

Special Called Pickens County Council Meeting

August 7, 2017

6:30 PM

County Council met in a special called session, in the Auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Roy Costner presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media on August 4, 2017.

Council Members in Attendance:

Roy Costner, Chairman
Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman
Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Ensley Feemster
Carl Hudson
Trey Whitehurst (*Absent*)

Staff in Attendance:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney
Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roy Costner called the meeting of August 7, 2017 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Roy Costner further led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16 IN SUPPORT OF OBTAINING A SUITABLE HELICOPTER TO SERVE AS A MONUMENT AND MEMORIAL TO UNITED STATES ARMY CAPTAIN KIMBERLY HAMPTON AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

- Motion to approve Resolution 2017-16 was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (5-0).

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT EXODUS, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, LESSORS OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE A REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COMPANY OF CERTAIN INCURRED COSTS (2) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

- Motion to constitute First Reading in Title Only of the Ordinance was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (5-0)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 544 TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCONEE COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE, AT THE TIME OF ITS INITIAL DEVELOPMENT, GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN PICKENS COUNTY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OR TO BE OWNED BY A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS “PROJECT EXODUS” OR ITS ASSIGNEE, AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, SECTION 4-1-170 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH OCONEE COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF

REVENUE ALLOCATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

- Motion was made to constitute First Reading of Ordinance 544 by Councilman Wes Hendricks, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (5-0).

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 543 AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT SOD, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, LESSORS OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY; (2) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; (3) THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE COMPANY AND THE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COMPANY OF CERTAIN INCURRED COSTS; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

- Motion was made to constitute Second Reading of Ordinance 543 by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a)

Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a). Chairman Roy Costner further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (5-0) to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

Contractual Issues- Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Project United

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Roy Costner called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Contractual Issues- Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Project United
 - Chairman Roy Costner moved to direct the County Administrator to make contact with the property owners, relative to Project United, to negotiate terms and conditions of Phase I and Phase II as discussed in Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (5-0)

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Wes Hendricks, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (5-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council

Roy B. Costner, III, Chairman of County Council