

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL Regular Meeting March 05, 2024

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I Mr. Matthew Durham, Chairman, District II Mr. Don Mize, Vice Chairman, District III Mr. Julian Davis III, District IV Mr. Glenn Hart, Chairman Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council present.

<u>Press:</u> Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [<u>www.oconeesc.com/council</u>]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Andrea Kelley / The Journal Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG

Call to Order

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation.

Invocation

Mr. David Root, County Attorney, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Corbin Benson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 - 0, to approve the February 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 - 0, to approve the February 23, 2024 Strategic Planning Retreat minutes as presented.

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Attorney's Comments

None at this meeting.

Administrator's Comments

None at this meeting.

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION 2024-01 A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE WEST-OAK WARRIORS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 - 0, to approve **Proclamation 2024-01** on first and final reading.

Public Comment Session

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Jennifer C. Adams at <u>jennifercadams@oconeesc.com</u> or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.

1. Mr. Chris Martin addressed Council and provided a handout [copy in backup] with his concerns and suggestions as they relate to the Oconee County Rock Quarry.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 5 - 0, to approve two extra minutes speaking time to Mr. Martin.

- 2. Mrs. Lynn Rogers Martin urged Council to protect the natural beauty of Oconee County and avoid urban sprawl.
- 3. Mr. Eddie Martin urged Council to protect the natural beauty of Oconee County and avoid urban sprawl.
- 4. Mr. Mike Johnson, Oconee County Planning Commission Chair, addressed Council related to Commercial Junkyard **Ordinance 2024-04** and provided an overview of the revisions made by the Planning Commission.

Council Members Comments

Mr. Elliott thanked Mr. and Mrs. Martin for sharing their comments, noting he also enjoys their weekly newsletter.

Mr. Davis responded to citizen concerns regarding the Oconee County Rock Quarry and was in favor of holding a town hall as requested by Mr. Martin.

Mr. Durham responded to citizen comments related to protecting Oconee County from urban sprawl and citizen concerns related to the Oconee County Rock Quarry, noting he is also in favor of holding a town hall.

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<u>Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances</u> If you would like to be heard during either of the public hearings, please contact Clerk to Council Jennifer C. Adams at <u>jennifercadams@oconeesc.com</u> or 864-718-1023 so that your participation by may be coordinated.

ORDINANCE 2024-08 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT RED, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE CURRENT OR FUTURE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT COMPANIES (COLLECTIVELY "COMPANY"), WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT; AND DEVELOPING A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND PICKENS COUNTY SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY OF THE PROJECT AS PART OF THE PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Mr. Durham opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Mr. Durham opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council and no citizen submitted or presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Durham closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2024-08**.

ORDINANCE 2024-10 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGETARY INCREASE LIMITATION FOR OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Durham opened the floor for Public Comment.

1. Mr. Jim Mann provided Council with a document containing several charts [copy in backup] and requested that these charts be displayed on the monitors in Council Chambers.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to allow the display of charts provided to Council by Mr. Mann.

Mr. Durham noted that he would have liked prior notification from Mr. Mann regarding the above matter, therefore his vote is going to be a "no".

Motion failed 2-3 [Mr. Durham, Mr. Hart and Mr. Mize opposed].

Mr. Mann then proceeded to speak in opposition to **Ordinance 2024-10**.

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Mr. Durham then asked if any other citizen in attendance would like to speak during this public hearing.

Mr. Perry Smith raised his hand from the audience, requesting to speak.

2. Mr. Perry Smith provided his opinion that the Republican Party Chairman, Mr. Jim Mann, is unable to balance a budget.

Mr. Durham closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2024-10**.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2024-08 [see caption above]

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 - 0, to approve **Ordinance 2024-08** on third and final reading.

ORDINANCE 2024-10 [see caption above]

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, to approve **Ordinance 2024-10** on third and final reading.

Mr. Elliott provided his opinion that this ordinance is "smoke and mirrors" for the June primary.

Mr. Davis expressed his concerns related to **Ordinance 2024-10**.

Mr. Durham provided some background information related to budget formation.

Short discussion related to **Ordinance 2024-10** followed by Mr. Davis and Mr. Durham.

Motion approved 3 - 2 [Mr. Davis and Mr. Elliott opposed].

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

None for this meeting.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2024-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL JUNKYARD ORDINANCE, TO BE ENTITLED "COMMERCIAL JUNKYARDS"; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Mize made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to approve **Ordinance 2024-04** on first reading.

