

CALLLED EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

July 30, 2019

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The Edgefield County Council held a called meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, July 30, 2019 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

Scott Cooper, Chairman
Albert Talbert, Vice Chairman
Arthur Biggs, Councilman
Dean Campbell, Councilman
Dr. Jacqueline Kennion, Councilwoman

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Others present

Tommy Paradise, County Administrator
Andrew Marine, County Attorney
Jennifer Gilley, Clerk to Council
and others as per list attached

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

New Business

1. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 19-20-763, "An Ordinance to Zone 181.02 Acres of Land, more or less, Owned by the City of North Augusta to Planned Development (PD) and Approve the Concept Plan for said Property's Development."

Mr. Paradise told Council this request is to rezone 181.02 acres to Planned Development and approve the concept plan for Windsor Subdivision. He explained the current zoning of the property is General Development and Agriculture Development. He said the rezoning application will allow the project to be developed as outlined to Council. He went on to say Windsor Subdivision will include 445 residences with price points between \$130,000 and \$320,000.

Mark Ivey of Ivey Development, LLC was in attendance to ask Council about having an option of a raised intersection or traffic circle to be used as a traffic calming device in the proposed outline. He explained there is currently a traffic circle in the plan but that they may want to consider using a raised intersection. He explained that at this time, they aren't sure which would be more aesthetically pleasing and want to have both options approved so they can choose the better one when the time comes. He stated he understood Council had questions concerning the raised intersections and he would like to take that out of consideration at that time. He went on to say he would provide Council additional information for consideration of the raised intersections for the 3 reading of this ordinance. Motion to approve second reading of ordinance number 19-20-763 was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Talbert. This entered Council into discussion.

Councilman Campbell said that he would like to receive information about raised intersections including what it's made of and durability. He explained that he would like this information because these roads will be accepted into the County's road system in the future and he would like to be sure they meet the standards the County requires.

Main motion passed unanimously.

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2. Consideration of Approval Authorizing the County Administrator to submit a letter to the State Election Commission acknowledging County's Responsibilities of Voting Machines.

Mr. Paradise explained the State has purchased new voting machines that will provide for better security and resiliency of the election system. He said delivery of the new machines is scheduled to begin the week of July 22nd and in order to receive the new machines, Edgefield County is required by the State to acknowledge the County's responsibilities regarding the new machines. Mr. Paradise went on to explain the proposed letter has been negotiated between the State Election Commission and the SC Association of Counties. He noted the additional costs to implement this agreement is anticipated to be absorbed within the Voter Registration and Elections current budget. Mr. Paradise told Council that is it staff's recommendation to approve this resolution.

Bob Ramsey, Chair of the Edgefield County Election Commission, was in attendance. He spoke briefly to Council and told them that he agrees with everything Mr. Paradise explained. He went on to say the new system is a paper ballot system and that he would like to note that they don't know what the cost will be for the paper with the new system. He explained that he wanted to Council to be aware of this detail just in case additional money is needed later in the year. Mr. Paradise told Council he didn't believe any additional cost would be an issue this year because the budget included money for system maintenance and the State will be covering this cost for the first year. He explained that if additional money was needed, it could just be moved from that account.

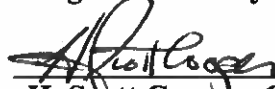
Councilman Campbell said he had a question about two sentences in the letter. Those two sentences read, "County agrees to assume title, ownership. And custody of voting machines and related voting system components. County further agrees to provide for the maintenance and storage of voting machines and related voting system components as required by law." He asked Mr. Paradise if Edgefield County handles those responsibilities with the current voting machines. Mr. Paradise said that is correct. He went on to say that the last sentence of the letter gives the county an out if for some reason Edgefield County couldn't meet those requirements.

Motion of approval authorizing the County Administrator to submit a letter to the State Election Commission acknowledging Edgefield County's responsibilities of voting machines was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Kennion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Councilman Talbert made the motion to adjourn at 5:43PM, seconded by Councilman Campbell. Motion passed unanimously.

Edgefield County Council



H. Scott Cooper, Chair

ATTEST


Jennifer L. Gilley, Clerk to Council