

AGENDA
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
County Council Chambers
April 13, 2021
6:00 PM

Council's meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Council's Rules and Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, in the event Council's Rules do not cover the procedural issue at hand. This agenda may be modified prior to or during the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation – Rev. Martin Ryan, Pastor of the Dream Center, Trenton, SC.
Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council
2. March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session to Discuss Contract and Personnel Matters

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Agenda Items other than Public Hearing Matters

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VII. REPORTS

Monthly reports for February 2021
(SEE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS)

Agenda/Minutes of the following meetings:

- County Transportation Committee-----12/3/2020
- Economic Development Committee-----10/9/2020
- Economic Development Committee-----12/11/2020
- Economic Development Committee-----2/11/2021
- Safety Committee-----9/24/2020

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

While developing the agenda, routine or noncontroversial items are placed on the consent agenda, which is a part of the regular agenda. If any member objects to including an item on the consent agenda, that item shall be moved to the regular agenda as an action item requiring discussion. The remaining consent items shall be adopted in a single vote without discussion.

1. Consideration of appointment to GLEAMNS..... Dorothy S. Ryans

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Consent Agenda Ends Here

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

2. Ordinance Number 20-21-780, “An Ordinance Adopting a Ninety Day Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications for Land Use, Development, or Subdivision Concept Plans, and to Provide for an Immediate Effective Date”

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-781, “An Ordinance Authorizing The Development of A Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business park in Conjunction with Aiken County, such Industrial/Business Park to be Geographically Located in Aiken County and Established Pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; To Provide For a Written Agreement with Aiken County to Provide for the Expenses of the park, The percentage of Revenue Application, and the distribution of Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

This ordinance is to establish a multi-county industrial park (MCIP) with Aiken County. The park will be located in Aiken County. The agreement to create a multi-county park will allow for the industry in the park to receive certain incentives from the state and county. Edgefield County will receive 1% of the Fee in Lieu of Taxes This is a just a procedural function; it will not involve Edgefield County creating a new industrial park requiring investment on the part of Edgefield County.

3. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-780, “An Ordinance Adopting a Ninety Day Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications for Land Use, Development, or Subdivision Concept Plans, and to Provide for an Immediate Effective Date”

This ordinance would prohibit Edgefield County from receiving any new plans for major or minor subdivisions for 90 days. The ordinance would not affect the issuance of building plans or final plat approval for subdivisions that have previously been approved by the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-785, “An Ordinance Amending the County of Edgefield Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan.
During the March meeting of County Council, Council passed Resolution Number 20-21-1136. This resolution requested the Planning Commission to reexamine the section of the Comprehensive Plan that were changed at third reading and approval of the current plan in June 2019. The Planning Commission reviewed the request at their March 11th meeting. The Planning Commission recommends revising the Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan to the original wording that was in place prior to the June, 2019 changes.

2. Consideration of Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-784, “An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2021-2022 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, Road Maintenance, Tri-County Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, School Resource Officer #1, School Resource Officer #2, School Resource Officer #3, School Resource Officer #4, School Resource Officer #5, School Resource Officer #6, Event Security, Sheriff Grants, Clerk of Court Grants, Pre Trial Intervention, SRO Grant, and Criminal Domestic Violence”
The FY 2021-2022 General Operating budget and revenue fund budgets are included for your review. The proposed General Fund budget is \$12,219,667. The County is anticipating the use of \$1,179,703 from the fund balance for general operations in order to balance our expenditures and revenue budgets for the general fund. This budget will still leave 4.2 months of operating expenditures in our reserves.

3. Consideration of Approval to Authorize the County Administrator to Sign Authorization to the U.S. Treasury Department to Receive Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and Place Those Funds in a Special Account Set Aside for those Funds.
Edgefield County is expecting to receive approximately \$5.3 million from the American Rescue Plan Act. To receive the funds, local government must provide the U.S. Treasury with a certification signed by an authorized officer. The first payment will be within 60 days and the second payment no earlier than 12 months after the first payment. These funds will have restricted usage and staff recommends placing the funds in a separate account from other funds so they can be tracked better.