Mr. Mize offered his thanks to Mr. Johnson for his overview of Commercial Junkyard **Ordinance 2024-04** and urged Council to move forward with this ordinance.

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Mr. Hart noted that he would be recusing himself from voting on the first reading of **Ordinance 2024-04** [copy of recusal form filed in backup].

Mr. Davis offered his concerns related to **Ordinance 2024-10**, noting he does not want South Carolina to become a dumping ground for electric vehicles.

Mr. Durham noted that appreciates all the effort put into forming this ordinance and that he intends to vote "yes" on first reading so that he can received input from citizens.

Mr. Hart noted he that he was recusing himself tonight as a protest but may still vote at future readings of this ordinance.

Mr. Davis noted that the identification of what qualifies as a junkyard within the County was going to be an issue and there is a lack of manpower for enforcement of this ordinance.

Mr. Durham noted that he would like the issue of what happens when a Commercial Junkyard changes ownership addressed within **Ordinance 2024-10** going forward.

Mr. Mize noted he does not understand why there is such opposition to the Commercial Junkyard **Ordinance 2024-10**.

Mr. Elliott agreed that he does not want South Carolina to become a dumping ground for electric vehicles.

Motion approved 4 - 0 [Mr. Hart recused].

ORDINANCE 2024-09 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AT THE SENACA RAIL PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved, to approve **Ordinance 2024-09** on first reading.

ORDINANCE 2024-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 2023-16, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND PROVIDED FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, AND FOR THE CREATION OF THE FIRE / EMERGENCY SERVICES CAPITAL VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FUND, THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY

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SERVICES FUND, AND THE GENERAL ONE TIME CAPITAL FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, IN ORDER TO EFFECT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, to approve **Ordinance 2024-11** on first reading.

Mr. Durham noted that this amendment to FY2023-2024 budget would fall in line with restrictions outlined in **Ordinance 2024-10**, that passed third reading tonight.

Motion approved 5 - 0.

ORDINANCE 2024-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AT THE SENACA RAIL PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 - 0, to approve **Ordinance 2024-12** on first reading.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2024-02 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND COMMISSIONING THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: KIRKLAND MARTIN, SUZANNE DOBSON, JAKOB DODD, MICHAEL LIPETRI, BROCK SEYLLER, TIM MATHESON, ZACH FICO, JOSE CORREA, MIKE OZZELLO, AND ALEC MERLO AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (PARK RANGERS) FOR THE PROPER SECURITY, GENERAL WELFARE, AND CONVENIENCE OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 - 0, to approve **Resolution 2024-02** on first and final reading.

RESOLUTION 2024-03 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND COMMISSIONING JARRETT BURDETTE AS A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE PROPER SECURITY, GENERAL WELFARE, AND CONVENIENCE OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Mize made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 - 0, to approve **Resolution 2024-03** on first and final reading.

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RESOLUTION 2024-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY / SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR A PUBLIC ROAD OR STREET (WOODLAWN ROAD) LOCATED ON THE HARTWELL LAKE PROJECT; EASEMENT NO. DACW21-2-23-0063.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve **Resolution 2024-04** on first and final reading.

Mr. Hart inquired as to what distance of right-of-way is included within this resolution.

Ms. Brock noted that the exhibit states 33 feet but the document states 35 and that the current easement is set to expire.

Motion approved 5 - 0.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Request for Council's approval to commit matching funds, not to exceed \$21,000, toward the Oconee County Courthouse and Animal Control Security Improvements Justice Assistance Grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Amount: Not to exceed \$21,000

- The purpose of this project is to maximize officer safety and the safety of all individuals at the Oconee County
 Courthouse and Animal Control by making security improvements, specifically the installation of card swipe control
 systems at key access points.
- The grant requires a 10% match.
- Estimated total project cost is \$210,000, with the County match requirement totaling \$21,000.
- The grant application deadline is March 15, 2024.
- The allocation of funds is contingent on the award of the FY 2025 Justice Assistance Grant.

Are Matching Funds Available: Staff requests inclusion in FY 2024-2025 Budget

If yes, who is matching and how much: Oconee County Sheriff's Office

Oconee County requests the commitment of the matching funds for the security upgrades, contingent on grant award, be included in the FY 2024-2025 Budget.

