

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 26, 2023 5:00 PM**

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The Dillon County Council held a Regular Meeting on July 26, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Kenny Cook Jr, Jamal Campbell, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend and Robbie Coward. Stevie Grice was not present. Also present were Tim Harper, County Administrator, Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk To Council, John 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, Vice Chairwoman 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 Kenny Cook Jr to approve the agenda. It was seconded Jamal Campbell and Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 28, 2023 & July 7, 2023**

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the May 24, 2023 minutes. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

## **ORDINANCE READING NO. 23-07 THIRD READING**

Ordinance No. – 23-07 - Third Reading

An ordinance by Dillon County Council changing the zoning map classification of property located at Tax Map No. 102-00-00-130 consisting of 2.00 acres (Proposed Location: 2061 Highway 917 West, Latta, SC) from Rural (RU) to General Commercial (GC)

A motion was made by Buzzy Finklea to approve Ordinance Reading No 23-07 Third Reading. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

## **ORDINANCE READING NO. – 23-09 SECOND READING**

Ordinance Reading No. – 23-09 - Second Reading

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2023, 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 Dennis Townsend to approve Ordinance Reading No. – 23-09 - Second Reading. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 23-10**

**Resolution No. 23-10 - A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMERICAN REVOLUTION SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND RECOGNIZING AND APPROVING OF THE DILLON COUNTY 250 COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Buzzy Finklea to approve Resolution No. 23-10. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

## **COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST**

**The Servant Gathering**, which is a nonprofit organization request donations for their back-to-school drive and other community outreach events. Jamal Campbell donated 350.00, Detrice Dawkins donated 150.00, Kenny Cook Jr donated 75.00 and Robbie Coward gave a personal donation of 50.00.

**High School Sports Report** Subscription was given a donation of 150.00 each in personal donations by Robbie Coward, Dennis Townsend and Kenny Cook Jr. Buzzy Finklea donated 150.00.

**Station 9 Fire Department** was given a donation of 225.00 by Buzzy Finklea and Kenny Cook Jr also donated 75.00.

The **student-athletes at Latta High School** were sponsoring the **Latta Athletic Booster Club** and requesting 2023-2024 Sponsorship level opportunities. Buzzy Finklea donated 250.00 as a Bronze Level Sponsor, Detrice Dawkins and Jamal Campbell donated 50.00 each. Robbie Coward also gave a \$50.00 personal donation.

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

**BIDS FOR DILLON COUNTY PARCEL TAX ID 049-00-00-168**

A motion to accept the Bids for Dillon County Parcel Tax ID 049-00-00-168 was made by Kenny Cook Jr. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. Detrice Dawkins, Kenny Cook Jr, Buzzy Finklea and Dennis Townsend were all in favor. Jamal Campbell abstained from voting.

**TAX ACCOMMODATIONS FUNDS – APPROVE FUNDING FOR 2023 – 2024**

**The Tax Accommodations Distributions are as follows:**

**DILLON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS 2023**

The Dillon County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee recommended the following for funding from the tourism related portion of the 2023 Dillon County’s Accommodation Tax Revenues:

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
Rural Area Leadership	\$ 5,000.00
Taste of Dillon County	\$ 6,000.00
Celebrate Main Street	\$ 6,000.00
Dillon County Theatre	\$10,000.00
Latta Springfest	\$ 6,000.00
Christmas on the Blvd.	\$ 7,500.00
Latta Revitalization Comm.	\$ 4,000.00
Lake View COTB Polar Express	\$ 2,000.00
Dillon County Historical Soc. (Mt. Holly Cemetery \$2000., Dillon House \$4000.)	\$ 7000.00
Carolina Arts Guild	\$ 1000.00
Chamber of Commerce (Christmas Parade \$600., Golf Tourney \$1000, computer program \$450.)	\$ 2,050.00
<b>Total Distribution</b>	<b>\$56,550.00</b>

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to accept/approve the Tax Accommodations Funding for 2023 – 2024. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor

**PEE DEE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NOMINATION**

**MS. JESSICA BOSTON**

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to accept the recommendation made by Dillon County Chamber of Commerce to appoint Ms. Jessica Boston to the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Stevie Grice appointed David A. Bethea to the Planning Commission. Jamal Campbell appointed Tammy McDuffie to the Planning Commission and Archie Samuel was also appointed to the Planning Commission by Detrice Dawkins. A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the Committee Appointments. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER**

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to go into Executive Session concerning a Personnel Matter. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to come out of executive session. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

**No action was taken in Executive Session.**

Buzzy Finklea stated that he wanted to recognize Detrice as being the first woman elected to Dillon County Council and the first Vice Chairwoman. She was presented a plaque on behalf of County Council and he also let her know that they were all so very proud of her. She said that she appreciated it.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jamal Campbell and seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

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**Stevie Grice, Chairman**

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**Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council**

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**Date Approved**