

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Ordinance (2015-14) adopting and enacting a new Code of Ordinances for the County of Abbeville, South Carolina; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective. Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.
2. Ordinance (2015-15) authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina (The "County") and Sage Automotive Interiors, Inc., a company previously identified as Project Future, acting for itself, one or more affiliates and/or other project sponsors (The "Company"), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (The "Project"); and (2) other matters relating thereto. Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2015
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Norris gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT OF ADHERENCE TO FOIA:

Chairman McClain 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third reading of Ordinance (2015-13) to adopt the amended Abbeville County Comprehensive Plan and its official map, as updated per the requirements of SC Codes 6-29-510 (E), and 6-7-1210 through 6-7-1280. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of Ordinance (2015-14) adopting and enacting a new Code of Ordinances for the County of Abbeville, South Carolina; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of Ordinance (2015-15) authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina (The "County") and Sage Automotive Interiors, Inc., a company previously identified as Project Future, acting for itself, one or more affiliates and/or other project sponsors (The "Company"), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (The "Project"); and (2) other matters relating thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2015-34) to authorize the expenditure of Accommodation Tax monies as recommended by the Accommodations Tax Committee. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas requested an investigation into some requests that may only be administrative as opposed to attracting visitors going forth. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2015-35) to authorize the Emergency Management Director to enter into a contact with Self Medical Group to adhere to state regulations. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 3) Resolution (2015-36) establishing the millage rates and fees for FY 15-16. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2015-37) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Martin Equipment Company of Gray Court, South Carolina in the amount of \$57,500 including delivery and tax for one (1) used 1998 Articulating Off-road Dump Truck. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-3-0 with Chairman McClain, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Thomas opposed.
- 5) Resolution (2015-38) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Nu-Life Environmental, Inc. of Easley, South Carolina in the amount of \$7,436.50 sales tax included, for two (2) 30 cubic yard open top roll-off containers. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- The RFP's for the Strategic Plan have gone out and are due back by October 22.
- Deacon Road has been reopened per court order.
- Lake Secession boat ramp is moving through DNR for approval.
- Flood damage assessment ongoing with FEMA, County will receive assistance for public County and Municipalities; not for personnel property.
- Presented findings on animal shelter with initial cost for construction estimate of \$130,000.

Chairman McClain requested the Finance Committee take a look at the presentation on the animal shelter and make a final recommendation to Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, Rick Campbell and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Committee Chairman Campbell made a recommendation for LeSean Tutt to be appointed for the "At Large" position on the Development Board. Council passed this recommendation unanimously.

- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Thomas reported the committee should have the one cent sales tax projects to Council by the November meeting.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Billy Norris and James McCord. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, Bryan McClain and John Calhoun. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

Councilman Calhoun requested lights be placed on the new sign of the Administrative Complex.

Councilman Norris praised the great team work during the weather problems.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss an economic development update, personnel issue regarding Sheriff; and a legal matter regarding court system. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that several issues discussed in Executive Session required action to be taken by Council.

Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to authorize the County Director to settle the employment matter with respect to the Sheriff's office as discussed in executive session. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to lease 10,000 square feet in the incubator building to Project Shock Wave. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Chairman McClain stated the Council will be meeting with the City Council of Abbeville on Monday (10/19/15) at 7:30 p.m. in the Piedmont Technical College building.

Vice Chairman Stone stated there would be a Personnel and Administration Committee meeting on Monday (10/19/15) at 10:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room of the Administration Complex.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Done this 9th day of November, 2015

Abbeville County Council

By: Robert B. McClain
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council