

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
DECEMBER 18, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on December 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend, Jamal Campbell, Kenny Cook Jr. and Stevie Grice. Also present were Ken Dubose, Attorney, Tim Harper, County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council.

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 Jamal Campbell gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A request was made by Councilman Robbie Coward to amend the agenda by changing the holiday schedule for Christmas by giving the employee an extra day off which was Friday, December 27, 2024. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. Robbie Coward, Jamal Campbell, Detrice Dawkins and Kenny Cook Jr. Stevie Grice did not vote and Dennis Townsend was opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2024 & DECEMBER 10, 2024

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to approve the minutes from November 20, 2024 and December 10, 2024. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

A plaque was presented to The Honorable Gwen T. Hyatt for her dedication and leadership with over 40 years of service to Dillon County.

T. F. “Buzzy” Finklea was given a plaque for twelve years of service on Dillon County Council and serving the Latta and Oak Grove Communities for many years with outstanding leadership to Dillon County.

Jamal Campbell was given a plaque in honor and deep appreciation for being on County Council for four years with commitment and dedication.

A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Jamal Campbell and seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 24-22 - THIRD READING – PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT

INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (MARION AND DILLON COUNTIES) TO INCLUDE FOX HOLLOW SOLAR, LLC

No one spoke at the Public Hearing.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Jamal Campbell and seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES

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A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve Ordinance No. 24-22 Third Reading. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

DILLON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 24-23 - BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DILLON COUNTY LOCATED AT 403 NEW JERUSALEM DRIVE AND DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP NUMBER 069-04-04-021 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LIMITED WARRANTY DEED AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to approve Ordinance No. 24-23 – By Title Only. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT (WOIA)

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WOIA) Plans were received and a motion to approve was made by Dennis Townsend. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

Annie E. Smith, Boys and Girls Youth Center & Girls With Knowledge – Beautification of Vanderhall Park in Riverdale

Destiny Nelson and Tynia Thompson spoke to Council concerning their HYPE Project which stands for Healthy Young People Empowerment. They received a grant and decided to do an Active Living Project. They went over a list of things that they wanted for Vanderhall Park such as lights, walking trail, slide that is not metal, water fountain and also designate Vanderhall Park smokefree. Councilwoman said that some of the items mentioned were in the next phase II of upgrades to the park if the county receives funding. Tim Harper, County Administrator said that he would check on the request that were mentioned..

DONATION OF VEHICLE TO ATEC CENTER

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to donate a Ford F-350 truck to the ATEC Center. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

REDUCE FEES AT ANIMAL SHELTER THROUGH HOLIDAY SEASON

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to Reduce the Fees to \$5.00 at Animal Shelter through New Years. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no Committee Appointments.

The meeting concluded with Councilman Stevie Grice, Councilman Dennis Townsend, Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins, Councilman Robbie Coward and Councilman Kenny Cook Jr all stated that it had been a pleasure working with Councilman Buzzy Finklea and Councilman Jamal Campbell, they appreciated their years of service and that they would be missed. Councilman Finklea spoke about some of the of the accomplishments of county council such as building a Spec Building, Inland Port and Harbor Freights by working together with council because he was only one vote and he could not do it alone. Councilman Jamal Campbell stated that everyday had not been the best but they did their best as County Council to serve the citizens. He stated that out of four years they had a lot of first and he was the youngest ever to be elected to County Council with over \$600,000.00 in investments and a lot of things came out of that and he hoped that council will continue to strive to make it a better place for everyone.

ADJOURN

A motion to Adjourn was made by Stevie Grice He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved