

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) An ordinance (06-01) authorizing the execution and delivery of a second amendment to agreement for creation and development of joint county industrial business park between Abbeville County, South Carolina and McCormick County, South Carolina, to add a certain parcel of land to such park agreement, amending the ordinance of the Abbeville County Council originally authorizing the park agreement, and other matters relating thereto. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

- b) An ordinance (06-02) to amend the FY 05-06 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating an expenditure thereof. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2006
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas 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 was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. William A. Crank of Michelin Tire presented a plaque to Abbeville County Fire Department for their help on the TNT fire in Laurens, South Carolina.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of an ordinance (06-01) authorizing the execution and delivery of a second amendment to agreement for creation and development of joint county industrial business park between Abbeville County, South Carolina and McCormick County, South Carolina, to add a certain parcel of land to such park agreement, amending the ordinance of the Abbeville County Council originally authorizing the park agreement, and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Second reading of an ordinance (06-02) to amend the FY 05-06 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating an expenditure thereof. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to add items # 4 and 5. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (06-02) allowing Abbeville County to contribute \$6,000.00 to the City of Abbeville Recreation Department to defray costs of resurfacing the Pete Smith Tennis Courts. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) A resolution (06-03) to void and replace Resolution 81-05, and authorize the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Branch

Banking and Trust Co. of South Carolina (BB&T) regarding a lease-finance agreement for the purchase of new hardware and software to update the Clerk of Courts office. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 3) A resolution (06-04) providing for the expenditure of accounts payable from the Infrastructure Development Fund for taxes, tag and title for the recently purchased Assessor's vehicle. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) A resolution (06-05) to authorize the expenditure of Accommodation Tax monies as recommended by the Accommodation Tax Committee. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) A resolution (06-06) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 04-05. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim County Director Larry Walker informed Council that budget meetings for 06-07 would soon be starting. He also informed them in regards to the lack of information from the Treasurer's Department on Accommodation Tax monies. Plus we are still waiting on the audit, which is waiting on information from the Treasurer's office.

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 and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Councilman Norris nominated Mr. Matt Kimsey to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Councilman Davis seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 6-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. Councilman Thomas informed Council on G.I.S. meeting on 1/26/06 and the mention of Abbeville County by the Upstate Alliance on Channel 4 news.

- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- h) Ad Hoc Committee—Claude Thomas, Jeff Simpson and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- i) Ad Hoc Committee—Ray Gunnells, Charles Goodwin, Steve McDade, Ricky Busby, Mayor Johnnie Waller, Darrell Smith, Randy Ruble, Carroll Ellis and Dan Evatt. Chairman Gunnells informed Council on the renovations to the Northeast Rescue.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter on Fire trucks and a personnel issue on the County Director. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no action was needed following executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

