



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936
Monday, February 6, 2023
MINUTES

Officials Present: Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins (arrived at 5:30PM), Councilman John Kemp and Councilman Coy Garbade.

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda H. Simmons, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Lisa Wagner, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Also Present: Barnwell Fishburne, District DOT Commissioner; Adam Bishop, Jasper County DOT Representative of the SCDOT; Joe Mantua, General Manager of the BJWSA; the Family of Mr. Leroy Sneed; and Heather Rath.

Chairman Sauls called the meeting to order at 5:04PM and welcomed everyone to the Workshop. Chairman Sauls asked the Clerk to Council to read the Report of Compliance to the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Simmons, Clerk to Council to read the Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 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.*

Workshop: Discussion of all Agenda Items

Council discussed the following items during the workshop to have the opportunity to clarify and ask any questions on these items as these items were on the agenda for tonight's meeting:

Ordinance Item #A - Ordinance# O-2023-01

Ordinance Item #C - Ordinance# O-2023-02

New Business Item # D - Consideration of USGS Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of a Gaging Station at the Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport

New Business Item F: Consideration of Change Order Number 7 from Thomas and Hutton Engineering for Marsh Cove Fire Station.

The information below for executive session items was read.

Motion to go into executive session: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

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 - [City of Hardeeville v. Jasper County, South Carolina, Jasper County Treasurer, and Jasper County Auditor](#)

(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; Project Refurb](#)

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. PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES BASED ON ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Return to Open Session:

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

There were no motions from Executive Session

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Kemp and the Invocation was given by Councilman Adkins.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve with moving the Proclamation before the Presentations: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of 11.07.2022 and 11.21.2022:

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

Presentations and Proclamations:

Proclamation:

A: David Tedder – Proclamation to the family of Leroy Sneed recognizing his contributions to Jasper County. (This item was moved here at the start of the meeting to this location as per Council)

Vice Chairwoman Clark read the Proclamation and talked about how precious Mr. Sneed had been to everyone that had known him. Vice Chairwoman Clark along with Chairman Sauls and Council presented it to the Family of Mr. Leroy Sneed.

Ordinance Item A: This item was moved here by Chairman Sauls due to the number of people waiting to hear about this item.

A: Lisa Wagner – Public hearing and the consideration of the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-01 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 11421 Gillison Branch Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 050-00-04-011, consisting of 31.504 acres, from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Resource Extraction Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (1st reading 01.17.2023)

Ms. Wagner was present to address this request. She noted that the subject property consists of 31.504 acres and is located at 11421 Gillison Branch Road. The Applicant has requested a Zoning Map Amendment to have the property designated as Resource Extraction. The property is currently zoned Rural Preservation. The property is utilized as the applicant's primary residence. The applicant intends to apply for a SCDHEC mining permit in order to create a 5-acre recreational pond and remove the dirt from the site. In accordance with the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, any mining or excavation activity is only allowed within the Resource Extraction Zone. According to the 2018 Jasper County Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map identifies this area as "Rural Conservation," which are areas that seeks to protect and promote the character of Jasper County that largely exists today outside of the municipalities. Non-residential development may be appropriate if it is buffered correctly.

The properties immediately adjacent to the site are zoned Rural Preservation and Residential. Within ½ mile radius there are 12-14 properties that are zoned Rural Preservation and approximately 40-43 properties that are zoned Residential. The adjacent land uses are single family residential and undeveloped properties. Within ½ mile radius of the property, there are approximately 20 properties that are developed with single family homes. The subject property is accessed by Gillison Branch Road, which is a two-lane state maintained road classified as a collector road.

The intent of the Resource Extraction (RE) Zone is:

To protect, preserve, sustain, and protect activities which specifically extract or harvest natural resources for commercial or industrial purposes, such as mining, excavations, excavation operations and activities, while concurrently ensuring protection of the health, safety, welfare of nearby residents and the value of nearby property. The Resource Extraction District will protect economically important mineral resources of the County for current and future use and will protect existing land uses adjacent to potential lands from undue harm that may result from mineral extraction activity.

