

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) An ordinance (05-9) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July, 1, 2005; To provide for the levy of taxes for Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005; To provide for other county purposes: To authorize the county to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and to provide for the repayment of sums borrowed by the county governing body: To provide for certain fiscal and other matters relating to county government. Mr. Don Campbell of Piedmont Technical College requested that the full \$253,094.00 asked for be granted in this years budget. Mr. James Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville opposed any tax increases. Hearing no further comment Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
- b) An ordinance (05-14) to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance so as to amend Section 723, entitled Parking, Storage, or Use of Campers or other Major Recreational Equipment. Mayor Jimmy Scoggins from Lowndesville, questioned the length of stay. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
- c) An ordinance (05-15) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 10,000 square foot portion of a 7.21 acre tract of land on Old Calhoun Falls Road as shown on tax map parcel 130-00-00-042 from FA, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. Wayne and Judy Owens of 495 Old Calhoun Falls Road, Calhoun Falls, gave a petition supporting their efforts to reopen the store on their property. Mr. Robert Chambers of 763 Mud Creek Road, Calhoun Falls, opposed rezoning and stated that other land owners in area had submitted letters of opposition also. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
- d) An ordinance (05-16) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 30,000 square foot portion of a tract of land on Highway 81 North as shown on tax map number 153-00-00-009 from FA, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. Mr. Bob Quinn of 520 Highway 81, Calhoun Falls, land owner promotes the approval of the rezoning. Mr. Scott Champoux of 700 North Main Street, Abbeville, stated he had received encouragement from area residents and park rangers. Mr. Robert Chambers of 763 Mud Creek Road, Calhoun Falls, stated this was a logical commercial choice for this area. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
- e) An ordinance (05-17) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a one (1) acre portion of a 13 acre tract of land on Jets Landing Road shown on tax map parcel 055-00-00-023 from FA, Forest Agricultural to LI,

Light Industrial. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

- f) An ordinance (05-18) creating a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (a "Park") with Greenwood County, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13, of the South Carolina Constitution, and by Sections 4-1-170, et. Seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (collectively the "Act") which will be geographically located within the municipal boundaries of the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, and authorizing the execution and delivery of the attached Joint County Business Park Agreement (the "Agreement"). Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2005
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice-Chairman Forrester, Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman Simpson and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Norris gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Gunnells stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas amended the spelling of a name. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2005 Budget Workshop. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilmen Calhoun and Norris abstaining.
- c) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2005 meeting with Donalds/Due West Water Authority and the Legislative Delegation. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-3 with Councilmen Calhoun, Thomas and Vice Chairman Forrester abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance so as to amend Section 723, entitled Parking, Storage, or Use of Campers or other major recreational equipment. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun in opposition.
- b) Second reading of an ordinance (05-15) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 10,000 square foot portion of a 7.21 acre tract of land on Old Calhoun Falls Road as shown on tax map parcel 130-00-00-042 from FA, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun in opposition.
- c) Second reading of an ordinance (05-16) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 30,000 square foot portion of a tract of land on Highway 81 N. as shown on tax map number 153-00-00-009 from FA, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- d) Second reading of an ordinance (05-17) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a one (1) acre portion of a 13 acre tract of land on Jets Landing Road shown on tax map parcel 055-00-00-023 from FA, Forest Agricultural to LI, Light Industrial. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Thomas in opposition.

- e) Second reading of an ordinance (05-18) creating a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (a “Park”) with Greenwood County, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, and by Sections 4-1—170, et. Seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (collectively the “Act”) which will be geographically located within the municipal boundaries of the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, and authorizing the execution and delivery of the attached Joint County Business Park Agreement (the “Agreement”). Councilman Davis made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.
 - 1) An ordinance (05-19) to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating \$15,000 in revenues received from the Department of Health and Environment Control and expending the same on capital improvements.

- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (31-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Tri-State Paving and Grading, Inc. of Greenwood, S.C. in the amount of \$109,456.20 for roadway improvements to Hanover Road and Westwood Road in Abbeville, S.C. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 2) A resolution (32-05) to authorize the transfer of \$45,000 from the local option sales tax account to the general fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 3) Councilman Norris made a motion to add resolution (33-05) to the agenda. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. A resolution (33-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease agreement with the U.S. Department of Agricultural at a rate of \$11.00 per

square foot for up to 2850 square feet. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Planning Commission would like to meet with Council on June 15, 2005 following regularly scheduled planning meeting to discuss the rewrite to the Forest Agricultural Zoning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Mike Davis, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Billy Norris and David Forrester. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given. Councilman Thomas stated that his committee needed to meet to discuss additional zoning districts.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Jeff Simpson and David Forrester. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—David Forrester, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forrester to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual or legal matters. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and asked for a motion on the termination of the lease agreement with Beverage-Air. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the signing. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Thomas made a motion to have Chairman Gunnells sign a letter of satisfaction, approved by the County Attorney. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council