

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
February 28, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on February 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea. Dennis Townsend, Kenny Cook Jr, Jamal Campbell and Stevie Grice. Also present were Tim Harper, Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council, Ken Dubose, County Attorney and Betsey Finklea, Dillon Herald

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda by email:

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CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Dennis Townsend gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Jamal Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Reading No. 23-21 Second Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT IMPACT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

There was no public comment for the Public Hearing.

Ordinance Reading No. 24-03 First Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK

There was no public comment for the Public Hearing

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to come out of the Public Hearing. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Reading No. 23-21 - Second Reading

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A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve Ordinance No. 23-21 Second Reading. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

Ordinance No. 23-22 Third Reading

An Ordinance by Dillon County Council changing the Zoning Map classification from Rural (RU) to Light Industrial (ID1) FOR Landfill Expansion.

Tax Map No: 069-00-00-091, 069-00-00-093, 069-00-00-094, 069-00-00-117, consisting to 50.3 acres

Property Owner(s): Dillon County

Proposed Location: 901 Landfill Road

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve Ordinance No. 23-22 - Third Reading. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

Ordinance No. 24-01 Second Reading

An Ordinance by Dillon County Council changing the Zoning Map classification from Single and Two Family Residential (RS2) to General Commercial (GC) to open a Daycare
Tax Map No. 070-08-00-029
Property Owner(s): Natasha Bethea
Proposed Location: Riverdale Community

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to approve Ordinance No. 24-01 Second Reading. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

Ordinance Reading No. 24-03 First Reading

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A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to approve Ordinance No. 24-03 First Reading. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 24-02

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 PEE DEE REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Pee Dee Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was read by the administrator at the request of Dennis Townsend. A motion was made by Robbie Coward and seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

Representative from Sandhill Connections, LLC

A representative from Sandhill Connections, LLC spoke at the meeting and stated that their company provides internet, telephone, tv and security services in Chesterfield and Marlboro Counties and also a small portion of Darlington County. They are continuing to look at the grant funding that's coming available to help them venture out into the community to help customers that have not had services in the past. They focus on taking care of rural customers so that they may offer services to Dillon County. They were requesting a franchise agreement so that they can offer the tv services to the customers in Dillon County.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04

A RESOLUTION BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSENT TO THE STATE-ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY FILED WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY SANDHILL CONNEXTIONS, LLC AND RESOLVING TO CONTINUE IMPOSING A FIVE PERCENT FRANCHISE FEE ON CABLE AND VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS IN DILLON COUNTY.

A motion was made by to Robbie Coward to approve Resolution No. 24-04 and seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-05

A RESOLUTION BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF WAIVER AND AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE I-95 GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK AND ADJACENT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AS TO CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED UPON TMS 058-00-00-0059 DILLON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to approve Resolution No. 24-05. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

The Humane Society of Dillon County requested donations for Ninth Chili Cook-Off which was to be held in conjunction with the City Of Dillon's Saint Patrick's Day Festival. Detrice Dawkins, Kenny Cook Jr and Stevie Grice donated 50.00 each. Robbie Coward donated 300.00 personally in memory of Sheriff Douglas Pernell.

The Lake View Rescue Squad requested donations for new extrication tools. The administration said that this would be brought up during the budget process. Dennis Townsend donated \$500.00

Dennis Townsend donated \$600.00 to the two Lake View 10U and 12U Basketball teams out of his recreation fund.

Jamal Campbell requested donations for the Gordon Park Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony. He donated \$410.00. Detrice Dawkins donated \$50.00, Kenny Cook Jr donated \$75.00 and Robbie Coward gave a personal donation of \$100.00.

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the Council Recreation Request. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to donate \$600.00 to the two Lake View 10U and 12U Basketball teams out of county funds. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor

Rev. Anthony Alford – Convenience Center Site (Newtown)

Rev. Anthony Alford did not speak at the meeting. Tim Harper, Administrator said that the issue concerning trash site leases will be discussed during the budget workshop process.

PDRTA – Funding

They are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year and looking at more options to do more creative things. They are asking for more local funding to help others with transportation to work, doctor appointments and various other places.

Little Rock Park Lease

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve the Little Rock Park Lease. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

Dargan Street Park Naming

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to name the new building at Gordon Park, the Councilman Macio Williamson Community Facility. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

Park Fees

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to approve the deposit fee for the use of the Gordon Park Facility to be \$200.00. The Rental Fee will be discussed later by council. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

Committee Appointments

There were no committee Appointments discussed.

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Jamal Campbell and seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

Executive Session

A. Sheriff Jamie Hamilton - Disposition of County Property

Tim Harper, Administrator ask council adoption of the disposition a county sheriff department 2016 Chevrolet Silverado and sale of the property. A motion was made by Jamal Campbell. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to adjourn. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

A. Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

Date Approved