



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY  
JANUARY 3, 2017  
Minutes**

Officials Present: Chairman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Vice Chairman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman Henry Etheridge, Councilwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman Theodus Drayton

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Attorney David Tedder, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Planning Director Lisa Wagner, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the electronic and print media were notified. During periods of discussion and/or presentations minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased.

Call to Order- Chairman Sauls called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim –Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) – Project Greye, 714 Okeetee Road, 123 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and for the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by a public body –Section 30-4-70(a)(5)- Exit 3, Moffett Solar I and Moffett Solar II. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Return to Open Session**

Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to authorize the administrator to spend up to \$5,000 for an appraisal of certain property the County may be able to attain. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilman Drayton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**- Councilwoman Clark gave the invocation.

**Approval of Agenda-** Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Approval of the Minutes – 11/07/2016** –Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the 11/07/2016 minutes. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

### **Election of Officers**

**Andrew Fulghum - Election of Chairman** – Mr. Fulghum asked for nominations for Chairman. Councilwoman Clark nominated Councilman Sauls. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to close the nominations. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor. L. Martin Sauls, IV is the Chairman.

**Chairman – Election of Vice Chairman** – Chairman Sauls asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Councilwoman Clark nominated Councilman Johnson. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to close the nominations. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor. D. Thomas Johnson is the Vice Chairman.

**Swearing in of Newly Elected Council Members, Sheriff and Coroner** – Judge Kleckley issued the oath of office to Councilwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Henry Etheridge, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Sheriff Christopher Malphrus and Coroner L. Martin Sauls, III.

### **Presentation and Proclamations**

**Presentation of Plaque to Gregory Jenkins** – Mr. Jenkins was not present.

**Presentation of Plaque to Coach Faber-** Councilwoman Clark on behalf of the County Council presented Coach Faber a plaque recognizing his years as Head Coach of the JCSD Boys Basketball Team and on his winning 500 games. Coach Faber thanked the Council and the people for all their support.

**2016 Review** – A slide show presentation, created by Dallas Lassiter, was shown. The slide show highlighted the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Chairman Sauls said the County employees did a great job during the Hurricane. Chairman Sauls also stated that there are 42 active projects being worked on; he discussed the grants, the airport, the spec buildings, the solar farm and the Ocean Terminal.

**Open Floor to the Public Per ordinance 08-17 any citizen of the County may sign to speak before the Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes – No Comments.**

**Councilwoman Clark leaves the meeting at this time.**

## **Resolutions**

**David Tedder- Resolution declaring the results of the Referendum** – Mr. Tedder explained that this was another step in finalizing the votes and the resolution clarifies the vote. Vice chairman Johnson moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to pass the resolution declaring the results of the referendum. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

## **Ordinances**

**Lisa Wagner- Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County South Carolina Comprehensive Plan, to add Gateway Corridor Overlay District to Chapter 6.4 Future Development Plan Framework** – Chairman Sauls opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to table the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading until the Council has a joint workshop with Hardeeville. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Lisa Wagner – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 029-39-04-020 located at the intersection of Church Road and Wicks Lumber Road from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map** - Ms. Wagner explained that the property is assessed by Church Road and the community was notified and she had not received any objections to the zoning change. Ms. Wagner said the Planning Commission recommended approval. Chairman Sauls opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 2nd Reading to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 029-39-04-020 located at the intersection of Church Road and Wicks Lumber Road from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Lisa Wagner -1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of 040-00-02-002 located at 12362 Speedway Boulevard having a zoning of Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map so as to designate the entire parcel Community Commercial** – Ms. Wagner explained that the property was currently split zoned and the owner was requesting that the entire parcel be zoned Community Commercial. Councilman Etheridge comments by rezoning the entire parcel and since the parcel was deeper, it was getting close to a residential area. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of 040-00-02-002 located at 12362 Speedway Boulevard having a zoning of Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map so as to designate the entire parcel Community Commercial. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Lisa Wagner – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to create within the Zoning Ordinance of Jasper County a Gateway Corridor Overlay District, to amend, Article 5:1 of the Jasper County**

**Zoning Ordinance so as to add the Gateway Corridor Overlay District (GCOD) to the list of Special Purpose Districts; to amend Article 5:4 of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance so as to add a purpose and intent for the Gateway Corridor Overlay District; to amend Article 8 of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance so as to add Article 8:8 related to the Gateway Corridor Overlay District; to amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance so as to add conditions to Article 11:7; and to amend the Jasper County Official Zoning Map – Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to table this ordinance until the Council met with Hardeeville Council. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. The Council agreed to holding the Public Hearing on January 17, 2017 since the notices already went out.**

### **Old Business**

**Andrew Fulghum – Approval of Professional Service Contract Amendment –** Mr. Fulghum asked the Council to approve the amendment to the professional service contract due to overruns in the amount of \$8,812.25. Councilman Etheridge said he did not understand how there are always overruns on everything. Mr. Fulghum said the inspections have to be done as the contractor does the work. Councilman Etheridge said they were to be complete by Dec. , 2016 and they have still not completed the project. Mr. Fulghum said they still have to inspect until sufficient with DHEC standards and there will be a few more inspections. Vice Chairman Johnson said he agreed with Councilman Etheridge. Mr. Fulghum said that you cannot force people to work in concert. Councilman Etheridge said they are 35% over contract. Vice Chairman Johnson asked if these are the same people for a new contract and Mr. Fulghum said they were not. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to authorize the Administrator to spend up to \$8,000 in adjustments. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

### **New Business**

**Ronnie Malphrus- Approval of a Professional Service Contract – Tidal Basin –** Mr. Malphrus explained that the contract was to assist with FEMA reimbursement and the \$50,000 was approved for a 45 day period. Mr. Malphrus said that \$67,000 additional funds were needed to continue with the filing. Mr. Malphrus said that 75% of the cost is reimbursable from FEMA. Mr. Malphrus said the direct cost to the County is \$350,000 and the County should get 75% back from FEMA. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve he additional \$67,000 for the Tidal Basin Contract. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Andrew Fulghum – Approval of 2017 County Council Meeting Schedule –** Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the 2017 County Council Meeting Schedule. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Council Members Comments - Councilman Etheridge** thanked the citizens for electing him to serve a third term and he said he was here to represent everyone in the County. Chairman Sauls thanked everyone who came together during the Hurricane and said that Jasper County

has the best employees and staff. He added that the Communities all came together. Chairman Sauls said there are a lot of new projects coming up and 2017 is going to be an exciting year.

**Administrator's Report** – Mr. Fulghum said he provided the report to the council for information.

**Adjourn** – Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting . The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

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Judith M. Frank, ccc  
Clerk to Council

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L. Martin Sauls, IV  
Chairman