Businesses extracting resources are essential activities that may present unique challenges when considering adjacent properties and protection of public health, safety and welfare. However, it is intended that this zoning classification only apply to those portions of the County where the potential for conflict between adjacent current and future land uses and the mineral extraction activities are minimal. Any zoning map amendment to designate a property as RE should be carefully considered by assessing the following factors, including but not limited to: impact on environmentally sensitive areas and critical natural resources; impact on health, safety and welfare of the Jasper County residents; impact on the character of existing communities; impact on adjacent land value; traffic generation and potential mitigation; and any other factors considered essential to address.

In accordance with the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, the Resource Extraction Zone allows mining and excavation as a conditional use. In addition to the provisions of Article 14 of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, *Excavation Regulations*, other important conditions include the following:

ARTICLE 11:7, CONDITIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES:

11:7.4, Sector 21: Mining and Mine Operation:

Mining and Mine Operation must have all required state and federal permits and meet the requirements of all State and Federal Statutes and regulations. Mining and Mine Operation must meet the setbacks. All excavation activities will be adequately buffered from nearby properties, because the subject property is surrounded on all sides by a larger parcel of land, which is zoned Rural Preservation, and owned by the applicant on all sides except for the property adjacent to the western boundary line. The Planning Commission reviewed this application at their December 13, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting and recommended re-zoning the property to the Resource Extraction Zoning District.

The public hearing was opened for this item. It was mentioned by the Chairman that prior to this public hearing tonight that the Council held a workshop to discuss this topic. The following people signed in to speak at the public hearing:

Janet Spence discussed her concerns and those of the surrounding people regarding this request of this item.

Don Newton discussed his concerns of how this project would relate to the historical area of Gillisonville and asked that this be sent back to the Planning Commission.

Richard Jackson noted that this was a historical property area and expressed his concern and disagreement with the project.

Freddie Brantley noted that they had over 300 signatures against the project and ask that this not be approved.

Ms. Horton noted her opposition of this request.

Mr. Jenkins yielded his time to another person if so desired.

Johnny Youmans noted his opposition to this request.

Robert Smith no appearance.

Carolyn Smith no appearance.

Frances Smith no appearance.

The public hearing was closed.

Motion to table until the Council could have a workshop with the applicant and the community members to better understand the proposal: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Presentations:

A: [Barnwell Fishburne, District DOT Commissioner and Adam Bishop, Jasper County DOT Representative of the SCDOT - Discussion and report on current road projects in progress, projects set to begin in 2023, and a timeline for phase I on the I95 widening project.](#)

Chairman Sauls welcomed Mr. Fishburne and Mr. Bishop to the council meeting. He also noted that he had done a ride along throughout the County with Mr. Fishburne in 2022 and they had discussed the County's needs. He noted that Mr. Fishburne had been very helpful to Jasper County. Mr. Fishburne stated that this was the 4th largest state highway system in the United States he was serving the 5th fastest population growth in the United States. He also mentioned that excellent progress was being made toward road repairs partially due to the gas tax. He discussed the 10-year strategic plan, the I-95 project, the 26 project, the widening of US17, bridge construction and replacement. He also noted that that there had been 107 miles of paving projects in Jasper County. He also noted that unfortunately there have been 1063 traffic fatalities in 2022.

Mr. Bishop mentioned that there have been a lot of smaller repairs throughout the county as well as Interstate repairs and he noted that they work closely with the CTC. Chairman Sauls asked for an update on state roads such as Highway 462 at the Coosawhatchie exit and from Cooler Store to Hwy. 170 noting that 278 N to Grays was in shambles. Mr. Bishop stated that Highway 462 from Cooler Store to Marsh Cove was being worked on; all of US 601 should be done about the same time as Highway 462; Highway 278 is being looked at, noting that it may come down to a choice between Highway 278 and the rest of Hwy. 462. Mr. Bishop noted that to do all of Hwy. 278 would take about three years. He mentioned that Gillisonville at Hwy 462 needs work and that he was bringing that up to the CTC to see if they wanted to work on that; Levy Road is being looked at also he noted. vice chairwoman Clark stated that she is on the LATS Committee, and that they have also been looking at these projects. Councilman Garbade noted that there are bigger areas throughout the state and ask what about more lanes in our county roads instead of just on I-95 he noted that there is no money being spent in Hampton County or Jasper County but that the larger areas get funding for road repairs. Mr. Fishburne

