second:** Councilman Kemp

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

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**7. Brenda Dooley, CEO - Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry**

Ms. Dooley was present to make a presentation on behalf of Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry. Information was passed out to Council, and she noted the 4 components of Habitats Homeownership Program: Land, Families; Volunteers and Donors. She noted that they have built 14 homes in 2 locations. She discussed their process noting they aren't a quick fix but rather a long-term solution. She discussed their process and their recent accomplishments in Jasper County.

**8. Chief Russell Wells – Initial Quarterly Report on the IGA with City of Hardeeville for Emergency Transport / Ambulance Services.**

Chief Wells gave an initial quarterly report on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Hardeeville for Emergency Transport and Ambulance Services. He discussed the data analysis of the calls that were dispatched and responses.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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9. None

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS**

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10. None

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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11. Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance 08-17 Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting's 6:30PM start time on the Sign-In Sheet on the Podium), to address Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.

Mary Solomon discussed a new development on Bees Creek Road and wanted to know where the water would off load to.

Coroner Willie Aiken discussed the Coroner position and his concerns for his department.

Susan Campbell did not speak as she thought this was a sign in sheet to attend the meeting.

Valerie Guzman spoke on the Special Audit.

Lance Stemple did not speak as he thought this was a sign in sheet to attend the meeting.

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12. **Administrator's Report** - Mr. Fulghum reviewed the information from his report. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from the Council in the Administrator's Report.

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#### CONSENT AGENDA

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13. **John Wall** – Approval of the **3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2024-04** Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes And Incentive Agreement By And Among n Jasper County, South Carolina And Master Steel LLC, for an Economic Development formerly known as "Project Install" To Provide For Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Approving The Creation Of A Multicounty Park With Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Multicounty Park Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits And; And Other Related Matters. (*Project Install*) (*1<sup>st</sup> reading 02.05.2024; public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 03.04.2024*)

14. **David Tedder** – Consideration of the **3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2024-05** Extending a Temporary Moratorium on Applications, Administrative Processing and Permitting for Approval of Large Residential Subdivisions, Major Subdivisions, Commercial Development Projects and Signage Within the Euhaw Broad River Planning Area and Matters Related Thereto. (*Moratorium*) (*1<sup>st</sup> reading 02.26.2024; public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 03.04.2024*)

15. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of the recommendation of the bid proposals for Robertville Community Center Roof Replacement Phase 2.

16. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of the recommendation of the Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee Members for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

17. **Danny Lucas** – Ratifying Approval of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan RFP Recommendation to include inadvertently omitted written staff recommendation. (*Approved at the 03.04.2024 meeting*)

18. Approval of the Minutes 01.25.2024 and 02.05.2024

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**19. Council Members Comments:** Councilmember Comments were given but there were no comments that required action.

**20. Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II.** There was no need to return to the Executive Session for this meeting. For additional information on this meeting please visit our website for this meeting's agenda E-Packet or for the video go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm\\_ggXCIIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCIIA)

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:12PM

**Respectfully submitted:**



Wanda H. Giles  
Clerk to Council



Barbara B. Clark,  
Vice Chairwoman