It is staff's recommendation that Council support the Oconee County JAG application submission and commit matching funds, up to \$21,000, for security upgrades at the Oconee County Courthouse and Animal Control.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 - 0, to approve support of the Oconee County JAG application submission and commit matching funds, up to \$21,000, for security upgrades at the Oconee County Courthouse and Animal Control.

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Request for Council's approval for the submission of the FY 2025 Oconee County Highway Safety Enforcement Grant to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs.

- The purpose of this project is to support a 4-man Special Traffic Enforcement Unit to directly impact and reduce fatalities, severe injuries, DUIs/Impaired driving, speeding and increase seat belt and helmet usage in Oconee County.
- Project costs include overtime for up to four officers, a lidar unit, educational materials and mileage.
- The grant does not require a match.
- Estimated total project cost is \$44,110.
- The grant application deadline is March 15, 2024.
- The project does not include hiring additional personnel, but will provide overtime for officers currently employed at the Oconee County Sheriff's Office.

There is no match requirement for this grant.

It is staff's recommendation that Council support the Oconee County FY 2025 Oconee County Highway Safety Enforcement Grant application submission for overtime to support the 4-man Special Traffic Enforcement Unit for increased highway safety.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 - 0, to approve support of the Oconee County FY 2025 Oconee County Highway Safety Enforcement Grant application submission for overtime to support the 4-man Special Traffic Enforcement Unit for increased highway safety.

Title: Golden Corner Commerce Park Phase I Mass Grading

Department: Economic Development

Amount: \$2,988,492.75

Contingency (10%): \$298,849.28

Total: \$3,287,342.03

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget process. Budget: \$3,287,342.03 Project Cost: \$3,287,342.00 Balance: \$0.00

Oconee Economic Alliance received two (2) Grants to offset a large portion of the cost associated with this project.

1. SC Department of Commerce \$1.5 Million (reimbursable grant)

2. SC Power Team \$1 Million (reimbursable grant)

The remaining balance for this project will be paid from Economic Development Capital Project Millage Fund \$787,342.03.

Golden Corner Commerce Park (GCCP) is a 320+ acre industrial property owned by Oconee County located 2 miles from Interstate 85 (Exit 4). The property is served by water, sewer, electric and natural gas, all of which have sizeable capacities capable of supporting large scale industrial projects. The property is considered one of the best industrial sites between Atlanta and Raleigh, NC and over the past several years has drawn considerable interest from a number of manufacturing projects. The inability to secure one or more businesses at GCCP can be directly tied to the property's undeveloped and raw status. Completion of this work, will put Oconee County in a far better position to successfully compete for sizable manufacturing projects that are considering GCCP. This type of initiative was done at Oconee Industry and Technology Park and the impressive build-out of that location is a direct result of Oconee County clearing and grading it. OEA believes similar results will be forthcoming at GCCP.

The project consists of the following generally described work: Mass Grading Improvements to include a project area of approximately 62 acres within the Golden Corner Commerce Park (GCCP) owned by Oconee County. The project is comprised of clearing, grading, limited stormwater and erosion control improvements.

On February 13, 2024, formal sealed bids were opened for the GCCP Phase I Mass Grading. Forty-six companies were originally notified of this bid opportunity. Ten (10) companies submitted bids, with Contractor Services of Kershaw, LLC of Kershaw, SC submitting the lowest, responsive bid of \$2,988,492.75.

Staff is requesting a 10% owners' contingency to allow for unforeseen items that may arise.

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It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1. Approve Phase I Mass Grading Project at Golden Corner Commerce Park to Contractor Services of Kershaw, LLC of Kershaw, SC in the amount of \$2,988,492.75.
- 2. Approve a 10% Owners Contingency in the amount of \$298,849.28.
- 3. Authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.
- 4. Authorize the County Administrator to transfer funds to the appropriate line item(s).

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve (1) Phase I Mass Grading Project at Golden Corner Commerce Park to Contractor Services of Kershaw, LLC of Kershaw, SC in the amount of \$2,988,492.75, (2) approve a 10% Owners Contingency in the amount of \$298,849.28, (3) authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount and (4) authorize the County Administrator to transfer funds to the appropriate line item(s).

Mr. Davis noted this project has been a long-time priority for Council and expressed his appreciation for the grants awarded to help with the cost of grading and urged Council to vote in favor of this request.

Motion approved 5 - 0.