noted that work and funds were being distributed throughout the state and that permitting takes years, noting that I-95 had taken about five years itself to begin to move forward. Councilman Kemp congratulated them on the website and the ease in which you can put in a repair for a pothole he also noted that he would like District 6 to buy a paint machine because up on Hwy. 278 there are roads without lines. Mr. Bishop noted that they have recently bought a paint truck and they are working on trying to learn to use that. Councilman Adkins asked Mr. Bishop if he was based out of Ridgeland. Mr. Bishop noted that he was based out of Charleston, but that he is in Richland four days a week. Councilman Adkins noted how Frontage Road holds so much water after rain and Mr. Bishop noted that this was also being presented to the CTC. Mr. Bishop further noted that on Hwy. 321 special project was coming out with federal funding for Hardeeville to Purrysburg and the next section to the Hampton County line was also a project. For more information on this presentation please visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA.

B: Joe Mantua, General Manager of the BJWSA – Presentation of an Irrigation Management Campaign.

Mr. Mantua was present for this presentation. He introduced his board members Chairman Mr. Baker, Vice Chair Mr. Padgett, Dr. Singleton and Ms. Bonds. He discussed the fiscal sustainability and delivering water and treating wastewater for a penny per gallon, as well as maintaining a sustainable process. He talked about preparing for the future; the master plan process; the capital improvement plan; key projects the ongoing water challenge for morning water demand peaks; Irrigation being the largest driver of demand and peaks; BJWSA's Long term solution by increasing the water treatment capacity and doubling capacity at the Purrysburg Plant. He also discussed the BJWSA's supply gap solution noting that Irrigation Management Plan. Chairman Sauls expressed that they had done a good job on educating the people on these matters. Councilman Garbade noted that he was concerned about how much quantity of water the Savannah River can actually stand and he wondered if they ever saw an increase insult when it comes into the BJWSA. Mr. Mantua also mentioned the groundbreaking of the Purrysburg wastewater treatment plant and extended Council an invitation to attend. Chairman Sauls noted that the groundbreaking information had not been received and ask that it please be sent over for Council. Mr. Mantua said Council should be receiving that information soon. For more information on this presentation please visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA.

Public Comments:

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 6PM 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.

Heddie Frazier noted that she was here with others regarding lack of notification and the demolition of Coosawhatchie school. She noted that that building also provided a home for a food bank a Community Center and an after-school program. She asked when the school would be rebuilt and other concerns regarding the school.

Zenie Freeman – was not present

Steven Schmidt noted that he represents the pilots of the airport. He discussed ordinance #19-14 noting that he had a copy of the ordinance and the one on the agenda. He discussed these ordinances and referenced state law #4-9-170.

Baylor O’Caine noted that he is a pilot, discussed the grass / turf runway and FAA requirements

Masha Heyward – was not present

Earl White stated that his next-door neighbor is doing illegal mining there and he was never notified. Chairman Sauls said the Administrator would get with him on this matter.

Priscilla Frazier noted that there are a lot of housing developments going on and a lot of people moving in. She asked if they would be adding new hospitals to the area; and how much longer waste management has at the landfill. Chairman Sauls said the Administrator would get with her.

Another citizen noted that the children will no longer have an after-school program, and that the children needed to be given the best opportunities available.

Resolutions: There were no resolutions for this meeting.

Ordinances:

A: Lisa Wagner – Public hearing and the consideration of the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2023-01 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 11421 Gillison Branch Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 050-00-04-011, consisting of 31.504 acres, from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Resource Extraction Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (1st reading 01.17.2023)

****This item was moved on the agenda to just below the Presentation of the Proclamation for the Family of Leroy Sneed ****

B: Lisa Wagner – Consideration of 1st Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Article 8:8 of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, *Gateway Corridor Overlay District* (“GCOD”), to better define the location of the designated highway and amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County to expand the GCOD to include the property located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Alligator Alley and Off Ramp Road as depicted on the attached map.