4. Consideration of Approval to provide the National Fire Safety Council \$750 for fire safety training materials.

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Since 2002, Edgefield County has been contributing \$750 annually to the National Fire Safety Council. This money is used to provide fire safety training materials to the schools in Edgefield County. Staff has received the annual request for this contribution and would like authorization from Council prior to making the distribution.

5. Consideration of Approval to Reclassify One of Six Heavy Equipment Operators from Full-time to Part-time.
One of our heavy equipment operators which primarily operates a motor grader has requested that he be allowed to work 30 hours per week instead of 40. To accommodate this, the position will need to be reclassified by Council as a part-time position. The hourly salary will remain the same but the employee will only be paid for 30 hours. The 30 hour part-time position will accrue sick and vacation leave on a pro-rated basis for 30 hours. The employee will also maintain insurance and retirement benefits. The employee will also remain available for emergencies. These positions are hard to fill and a motor grader operator of this expertise even harder. Both the Road Supervisor and Administrator recommend making this adjustment.

6. Consideration of Approval of a Request from the Town of Edgefield to Attach Outdoor Lighting to the Edgefield County Library to Illuminate the Tompkins Alley.
The Town of Edgefield has received a Hometown Grant for the SC Municipal Association. The Town would like to attach lighting to the library so that the Tompkins Alley has lighting similar to the Potters Alley.

7. Consideration of Approval of Entering into a Contract for Medical Director Services from Self Medical Group
This agreement will contract with Self Medical Group for James Washburn, MD to provide Medical Director Services for Edgefield County EMS. Dr. Washburn is a graduate of Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University and has completed both residency and fellowship training in emergency medicine.

8. Consideration of Approval to Amend the Rental Policy at Bettis Park to Allow Baseball Fields to be Rented at \$10 an Hour Without Lights.
Edgefield County has several travel baseball teams that rent the fields at Bettis Park for practice. The County's rental policy has fees per day with and without lights and also rental by the hour with light. The current policy does not have an hourly rental without light and it was requested that the County review this. At the March 9th Countywide Recreation Committee reviewed the issue and the Committee recommends to Council that a \$10 hourly fee be added to the Bettis Park Fee Schedule for the baseball fields.

9. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-783, "An Ordinance Repealing Section 2-314 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances"

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In the FY 2020-21 budget, Council approved consolidated the Countywide Recreation budget into the General Fund budget. Staff recently became aware that Section 2-314 requires that the revenues and expenses of the Countywide Recreation be in a special revenue fund. This ordinance will delete this requirement and allow the consolidation within the General Fund.

10. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-782, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Negotiation, Execution, and Delivery of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, and the Conveyance of Certain Properties Between Edgefield County and John, McCracking, his Successors and Assigns.”
In Spring 2018 Edgefield County completed relocating the offices located in the old Neighborhood Center at 400 Church St. in Edgefield. Council approved advertising the building for sale with an asking price of \$50,000. Mr. McCracking has offered to purchase the building for \$50,000.

11. Consideration of Approval of a Temporary Employment Agreement with Roger LeDuc.
This agreement is to provide services as the Interim County Administrator in a temporary part-time basis. It is anticipated that the work will involve about 20 hours a week and hours and days will vary week to week depending on the County needs. Some work may be provided offsite.

12. Consideration of Approval Authorizing the County Administrator to Negotiate With Dixie Belle, Inc. concerning Termination or Alternation of Industrial Park Pond Lease
In 2014, Edgefield County entered into a 15 year agreement with Dixie Bell, Inc. to use water from the industrial park pond to irrigate peach trees on Hwy 25. This irrigation line was allowed to run across the parcel of land owned by Edgefield County and is the same parcel that has been offered to Generac. It will be necessary to remove the irrigation line from this parcel to accommodate Generac.

13. Consideration of Approval Authorizing the County Administrator to Proceed with Site Selection for the Law Enforcement Center as an Edgefield County Facility only, including working with Mosely Architects to investigate one or more sites.
In the November CPST referendum the construction of a Law Enforcement Center was approved. Since that time, there has been discussion of a joint detention center with Saluda County. This item will provide direction to staff to proceed with a Law Enforcement Center without partnering with Saluda County.

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All additional comments

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XII. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XIII. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

XIV. ADJOURN