

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MAY 5, 2014  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Stone, Councilmen Campbell, McClain, Calhoun, and McCord.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Norris

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman McClain gave the invocation.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

Chairman Thomas stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman McClain made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter pertaining to the formation of a commission; which will recommend to Council capital projects to be funded by a 1% sales tax; a personnel issue pertaining to the Clerk to Council and an Economic Development issue. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilman Calhoun arrived during executive session.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

First reading of Ordinance (2014-07) authorizing the County Director to sell the property known as Project Rail to Project Compress pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the option agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as exhibit "A". Chairman Thomas read this Ordinance into the record. He proceeded to inform all that this was an urgent matter pertaining to economic growth for the County; second reading will be held at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and a public hearing will be held at 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Resolution (2014-26) authorizing the County Director to enter into an option agreement with Project Compress for the property known as Project Rail for which Abbeville County has an option to purchase. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

County Director Bruce Cooley began the workshop going over the three scenarios discussed in the previous workshop. He then informed Council on the further cut to the Local Government Fund by the Senate Finance Committee and the impact this could mean to the County. After much discussion Council chose Option #2; which excluded QRV employees. County employees may receive a 1.5% raise in January, 2015, or a 2% raise in July, 2014, depending on the final funding to the LGF.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion; Councilman McClain made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

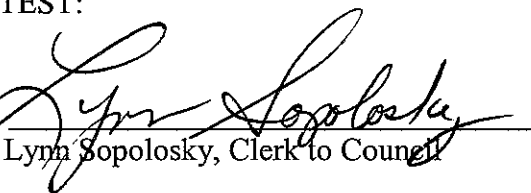
The workshop adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Claude Thomas, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council