

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Gwendolyn C. Shealy called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Vice-Chair Gwendolyn C. Shealy
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padgett
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley

Absent was:

Chm. Donald E. Hancock

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Butler delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Shealy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, the minutes for June 26 and 27, 2017 were unanimously approved as submitted.

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

1. Vice-Chair Shealy invited everyone to the Relay for Life to be held August 11th at the Saluda County Recreation Complex.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 11-17, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND PROJECT BEULAH, AS SPONSOR, AND ONE OR MORE SPONSOR AFFILIATES TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE PROJECT IN A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS." During discussion Vice-Chair Shealy recognized Economic Development Consultant Ed Parler to give an overview of the project. Mr. Parler informed Council Cypress Creek Energies planned to construct a 75 megawatt solar facility in the Batesburg-Leesville area at an investment of \$115 million. The company constructed the solar farms on Highway 121 and Highway 378 which are 12 megawatts combined. Mr. Parler said the company would release and insert the project location listed as Exhibit A in the agreement prior to third reading. Mr. Parler said the proposed FILOT agreement was for 40 years with special source credits at 6% which had been adjusted to provide an even payment of \$150,000.00 each year to the county. Mr. Parler informed Council he needed to verify the millage rate the company addressed in the FILOT agreement prior to third reading. Mr. Parler said the multi-county park agreement with Aiken County would need to be amended by ordinance to include this project along with the two previous solar projects. Mr. Parler said over six months the project would create approximately 1300 construction jobs and four to five full-time employees once completed. The company has estimated during the construction phase that \$90 million would be spent locally.
2. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to award the Request for Proposal on the Classification and Compensation Study to Condrey and Associates in the amount of \$29,500.00 to be paid from Contingency. During discussion Vice-Chair Shealy said the company had been selected to conduct the study and would take several months to complete the process. Vice-Chair Shealy said the last study performed on the county salaries was in the 1990's.
3. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to award the bid for roof replacement to Nunnery Roofing Company for the Agriculture building, metal roof with new gutters in the amount of \$76,790.00 and the County Annex building, EDPM roof with new gutters and downspouts in the amount of \$46,890.00 to be paid from the Public Buildings reserve account. During discussion Vice-Chair Shealy recognized Public Buildings Supervisor, Steve McAlister to present information on the roofing bid. Mr. McAlister stated the

Agriculture building would be a standing seam metal roof with a five year contractor warranty and forty year materials (manufacturer) warranty and the Annex building would be an EDPM roof, which was a built-up roof with a layer of insulation with a five year contractor warranty and a twenty year materials (membrane) warranty. Mr. McAlister said the new gutters and downspouts on both buildings would be metal.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vice-Chair Shealy recognized Mr. Lamar Lake for the request of Saluda County Historical Society for project and funds related to the S.C. National Heritage Corridor grant.

Mr. Lake addressed restoration projects performed at the Saluda Theatre over the past twenty years, but said no restoration had been performed to the interior. Mr. Lake said the Historical Society had the opportunity to perform renovations to the interior through a grant offer of \$45,000.00 from the S. C. National Heritage Corridor, along with a match from the Historical Society for \$45,000.00. Mr. Lake reviewed the proposed interior renovations at a projected cost of \$90,016.00. Mr. Lake said the Historical Society was asking for assistance from the County for their \$45,000.00 match, but a specific amount was not requested. Mr. Lake said the project had to be completed by August 1, 2018, but was unsure of the deadline date for acceptance of the grant.

Vice-Chair Shealy informed Mr. Lake of the County grant policy requiring County departments to present grant requests to Council for approval prior to submitting grant applications. Vice-Chair Shealy recommended the request be received as information and for a work session to be scheduled between County Council and the Historical Society to discuss requirements of the grant and the amount the Historical Society was requesting.

The request was received as information with a work session to be scheduled at a later date.

2. Vice-Chair Shealy recognized Mr. Jack Atkinson for the request of endorsement for Enabling Technologies Associates (Enabletech) to purchase from State and Federal Surplus.

Mr. Atkinson informed Council Enabling Technologies Associates Inc. (Enabletech) was a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Saluda with volunteer staff that designed assistive devices to help people with disabilities, with the devices being at no charge to the customer. Mr. Atkinson said Enabletech was qualified to purchase from state and federal surplus, but the state was requesting a renewal letter of endorsement for Enabletech signed by an elected official in order for Enabletech to continue purchasing from state and federal surplus. On behalf of Enabletech, Mr. Atkinson was requesting Council's consideration to sign a letter of endorsement.

Council and Mr. Atkinson discussed the name of the agency to address the endorsement to and supplies purchased from state and federal surplus.

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to authorize the Saluda County Council Chairman and/or Vice-Chair to sign a letter of endorsement for Enabling Technologies Associates to purchase from S.C. Surplus Property Office.

3. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to appoint Ted Hite to represent Circle Fire Department on the Saluda County Fire Board with his first term expiring June 30, 2021 and Donnie Black to serve as alternate.
4. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Mr. Gerry Spragg to the Saluda County Airport Commission with his first full term expiring June 13, 2020. During discussion Vice-Chair Shealy stated Mr. Spragg had previously been appointed to fill an un-expired term of a commissioner.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, to discuss personnel matters and receive legal advice, to return at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

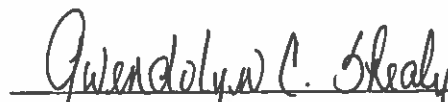
Council returned into open session at the Call of the Vice-Chair.


No action came out of Executive Session.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M.


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council


Gwendolyn C. Shealy
Vice-Chair


Date Approved