

MINUTES

County Council Meeting

Special Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2022

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in County Council Chambers of the County Administration Building. The following were in attendance: Honorable David Britt, Vice Chairman; Honorables Monier Abusaft, Justin McCorkle, Bob Walker, and Jessica Coker, Council Members; along with Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Earl Alexander, Deputy County Administrator; Kevin Stiens, Assistant County Administrator, John Harris, County Attorney; and Ryan Gaylord, Deputy County Attorney. Honorable Manning Lynch, Chairman, and Honorable Jack Mabry, Council Member, were absent. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

Meeting was live streamed via YouTube. Links and instructions for how to access this meeting via computer or mobile device were made available on the County's webpage and provided to the local media.

I.

Vice Chairman Britt called the meeting to order.

II.

Cole Alverson, County Administrator, presented information in reference to a Resolution authorizing the **Master Lease Agreement** in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,212,000 relating to the financing of equipment for public purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents; and other matters relating thereto. We normally do a Master Lease around January or February of each fiscal year. Due to some unusual things happening in the supply chain, we are now faced with about an eighteen-month lag time between the time an order is placed for vehicles and when they actually get delivered. This has effectively changed the order with which Administration wants to approach our Master Lease for this fiscal year. This request is for approximately \$2.2 million, which was authorized as part of Council's Budget. This will purchase about 50 different vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. We received the

bids in last Monday right before the regular Council meeting started. Our winning bidder was Truist at about 2.9%. It is a higher rate than what we have faced in the past few fiscal years, but the Federal Reserve has been increasing the lending rate. As a result, our cost of borrowing has gone up. Motion made by Mr. Abusaft to adopt Resolution. Motion seconded by Ms. Coker and carried.

III.

Kevin Stiens, Assistant County Administrator, presented information in reference to an Uncodified Ordinance to grant a **Utility Easement to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC** to provide electrical service for lighting and other improvements at the property commonly identified as Old Canaan Park. Council appropriated funds to add sports lighting at Old Canaan Park through our Capital Improvement Program. Duke Energy will need an easement to bring power source into the property in order to add the lighting to the park. Motion made by Ms. Coker to render first reading to Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. McCorkle and carried.

IV.

Kevin Stiens, Assistant County Administrator, presented information in reference to an Ordinance amending the **Spartanburg County Performance Zoning Ordinance (PZO)**, Ordinance No. O-19-29, so as to change or add language in the Ordinance as it relates to definitions and clarifications. We have had discussions about the PZO and the plan in the future to roll it out countywide. Before we can do this, Staff needs to work through some administrative cleanup items. This will help clarify some gray areas, some definitions, and some terms that would allow us to be in a better position to roll this out in the future. Motion made by Mr. Abusaft to render first reading to Ordinance. Motion seconded by Ms. Coker and carried.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Walker requested a Point of Personal Privilege. Mr. Walker stated that has tried to read the PZO and understand it. He requested that the record show that the PZO is not Spartanburg Countywide right now. Until we get to that point, Mr. Walker has some questions or reservations that he is concerned about. He knows that we are not allowed by our policy to not vote one way or another. You are automatically voting in favor if you do not vote. He requested that the record show that he does have some reservations.

V.

Jon Woodsby, Parks and Recreation Director, presented information in reference to a request from the **Parks Department** a request from the **Parks Department** to submit a grant application to the South Carolina Department of Parks,

Recreation and Tourism, which will allow Spartanburg County to apply for funding through the Parks and Recreation Development Fund Grant Program. As part of Council's Budget process, Council appropriated funds through our Capital Improvement Plan for renovation of our Carolina Elite Soccer Academy (CESA) Soccer Complex. Based on new cost assessments, Staff does not think the amount appropriated will be quite enough money to complete the project. This request is for approval to apply for \$164,198.38 from the South Carolina Parks and Recreation Development Fund. Motion made by Ms. Coker to approve submittal of the grant application. Motion seconded by Mr. Abusaft and carried.


VI.

Meeting adjourned.

Spartanburg County Council

By: 
H. David Britt, Vice Chairman

Attest:


Deborah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council