The Planning Commission received an application to rezone a property located at the intersection of Alligator Alley and Off Ramp Road, which was reviewed at their November 2022 Meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that extending the Gateway Corridor Overlay District (GCOD) to include the subject property may be a better alternative than re-zoning the property. The GCOD allows additional uses that are found in the General Commercial District, while prohibiting uses that have been identified as inappropriate for the Gateway Corridor. The GCOD also requires additional

design standards, which are intended to protect the character and appearance of the entrance into Jasper County.

The proposed ordinance would adopt the GCOD Map (attached), amend Article 8:8.2, *Gateway Corridor Overlay District* of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, as outlined below, and amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County to expand the GCOD.

Article 8:8.2, Application: (new language in red)

The GCOD shall apply to all land within five hundred feet (500') of the right-of-way of Highway 17, beginning at the intersection of Strain Place and ending at Alligator Alley as depicted on the GCOD Map the designated highway. The regulations of this overlay shall apply to all new non-residential development and any existing development which meets the following criteria:

Any change of use of a non-residential property, and/or

Any building expansion that increases the floor area of a non-residential use by 20 percent or more or any parking addition of ten (10) or more spaces.

[Commentary: The overlay applies if a vacant property converts to any non-residential use; a change in non-residential use such as a restaurant to a hardware store. However, changes of similar uses (e.g., retail to retail) would not apply unless parking or floor area is increased by the thresholds listed.]

Unless a deviation from such restrictions are provided elsewhere in this Section 8:8, property within the GCOD shall be required to adhere to all provisions of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations otherwise applicable within the underlying zoning district.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the Zoning Text Amendment to include the adoption of the GCOD Map and to amend the Official Jasper County Zoning Map to extend the GCOD.

Motion to accept including the Overlay District of 038-00-02-002: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

C: David Tedder – Public hearing and consideration of 2nd reading of Ordinance #0-2023-02, to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, including Article IV, *Boards and Commissions* of Chapter 2, *Administration*, so as to amend Division 7, *Jasper County Aeronautics Commission*, including provisions regarding the appointment, qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Aeronautics Commission; to amend certain provisions of Chapter 29 to the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, *Aviation*, so as to make clarifications and amendments to certain standards, rules and regulations; and providing for corrections and amendments to the Template Leases approved by County Council pursuant to Ordinance 19-14 and related matters regarding the aeronautical and other activities at the Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport, and matters related to the foregoing. (1st reading 01.17.2023)

Mr. Tedder was available to review and discuss this item with Council. A public hearing was opened but there were no public comments, so the public hearing was closed.

Motion to postpone the 2nd reading until a workshop: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

D: Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of the 1st reading of an Ordinance of the County Of Jasper, amending the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget as originally adopted by Ordinance No. 2022-17 adopted June 27, 2022, in accordance with The Local Government Code Of The State Of South Carolina and the Ordinances And Rules Of The County Of Jasper, South Carolina; Appropriating the various amounts thereof, to provide for the Expenditure of not to exceed \$635,000 from the Fund Balance for the Purchase of a Storage Array System and Repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith, and providing an effective date.

Ms. Burgess was present to review and discuss this item with Council.

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

New Business:

A: Heather Rath – Legislative Update

Ms. Rath was present to provide a legislative update to Council. She passed out to Council the June 2022 SC Guide to approved uses for investing Opioid Settlement Funds. She also passed out a presentation that she provided to Council. She reviewed the Jasper County Delegation Updates, discussed Priority Projects, Delegation Asks (such as the Stand Alone Sheriff's Office, JC and the BMX Bicycle Track), SCAC Legislative Day at the State House Opioid Settlement Fund approximate allocation amount and said she would be providing another update next month.

B. Wanda Simmons – Consideration of the reappointment request by Mr. Danny Black of the SouthernCarolina Alliance to reappoint Mr. Grady Woods (Councilman for the Town of Ridgeland) for another 3-year term to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors.

Ms. Simmons noted that we had received a letter from Mr. Danny Black President of SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance requesting that Council consider the re-appointment of Town of Ridgeland Councilman Grady Woods or appoint a replacement for a full three-year term.

Staff recommended that as Mr. Black noted in his letter that Town of Ridgeland Councilman Grady Woods has been an excellent Director for SouthernCarolina Alliance and has represented the

County well, it is staff's recommendation to re-appoint Mr. Grady Woods to the SCA Board of Directors for another three-year term.