Title: PO 55323 Terracon Phase II Construction Testing for GCCP Mass Grading

Department(s): Economic Development

Amount: Phase I \$33,998.00 <u>Phase II \$39,573.24</u> Total: \$73,571.24

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget process. Budget: \$73,571.24 Project Cost: 73,571.24 Balance: \$0.00

On March 14, 2023, Procurement issued purchase order number 55323, in the amount of \$33,998.00 to Terracon for Geotechnical and Environmental Services for Golden Corner Commerce Park (GCCP) to include; Geotechnical Services, Wetlands and Waters of the US delineations, and onsite meeting with USACE (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

This request is for Council Approval of Phase II to Terracon; which includes Mass Grading observations: site work, utilities, fill placement, density testing, proof rolls and laboratory testing, in the amount of \$39,573.24. If approved, this would bring the purchase order total to \$73,571.24.

At the February 2, 2023 Council meeting, Council approved the execution of the Cooperative Grant Agreement between the Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Oconee County, Palmetto Economic Development Cooperative and South Carolina Department of Commerce (SCDOC) that is providing funding from the State of Carolina an Economic Development Grant Agreement between Oconee County and Palmetto Economic Development Corporation that is providing funding from the SC Power Team for this project.

At the June 1, 2022 meeting, Council approved the award of RFP 20-02 for On Call Engineering to Terracon Consultants, Inc of Greenville, SC for Category C: Environmental Assessment Services and Category D: Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Testing Services.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1. Approve Phase II Mass Grading Observations for Golden Corner Commerce Park to Terracon Consultants of Greenville, SC in the total amount of \$39,573.24, for a total purchase order amount of \$73,571.24.
- 2. Authorize the County Administrator to transfer funds to the appropriate line item(s).

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Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 - 0, to approve Phase II Mass Grading Observations for Golden Corner Commerce Park to Terracon Consultants of Greenville, SC in the total amount of \$39,573.24, for a total purchase order amount of \$73,571.24 and authorize the County Administrator to transfer funds to the appropriate line item(s).

Title: PRT Commission-Local ATAX Recommendations / Spring 2024 Cycle / \$73,520

A portion of Local ATAX revenues received by Oconee County are made available for ATAX grants through Ordinance 2011-12. ATAX grants are to be tourism related grants that meet the ATAX guidelines specified by local and State mandates. Grants are recommended by the PRT Commission based on tourism impact of the project and approved by County Council. All external ATAX grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT staff until the grant is considered complete. Internal projects through Oconee PRT are also funneled through local ATAX for eligible projects. Are Matching Funds Available: Yes If yes, who is matching and how much: Varies by grant.

Beginning Local ATAX balance: \$518,065.00

If all grants/projects approved, the new balance will be: \$444,545.00

It is staff's recommendation that Council approve the local ATAX recommendations per the attached spreadsheet.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 5 - 0, to approve the local ATAX recommendation as presented.

Council Committee Reports

Transportation Committee / Mr. Hart February 20,2024

Mr. Hart provided information outlining discussions held at the February 20, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting.

Mr. Hart asked for a motion to accept Rosedale Way into County maintenance.

Mr. Durham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the acceptance of Rosedale Way into County maintenance.

Mr. Root, County Attorney, noted this request was not included on the agenda for this evening and this request would need to be considered by Council at the March 19, 2024 meeting.

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare / Mr. Mize February 20, 2024

Mr. Mize provided information outlining discussions held at the February 20, 2024 Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Committee meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

Agriculture Advisory Board

District IV seat: No questionnaires on file for this seat.

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Aeronautics Commission

District III seat: 2 questionnaires on file for this seat.

Mr. Mize made a nomination, approved 5-0, to appoint Mr. James Martin Armfield as the District III representative on the Aeronautics Commission.

Executive Session

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5-0, to enter into Executive Sessions for the following purposes, as allowed for § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

- 1. Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Turn.
- 2. Receive legal advice and discuss potential purchase of real property for use in relation to public safety and emergency response service delivery.
- 3. Council discussion and consideration of a contractual matter related to law enforcement safety equipment.

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5-0.

Mr. Root requested two motions from Council related to Executive Session items number two and three.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 - 0, to move forward with negations to include due diligence for the acquisition of an emergency response station.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5-0, to approve purchase and installation of ballistic glass and armored door panels from Dana Safety Supply of Greensboro, NC in the amount of \$430,950.55.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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