

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
JULY 24, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on July 24, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend, and Jamal Campbell. Stevie Grice and Kenny Cook Jr. were not present for the meeting. Also present were Ken Dubose, Attorney, Tim Harper, County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council, Betsey Finklea, Dillon County News LLC and Vicky Rogers, The 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 Jamal Campbell gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Robbie Coward to approve the agenda. He was seconded by Councilman Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Jamal Campbell to approve the June 18, 2024, June 26, 2024 and July 18, 2024 minutes. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 24-09 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE (1) AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MELSAM SOLAR, LLC AND ANY SPONSOR AFFILIATES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; (2) REVOCATION OF THAT CERTAIN FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MELSAM SOLAR, LLC, DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-09 – Second Reading was made by Robbie Coward. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-11 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM AND BALLOT QUESTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR THE POSSESSION, SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK TO BONA FIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS FOR CONSUMPTION-ON-PREMISES SALES AND FOR OFF-PREMISES SALES OF BEER AND WINE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DAYS OR HOURS OF SALES

Jamal Campbell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-11 – Second Reading. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. Jamal Campbell, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea and Detrice Dawkins were all in favor. Dennis Townsend was opposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-12 – FIRST READING – IN TITLE ONLY

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2024, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BOND; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Ordinance No. 24-12 – First Reading -In Title Only. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

Dillon Middle School Band requested donations for field trips and other activities. Jamal Campbell donated \$300.00, Detrice Dawkins donated \$100.00 and Robbie Coward gave a \$60.00 personal donation.

Dillon High School was given a donation of \$300.00 by Jamal Campbell and \$100.00 was donated by Detrice Dawkins.

Dennis Townsend donated \$400.00 to Town of Lake View Recreation.

Sports Report subscription received donations from Stevie Grice, Buzzy Finklea and Dennis Townsend at \$150.00 each and Robbie Coward gave a personal donation of 150.00. Detrice Dawkins donated \$100.00.

Servants Gathering was given a donation of \$450.00 from Jamal Campbell, \$50.00 from Detrice Dawkins and \$100.00 from Robbie Coward.

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

TAX ACCOMMODATION FUNDS – APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR 2024-2025

**DILLON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX
ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS 2024**

The Dillon County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee recommended the following for funding from the tourism related portion of the 2024 Dillon County's Accommodation Tax Revenues:

PROJECT/ORGANIZATION

Little Pee Dee State Park	\$15,000
Dillon County Theatre	\$20,000
Pee Dee Tourism	\$ 1,500
Carolina Arts Guild	\$ 1,000
Latta Spring Fest	\$ 7,500
SC 250 Rev. War Comm.	\$10,000
Dillon County Farmers Mkt.	\$ 6,000
Dillon County Chamber	\$14,350
City of Dillon	\$ 1,000
Logistics of Hustling	\$ 2,000

Lake View Recreation	\$ 2,500
Christmas on the Blvd.	\$12,000
Lake View Food Truck Rodeo	\$ 500
Dillon County Historical Soc.	\$ 2,000
TOTAL	\$95,350

**Dillon County Tax Accommodations 2024
Amended by County Council 7/24/24**

A motion was made by Robbie Coward and seconded by Jamal Campbell, all were in favor, to approve the requests made by the Tax Accommodation Committee with the following additions as listed below:

City of Dillon Recreation	\$2500.00	
Town of Latta Recreation	\$2500.00	
Kiwanis Club	\$2500.00	
Dillon High School Band	\$1250.00	(For Battle Of The Bands)
Dillon Middle School Band	\$1250.00	(For Battle Of The Bands)

Additional \$10,000.00 added to the \$95,350.00

Total \$105,350.00

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to accept the amended motion. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

RODNEY BERRY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Rodney Berry gave an Economic Development Update stating that he had been working to reorganize the Public/Private Partnership. He stated that the board has 22 members and meets monthly and the county administrator and chairman sit on the board as voting members. He said that the membership attendance was good and they raised over \$25,000.00 in the first year. He has attended various events to educate. He said that the most impactful to date was the Ambassador Program. He has invited businesses, industries and local leaders to attend various functions.

CONTRACT WITH BERRY STRATEGIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to renew the contract with Berry Strategies for Economic Development Services. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Detrice Dawkins appointed James Roberts to the Board of Zoning Appeals. A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the Committee Appointments. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

A. Personnel Matter

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Jamal Campbell made a motion to remove Interim from in front of Druscilla Blakely's name to make her Clerk to Council. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jamal Campbell and seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

A. Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved