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The Edgefield County Council held its regular meeting at 6:00 P. M. Thursday, June 7, 2018, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield, SC. Notice of this meeting was provided to Edgefielddaily.com, The Edgefield Advertiser and others as requested.

Members present

- Dean Campbell, Chairman
- Arthur Biggs, Vice Chairman
- James Bibbs, Councilman
- Scott Cooper, Councilman
- Albert Talbert, Councilman

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Others present

- Tommy Paradise, County Administrator
- Bruce Cooley, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director
- Jennifer Gilley, Clerk to Council
- Andrew Marine, County Attorney
- and others as per list attached

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Pastor Bruce Cooley. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then recited.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Campbell said that he would like to amend the agenda by moving 2 of the items of business. He said he would like to move New Business; Item Number 1 to be taken up after the Approval of the Agenda and before Approval of the Minutes and that he would like to move New Business; Item Number 3 to be taken up after the Reports and before Public Hearings. Motion to approve the June 7, 2018 agenda with the suggested amendments was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Bibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business; Item Number 1:

1. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Number 17-18-918, "A Resolution recognizing the accomplishments and works of W. Thurmond Burnett.
Chairman Campbell read the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WORKS OF
W. THURMOND BURNETT**

WHEREAS, Edgefield County Council wishes to recognize those persons who have dedicated their lives to provide services to the citizens of Edgefield County;

WHEREAS, W. Thurmond Burnett served as Coroner of Edgefield County from 1971 through 2017 and provided the citizens of Edgefield County with 47 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, W. Thurmond Burnett was the longest serving active Coroner in South Carolina; and:

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WHEREAS, through W. Thurmond Burnett's commitment and compassion to the community W. Thurmond Burnett has provided the citizens of Edgefield County dedicated service above and beyond expectations;

WHEREAS, W. Thurmond Burnett served on numerous government, educational, and civic organization boards including S.C Coroners Association, the SC Funeral Directors Association, Edgefield American Legion Post#30, Board of Directors for Edgefield Civic League, Edgefield Cemetery Board, Edgefield Fire Department, Lions Club, and Jaycees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Edgefield County Council in session duly assembled this Seventh day of June, 2018, that W. Thurmond Burnett be honored for his services to the citizens of Edgefield County.

Motion to approve resolution number 17-18-918 was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Bibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 8, 2018 County Council minutes (Regular Meeting of Council) was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Biggs. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers

None

Comments from the Public

1. Micheal Bedenbaugh

Mr. Bedenbaugh spoke in favor of the Bailey Bill Ordinance. He said he has been an advocate for this program to become active in many counties throughout South Carolina and he believes it will be a good program for Edgefield County to have in place. He said it might help revitalize some of the older businesses and homes in the county.

2. Robert Rodgers

Mr. Rodgers spoke in favor of the ordinance regarding alcohol sales on Sunday. He said he believes this would promote sales for local businesses. He also stated that he had started a petition and had already turned in several pages with signatures from Edgefield County Citizens in favor of alcohol sales on Sunday.

3. Diane Provost

Mrs. Provost spoke on behalf of Edgefield County Churches Helping Others (ECCHO). She said they had no issues with the County installing a tower on the ECCHO property as long they wouldn't be responsible for any cost or liability regarding the tower.

New Business; Item Number 3:

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Michelle McCollum, President and CEO of the South Carolina Heritage Corridor, presented and proposed the concept of a new logo and branding statement for Edgefield County. Mrs. McCollum told Council that the SCHC developed the presented logo and branding statement after receiving about 200 responses from an online survey from the citizens of Edgefield County, as well as meeting with 45 stakeholders from the county. Mrs. McCollum explained that between the meetings, responses and touring of Edgefield County, she believes they were able to capture a true feeling of Edgefield County and how the citizens, staff and County Council wanted to portray Edgefield County as they move forward with a new logo and branding statement. Mrs. McCollum showed a PowerPoint Presentation that included graphics of the new logo and the branding statement. She told Council that once the branding statement and logo were approved their next steps would be to begin the design of a new county website, increase the photography catalog, design marketing pieces for future print media, create a social media strategy and develop a concept for brand implementation.

Councilman Talbert said he was appreciative of how hard they worked to do such a great job. Chairman Campbell said he was also pleased with the lengths the SCHC staff went to get and include public input. Councilman Biggs said he believes they have done a great job capturing the true feeling of Edgefield County. Chairman Campbell said Mrs. McCollum would be back in August or September to show Council everything that has been done for the new branding and logo for Edgefield County. Councilman Bibbs asked Mrs. McCollum if she had a chance to visit the Bettis Park area. Mrs. McCollum said that she not only visited Bettis Park and the surrounding area but that she had big plans for that area in the branding implementation.

Motion to approve the new branding logo and statement was made by Councilman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

*The new branding logo and statement have been attached to the back of this document.

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 17-18-740, "An Ordinance Calling for a Referendum to be Held on Election Day, November 6, 2018, on Whether Terms of Office for Edgefield County Council Members shall be changed from Two Year to Four Year Staggered Terms."

There were no comments regarding this public hearing.

2. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 17-18-741, "An Ordinance to Zone Certain Previously Un-zoned Property Located in Mount Vintage Plantation and Shaw Estates to be Zoned Residential Development (RD)."

1. Ed Przybyl

Mr. Przybyl told Council that he isn't in favor of zoning at this time. He explained the covenants and by-laws should protect the property in Mount Vintage Plantation and Shaw Estates. He said he believes it makes more sense to wait on any zoning changes until the Planning Commission has completed the Comprehensive Plan had a chance to review its contents. He said he doesn't think it would be worth the time spent to zone parcels now and then possibly re-zone those parcels in the future.

Councilman Biggs said that he made the application to zone the un-zoned property in Mount Vintage Plantation and Shaw Estates. He stated there are parcels that are not covered by the covenants and by-laws that have no protection. He said any "tract" of land in these two areas are not covered by the by-laws and covenants like the "lots" are covered. He said there are two 11 acre tracts in Mount Vintage Plantation that are not protected. He said one of those tracts has been looked at to develop apartments. Councilman Biggs said that he applied for zoning in these areas

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after talking to the developer, the owner of the tracts and the home owners association. He said none of these parties had issues with zoning in this area. Councilman Biggs said that he would like to see the zoning in these areas pass to protect the land and the citizens from having something developed in those areas that doesn't comply with the intended use. He said if the zoning needs to change in the future, that it could be changed.

2. Fred Peterson

Mr. Peterson asked how zoning Mount Vintage would impact the covenants that are already in place. Mr. Paradise said that since zoning and covenants are two separate things, the most restrictive would take precedence. Mr. Peterson then asked if a piece of property is being used as a commercial piece of property and the zoning in that area changed, would it impact that property. Mr. Paradise said that property would be grandfathered in at its existing use until it sits unused/abandoned for 6 months. He said at that time, it would then have to comply with the new zoning for that area. He also explained that if the property sold from one owner to another and the second owner started their business before the 6 months period ran out, the commercial use would still be allowed. Mr. Peterson said he had concerns for an area being zoned agricultural because they can become exempt from complying with the Clean Water Act through DHEC. He said this could become a storm water issue in the future.

Old Business

1. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-740, "An Ordinance Calling for a Referendum to be Held on Election Day, November 6, 2018, on Whether Terms of Office for Edgefield County Council Members shall be changed from Two Year to Four Year Staggered Terms."

Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Paradise if anything had changed with this ordinance. Mr. Paradise said nothing had changed in this ordinance. Chairman Campbell stated that he is in favor of this going on the ballot for the citizen's vote and that he has also gotten an endorsement for this ordinance from the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion to approve second reading of ordinance number 17-18-740 was made by Councilman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-741, "An Ordinance to Zone Certain Previously Un-zoned Property Located in Mount Vintage Plantation and Shaw Estates to be Zoned Residential Development (RD)."

Councilman Biggs explained that he has submitted an application to zone the properties in Mount Vintage and Shaw Estates as Rural Development (RD). He said these properties are currently not zoned but developed as residential uses. Mr. Biggs said other than restrictive covenants the property owners currently do not have any protection to restrict these properties from uses that are not compatible with the existing development. He went on to say the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the matter at their April 12th meeting and unanimously recommends that County Council approve the zoning request. Mr. Biggs said he is trying to protect the property in Mount Vintage and Shaw Estates so they can't be developed as anything other than the intended use.

Motion to approve second reading of ordinance number 17-18-741 was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

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3. Consideration of Approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-736, "Authorizing and Approving (1) Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, in Conjunction with Aiken County (the "Park"), Such Park at the Time of Its Initial Development to be Located in Aiken County and to Include Certain Property Now or Later to be Owned, Leased and/or Operated by the Company or Companies Comprising Project AKA2; (2) the Execution and Delivery of a Written Park Agreement with Aiken County as to the Requirement of Payments of Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to Park Property and the Sharing of the Revenues and Expenses of the Park; (3) the Distribution of Revenues from the Park Within Edgefield County; and (4) Other Matters Related Thereto. (Aiken County S2, LLC/Project Satyr)"

Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Paradise if anything had changed with this ordinance. Mr. Paradise said nothing has changed. There was no discussion.

Motion to approve third reading of ordinance number 17-18-736 was made by Councilman Bibbs, seconded by Councilman Biggs. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-739, "An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2018-2019 General Operating Budget and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, E-911 Administration, Industrial Park, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims' Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Countywide Recreation, Road Maintenance, Tri-County Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, School Resource Officer #1, School Resource Officer #2, School Resource Officer #3, Event Security, Sheriff Grants, Clerk of Court Grants, Pre-Trial Intervention, SRO Grant and Criminal Domestic Violence."

Mr. Paradise told Council the FY 18-19 General Operating budget and revenue fund budgets have no anticipated tax increases. He went on to say staff is requesting several changes from the proposed budget approved in at the May County Council Meeting. He explained the changes include an adjustment of the cost for the Medically Indigent to \$84,044, which reduces the budget request by \$13,482. He said staff is also requesting an increase in Building and Planning professional services from \$100,500 to \$115,500 to cover consultant costs for the Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan as well as an increase of \$95,000 to the Administrator's professional services budget to implement the County's branding project. He said these changes will increase the General Fund operating budget by \$96,518. The County is anticipating the use of \$631,837 from the fund balance for general operations to balance the expenditures and revenue budgets for the general fund. He said these changes will still leave 5.1 months of operating expenditures in the reserves.

Motion to approve third reading of ordinance number 17-18-739 was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Biggs. This entered into the discussion section. Chairman Campbell made a motion to amend ordinance number 17-18-739 as presented. The motion to amend was seconded by Councilman Cooper. This motion passed unanimously. The Main Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration for Approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-738, "An Ordinance to amend Edgefield County Ordinance Number 08-09-606 to Increase the Twenty-Dollar Per Vehicle Road Maintenance Fee on all Motorized Vehicles Registered in Edgefield County to Twenty-Seven Dollars Effective July 1, 2018."

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Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Paradise if anything had changed with this ordinance. Mr. Paradise said nothing has changed. There was no discussion.

Motion to approve third reading of ordinance number 17-18-738 was made by Councilman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Consideration for Approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-737, "An Ordinance to Amend the Solid Waste Fee Collected in Accordance with Section 42-4 of the County Ordinance to One Hundred Dollars (\$100) Effective July 1, 2018."

Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Paradise if anything had changed with this ordinance. Mr. Paradise said nothing has changed. There was no discussion.

Motion to approve third reading of ordinance number 17-18-737 was made by Councilman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 1. Moved at the beginning of the meeting.

- 2. Consideration of Approval of Appointment to Planning Commission.

Fay Adams..... Appointment

Motion to approve Fay Adams to the Planning Commission was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Bibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Moved at the beginning of the meeting.

- 4. Consideration of approval of extending the contract with Cullum Services, Inc.

Mr. Paradise told County the contract for HVAC maintenance service and repairs with Cullum Services, Inc. expires on July 30, 2018. He said the contract for these services began July 1, 2017 with an option a renewal option for up to 5 years. Cullum Services, Inc. received this contract through the competitive bidding process in the spring of 2017. Mr. Paradise said staff is recommending the extension of the contract with Cullum Services, Inc. for an additional year which would be July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Motion to approve the extension of the contract with Cullum Services, Inc. was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Biggs. Motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Consideration of Approval of Awarding Bid Number 04-25-2018 – Hazardous Materials Transportation Commodity Study.

Diversified Emergency Management Applications, Inc. 272 Newland Circle Evans, GA 30809	\$25,920.00 Highway Monitoring: 12 hours Weigh Station: 24 hours RR: Contacting RR Companies
Summit 3575 Centre Circle Fort Mill, SC 29715	\$17,500.00 Highway Monitoring: Not Specified in hours Weigh Station: Not Specified in hours RR: Contacting RR Companies
Blue Ridge 834-F South Perry Street, Ste. 335 Castle Rock, CO 80104	\$30,000.00 Highway Monitoring: 407 hours Weigh Station: Included in Highway Monitoring

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Mr. Paradise told Council that Aiken, McCormick, Barnwell and Edgefield County Emergency Management Agencies wish to conduct a Hazardous Materials Transportation Commodity Study. He said this study will identify the common hazards being transported through the counties, which will allow EMA better information to pre-plan for hazardous materials incidents. He said Edgefield County has received a \$20,000 grant from DHEC to provide the study for the 4-county region. The additional \$5,920 will be paid by the Edgefield County EMA grant match account. Mr. Paradise said the other 3 counties maintain hazardous materials teams that are available for response to Edgefield County and that these teams are costly to equip and maintain. The management and match for the study is a way that Edgefield County can actively participate with the other 3 counties. Mr. Paradise went on to say Suzy Spurgeon, EMA Director and the Emergency Management personnel from Aiken, Barnwell, and McCormick Counties are recommending that the bid be awarded to Diversified Emergency Management Applications, Inc. (DEMA) for \$25,920. DEMA is a local company in the CSRA and is known to the other emergency management agencies in the area as being highly qualified and knowledgeable. He said they will provide 504 hours of observation on the major highways and interstates in all four counties as well as provide information on hazmat materials traveling by train on Norfolk Southern and CSX in McCormick, Edgefield, and Aiken. Mr. Paradise said the low bid of 17,500 by Summit was not recommended because they did not specify the amount of work hours that would be entailed and the Emergency Managers have not worked with this company before to have an idea of the product they would produce. Chairman Campbell asked if this would be funded out of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget. Mr. Paradise said that it would be funded out of the current budget. Chairman Campbell then asked that a copy of the study be sent to each Councilmember once it had been received by Mrs. Spurgeon. Motion to approve awarding bid number 04-25-2018 – Hazardous Materials Transportation Commodity Study was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of Approval of Awarding Bid Number 02-23-28 – Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan.

Nelsnick Enterprises 196 Alps Road, Suite 2-232 Athens, GA 30605	\$92,011
Benchmark 10735 David Taylor Drive, Suite 180 Charlotte, NC 28262	\$118,294
Robert and Company 229 Peachtree Street NE, International Tower Suite 2000 Atlanta, GA 30303	\$111,912

Mr. Paradise said that planning for growth has been listed as a high priority by County Council. He said State law requires that the county do a Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan every ten years. Staff advertised a request for proposals for qualified consultants to work with the Planning Commission in developing this Plan. He said staff received 3 proposals and a sub-committee of the Planning Commission reviewed the submissions. The sub-committee selected 2

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firms to provide presentations and interview. Mr. Paradise said the members of the sub-committee reported their findings to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission has recommended awarding the bid to Robert and Company. Mr. Paradise said staff is recommending awarding the contract to Robert and Company for an amount not to exceed \$111,912.

Motion to approve awarding bid number 02-23-18 – Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan to Robert and Company was made by Councilman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Biggs. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consideration of Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Edgefield County Churches Helping Others (ECCHO) for the installation of a communications antenna.

Mr. Paradise told Council the Edgefield County EMA would like to install an amateur radio antenna on the property owned by ECCHO. He explained the location of the antenna would provide maximum efficiency to the Emergency Operations Center for amateur radio communications. He also told Council there would be no cost or liability to ECCHO per the content of the MOU.

Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Edgefield County Churches Helping Others (ECCHO) for the installation of a communications antenna was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Bibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-742, “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the Edgefield County Code.”

Mr. Paradise told Council that chapter 34 of the County Code includes offenses that are prohibited at County owned or leased parks. He said currently the County has rules governing the parks, however, these parks are unstaffed at night and on weekends. Staff believes by placing these rules in the County Code, the Sheriff’s Office will have jurisdiction to enforce these matters as they patrol the parks. Mr. Paradise said Sheriff Dobey has reviewed the proposed ordinances and is in agreement.

Motion to approve the first reading of ordinance number 17-18-742 was made by Councilman Bibbs, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-743, “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42-61 of the Edgefield County Code.”

Mr. Paradise said Council heard from Summers Pendarvis at the April meeting requesting that that Section 42-61, commonly referred to as the Bailey Bill, be amended to include all qualifying properties. He said this section currently provides tax incentives for rehabilitated historic properties that are single-family owner-occupied buildings. He explained the change proposed in this ordinance would allow any historic building that is otherwise eligible to receive these incentives. He said this would provide the availability to both residential and commercial property. Staff has reviewed 22 other counties and found that 7 of them provide this incentive. Mr. Paradise said all but one does not have restrictions of the occupancy of the building and that particular county doesn’t allow residential property. Mr. Paradise said staff recommends amending Chapter 42-61 to include all properties be eligible to qualify for the Bailey Bill.

Motion to approve the first reading of ordinance number 17-18-743 was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

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10. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-18-744, "An Ordinance Calling For a Referendum at the Next General Election to Determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue Temporary Permits to Allow for the Sale of Alcohol Beverages for On-Premises Consumption and Beer and Wine at Permitted Off-Premises Locations on Sundays in the County of Edgefield." Mr. Paradise said both staff and Edgefield County Council members have been approached by parties interested in having a referendum allowing alcohol sales on Sunday. He explained a county governing body may pass an ordinance requesting the referendum. Mr. Paradise said County Council has received a petition requesting to utilize the ordinance method so that the public would be able to decide on this issue. Mr. Paradise said staff has consulted the Sheriff's Department to see if they would have any concerns on the issue. They do not.
- Motion to approve the first reading of ordinance number 17-18-744 was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Bibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

None

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Paradise started his report by saying Country music performer, Luke Bryan, has announced that his 2018 Farm Tour will include an October 5th performance at Misty Morning Farms located on Sweetwater Road. He said this farm belongs to Councilman Scott Cooper.

Mr. Paradise then said the Edgefield County School District has conducted public information meetings to guide a facilities update plan.

Next Mr. Paradise told Council that Judge Keesley has relocated to the courthouse building. He is still in the process of cleaning out his records, but this completes the office transitions.

Mr. Paradise then said staff will ask for proposals to buy the Neighborhood Building located on Church Street. He said this is surplus property now that all of the offices have been relocated. Mr. Paradise said the proposals will include a price, plans for the property, and experience with projects that potential buyers have done in the past. Any sale of the property will need Council's approval.

Mr. Paradise said the County has been notified by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) that they are conducting their normal rating review of the county's construction services. He said the county is currently rated a Class 4 of 10, with 1 being the best, for residential construction and Class 4 of 10, with 1 being the best, for commercial construction. This rating impacts the cost for insurance for buildings in Edgefield County.

Mr. Paradise then moved on and said Edgefield County has partnered with the Edgefield County School District's apprenticeship program this past year and have money to participate in the coming school year. He said staff has conducted interviews at the Career Center with students interested in working with the Building & Planning Department and the maintenance staff.

Mr. Paradise said Council passed a resolution requesting a traffic signal at the intersection of Hwy 25 and Bettis Academy Road at the May meeting. He said this resolution was sent to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Chairman of the SCDOT Commission Ben Davis, SCDOT Secretary Christy Hall, and members of the local Legislative Delegation. Mr. Paradise said he has received letters from the Governor's office and Chairman Davis referring the matter to SCDOT. He said he also received a letter from the SCDOT's Chief Engineer for Operations, Andrew Leaphart which stated:

- o Traffic volumes and collision history does not warrant a signal at this time.

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- Hwy 25 should be completed by early 2019 and will change the intersection and introduce new challenges.
- If after completion of Hwy 25 a traffic signal can be justified, it would be installed after traffic has adjusted to the new intersection.
- A final decision should be made later this year or early 2019.

Mr. Paradise then said staff has received payments of from Aiken County for the multi-county park agreements this year in the amount of \$48,423.

Mr. Paradise closed his comments by saying staff used PARD funds to install surveillance cameras at Bettis Park along with timer locks on the restroom doors. He was pleased to report that since the installation of these items, staff has seen a significant reduction of vandalism in the park.

Comments by County Council Chair

Chairman Campbell said that he was very pleased with what Council achieved in this meeting. He said a lot of work went into the FY 2018-2019 Budget and the new Branding Logo and Statement that had been passed during tonight's meeting. Chairman Campbell said he believes this new logo and statement will give Edgefield County a strong voice that will be used to better the community for the citizens.

Executive Session

Actions may be taken in public session on matters discussed in Executive Session including contractual matters.

1. Discussion of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim covered by attorney-client privileges.

Motion to enter executive session was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

When Council came back into open session, Chairman Campbell said no votes or action had been taken in executive session.

Chairman Campbell then asked if there was a motion to authorize the County Administrator to retain legal services regarding potential litigation involving the animal shelter and legal service for any county related property assessment. Motion was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Councilman Cooper made the motion to adjourn at 8:35PM, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

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ATTEST



Dean Campbell, Chairman



Jennifer E. Gilley, Clerk to Council



There is a special place hidden among the pines of South Carolina. A place scarce of stoplights and surrounded by fields stretching in every direction. There you'll find downtowns, different in personality yet equal in southern charm, fragrant with the sweetness of magnolias and glowing a warm pink from peach blossoms that go on for miles. A place where porch sitting, waving at neighbors, and borrowing a cup of sugar from next door is still the norm. A place where history and heritage run deep; where traditions are old and the tall tales often prove to be true. In this place you'll find art and culture, reinforcing the truth that small places still inspire creative works. Framed by nature and all its outdoor adventure, this picturesque place is veiled, not from progress, but from conformity.

This place will stir your soul and call you home.

This place is Edgefield County.

LOGO



The natural tones of the logo lends itself to the natural resources of Edgelfield County. Peaches, pottery, architecture, pine forest/turkeys, magnolias were suggested to showcase following the branding survey responses and group sessions.