Motion to reappoint as requested: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

C. Wanda Simmons – Consideration of the reappointment of Glenice Watts to the Library Board of Trustees for a 3-year term.

Ms. Simmons noted that staff recommends approval of the reappointment of Glenice Watts to the Library Board of Trustees.

Motion to reappoint as requested: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

D: Danny Lucas – Consideration of USGS Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of a Gaging Station at the Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport.

Mr. Lucas was present to address this request. He reviewed and explained this agenda item requested with Council.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

E: Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of Change Order Number 8 from C. Merrill Construction Company Inc., for Marsh Cove Fire Station.

Ms. Burgess noted that the purpose of the C. Merrill Construction Co, Inc. contract change order no. 8 is to provide and install a new 200/3 service to fire pump house per the Architect. The total cost of the new service per the change order is \$13,754. However, C. Merrill Construction Co., Inc. has provided a credit for seeding versus sod in the amount of \$5,905 which reduces the contract change order to a total of \$7,849. The staff recommended that the Council accept C. Merrill Construction Co., Inc. 's contract change order no. 8 which is an increase of \$7,849 conditioned upon the architect approving the change order in writing, including the pricing and request for additional completion days; and reserving any rights or claims for damages under the contract, including claims for delays in completing the project, quality issues, or otherwise and authorize the County Administrator to execute the change order.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

F: Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of Change Order Number 7 from Thomas and Hutton Engineering for Marsh Cove Fire Station.

Ms. Burgess noted that Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. provided construction observation for the Marsh Cove Fire Station, and as such the County has an agreement with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. that coincides with the construction progress of the fire station. The construction period for the fire station has been extended and therefore the agreement with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. must be extended as well. The increase in the contract amount is \$7,500 for an additional 8 weeks of observation. The staff recommended that the Council accept Contract Addendum No. 7 from Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., in the amount of \$7,500 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Addendum.

Motion to approve: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

Old Business: None

Council Members Comments:

Councilman Kemp noted that he had went to Mr. Sneed's wake and that he was honored to be there. .

Councilman Adkins gave honor to Christ and thanked God that everyone was staying safe.

Councilman Garbade had no comments.

Vice Chairwoman Clark said she had attended the LATS Meeting (which was the regional transportation meeting) and that the information given this evening was given to them at their meeting. She noted the passing of Mr. Sneed and said he was an icon to this County. She also noted that her son in law, a Jasper County resident, Chief Command Sgt Major Stephen T. Alston had a change in command yesterday in Columbia and he is now the Brigade Chief Master Sergeant and leads over 300 soldiers. She acknowledged and gave honor to how proud she was of him and that her hat was off to him. She said everyone there spoke of his accomplishments and what a great man he is. She also asked everyone to help her pray for the Council Chairman.

Chairman Sauls said that he had given the State of the County Address on 02.22.2023 in Hardeeville along with the Mayor of Hardeeville and the Mayor of Ridgeland. He also honored the Sneed Family.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Fulghum noted that his report was in the packet and that he was available for questions. He then asked Ms. Burgess to come forward to pass out the ACFR. She noted that the Auditor could come and present this to Council. She gave an update on the Tax Sale Totals and noted that 275 properties had

been sold. Mr. Fulghum discussed the Impact Fee Study which the County had approved in December 2020. He noted that the County had entered into an agreement with Tischler Bise Inc. to work on for us. They have been working on the Impact Fee Study with staff, capital plans and other things. He noted that they had worked with the municipalities and that Council had allowed us to bring on J. Bragg Consulting in February 2022 to help with road projects with almost a half billion dollars in road projects over the next 20 years and to look for alternative funding sources. This has also allowed the County to coordinate potential 2024 transportation sales tax efforts with Beaufort County which has been helpful because we are all looking at some of the same roads such as Hwy 278, Argent Blvd., and Hwy 170. He noted that the draft report is nearing its completion and hoped to have it before Council soon.

Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II. There was no need to return for executive session.

For more information on any item on this meeting or any presentation please visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA .

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Simmons
Clerk to Council



L. Martin Sauls IV
Chairman