

October 11, 2021

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jerry Strawbridge called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chairman Jerry Strawbridge
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Councilman Justin Anderson
Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padgett
Clerk to Council, Regina Turner
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Anderson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the budget work session was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to amend the agenda to include adding discussion of the purchase of property at 307 West Butler Avenue in Executive Session.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, the minutes for August 19, September 13, and September 21, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Daniel and Atkinson thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Councilman Anderson let everyone know that it was time for the Richland Creek Antique Tractor Pull and events.

Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked county employees for their service.

Chairman Strawbridge had no reports.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Strawbridge opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 08-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY PROHIBITION ON THE INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS AND DESIGNATING SALUDA COUNTY AS A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY. "

Pete Hall, John Hood and Katie Hall all spoke and thanked the council for their work.

I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, and unanimously approved, Third Reading was given to Ordinance No. 08-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY PROHIBITION ON THE INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS AND DESIGNATING SALUDA COUNTY AS A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY. "

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh second reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 09-21, "AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND

DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT MAPLE LEAF TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF PROJECT MAPLE LEAF'S SITE IN A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson first reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 10-21, “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 CIVIC STREET, SALUDA TO THE YMCA”.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh first reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 11-21, “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE NAMING OF ROADS AND THE ADDRESSING OF PROPERTIES IN SALUDA COUNTY.”

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel first reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 12-21, “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 11-99, NAMING OF ROADS AND THE ADDRESSING OF PROPERTIES IN SALUDA COUNTY”.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh first reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 13-21, “AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A FALSE FIRE ALARM ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALUDA. THIS ORDINANCE IS TO ENCOURAGE BUISNESS AND HOMEOWNERS TO MAINTAIN ALARM SYSTEMS PROPERLY.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh and unanimously approved the Saluda School District One millage for fiscal year 2021-2022 was set at 154.9 mills.

Chairman Strawbridge recognized Jacob Starnes, EMS Director, to present his request to publish a Request for Proposal to remount an ambulance. Jacob expressed the need to have this started due to the long timeframe of getting vehicles ordered. On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved for EMS and council staff to issue an RFP.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to give authority to the approved representative to sign the closing documents for 307 West Butler Avenue on the county's behalf.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to Re-appoint Alfred “Trey” Fingerlin of 1179 Batesburg Highway, Saluda to the Tax Appeals Board with his term expiring 10-11-2023.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, Council moved into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss personnel in the Sheriff's Department, Victim Advocate's Office and the Tax Assessors Office. Also, Council may have discussion regarding the property located at 307 West Butler Avenue and the adjacent land.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh it was approved to come out of executive session.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to negotiate the purchase of lots 200, 302 and 304 adjacent to our 307 West Butler Avenue property.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

Justin Anderson, Vice-Chairman

November 8, 2021
Date Approved