



# AGENDA PACKET Part 1 of 2

KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024



#### **AGENDA**

#### KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 ~ 6:00 P.M.

# COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS KERSHAW COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER 515 Walnut Street Camden, SC 29020



- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. INVOCATION
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 5. PROCLAMATIONS
  In Honor and In Memory of Edward J. "Mike" McClendon
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 minutes per Speaker)
- 7. PUBLIC HEARING

FILOT Ordinance for Sandywoods Solar, LLC previously identified as Project Sandy (FILOT Agreement)

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - Regular Meeting

9. DISCUSSION

**2024** Initiative to Defuse 2008 General Obligation Bonds (placed on the agenda by Councilman Russell Brazell)

#### 10. ORDINANCES

Third Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Sandywoods Solar, LLC previously identified as Project Sandy (FILOT Agreement)

Authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreement, by and between Kershaw county, South Carolina and Sandywoods Solar, LLC, a company previously identified as Project Sandy, as sponsor, and one or more sponsor affiliates, to provide for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem taxes incentive and certain special source revenue credits for the benefit of a project in the county; and other related matters.

(First Reading: November 28, 2023) (Second Reading: December 12, 2023)

#### 11. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution approving Kershaw County Council meeting dates for 2024

#### 12. NEW BUSINESS

Lease Purchase for a Roll-Off for Solid Waste

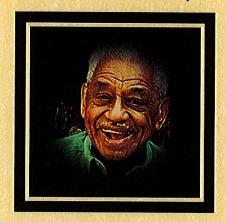
- 13. APPOINTMENTS
  - A. Assessment Appeals Board (3 Vacancies)
  - B. Clean Community Commission (1 Vacancy) City of Camden Appointment
  - C. Planning Commission (1 Vacancy)
- 14. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS
- 15. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING
- 16. LEGAL BRIEFING
- 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION Receipt of Attorney-Client Privileged Legal Briefing, SC Code 30-4-70 (2)
- 18. ADJOURNMENT

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# **PROCLAMATION**

In Honor and In Memory of



# Mr. Edward J. "Mike" McClendon

WHEREAS, the County Council of Kershaw County, South Carolina and its citizens have lost a dedicated Public Servant;

WHEREAS, Edward J. "Mike" McClendon will be missed by all those whose lives he touched daily and the many great contributions he gave selfless;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kershaw County will remember the great benefits from his incredible leadership poured into this county for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. "Mike" McClendon left a legacy of activism and community engagement whether in the Camden-Kershaw Branch NAACP, Salvation Army, Price House, American Red Cross, Black Caucus of Kershaw County, Relay for Life, City and County Council meetings and Kershaw County School Board meetings, volunteering in schools, visiting the sick in the hospitals and those shut-in at home; and for these, his passion, charm, and his commitment will forever be remembered;

WHEREAS, Edward J. "Mike" McClendon will be remembered for his community leadership as the third Vice-President of Camden-Kershaw County Branch NAACP, President of the Camden Chapter of Boylan-Haven Mather Academy, outstanding member of the Kershaw County Clean Commission in the establishment of the Campbell Street Corridor, vital alumnus in the signage of the Boylan-Haven Mather Academy Memorial, outstanding citizen in registering 63 voters on foot in the 2008 Presidential Election Campaign; major leader in recognizing Frank Wills, the young black security guard who had a role in discovering something critical in the Watergate event and yet struggled financially for the rest of his life; initiator of the highway marker for Larry Doby by the City of Camden, the Kershaw County Council and the South Carolina Highway Commissioners with Mr. Bobby Jones; and

WHEREAS, with the joint effort of Mayor Mary Clark and others, Edward J. "Mike" McClendon were instrumental in the naming of the intersection of DeKalb and Campbell Streets known as Dr. Martin Luther King Square to publicly acknowledge Mr. McClendon's hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Kershaw County Council extends sincere sympathy, prayers and condolences to the family, friends, and community of Mr. Edward J. "Mike" McClendon. This Proclamation is presented on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024; in the City of Camden, Kershaw County, South Carolina.

By:			
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By:	By:		
Jimmy Jones <i>Kershaw County Vice-Chairma</i>	Sammie Tucker, Jr.		
By:	By:		
Russell Brazell <i>Kershaw County Councilman</i>	Brant Tomlinson		
Ву:	By:		
Danny Catoe <i>Kershaw County Councilman</i>	Derek Shoemake		
ATTEST:			
By:			
Hannah M. Parler  Clerk to Council			

# MINUTES





A regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

County Council Present: Chairwoman Katie Guinn

Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones

Councilman Derek Shoemake

Councilman Danny Catoe

Councilman Brant Tomlinson

Councilman Russell Brazell (Zoom Call-In)

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. (arrived 6:20 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Danny Templar

Lauren Reeder

Hannah Parler

Ryan Monaghan

John DuBose

Jeff Burgess

Gerald Blanchard

Members of the press and public were present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the newspapers, TV, and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads, and posted on the website.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., welcomed and thanked those present in person and online to the meeting of Tuesday, November 28, 2023. The Invocation was led by Councilman Danny Catoe, and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion on the adoption of the agenda. Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. During the call for discussion, Chairwoman Katie Guinn made a motion to amend the agenda removing Item# 15 - Executive Session – Personnel Matter because it was a discussion that needed all Council present; seconded by Councilman Derek Shoemake. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., all in favor to remove Item# 15 from the agenda. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., were all in favor to approve the amended agenda.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn proceeded to call for a vote to approve moving Public Comments after Item #11 on the agenda. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., were all in favor to moving the Public Comments after Item #11.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Councilman Brant Tomlinson made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. No discussion. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russel Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek

Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor of the approval of the minutes. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., abstained from the vote due to absence for this meeting.

# Executive Session – Economic Development Matter – Project White Oak, Project Tree, and Project Sandy – SC Code 30-4-70 (5)

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a vote to enter an Executive Session at 6:05 p.m., Councilman Danny Catoe made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., by phone, were all in favor to enter an Executive Session with County Administrator, Legal and Jeff Burgess.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. Councilman Danny Catoe made a motion to come out of session and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. (joined 6:20 p.m.) were all in favor to exit Executive Session.

#### **DISCUSSION - Camden Burial Report**

After compiling information and documentation on the Camden Burial, Attorney John DuBose presented to Council a Timeline of the Camden Burials with documentation from the late Doug Bostick, CEO of SC Battleground Preservation Trust. (See Attached)

#### **ORDINANCES**

#### Second Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Project Tree (FILOT Agreement)

Authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and between Kershaw County, South Carolina and Project Tree, as sponsor, and one or more sponsor affiliates, to provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and certain special source revenue credits for the benefit of a project in the County; and other related matters.

After discussion, there were many questions about the status of this Ordinance pertaining to taxes and fees leaving uncertain answers to move forward with approval. Councilman Brant Tomlinson would like to have more information about fees and would like to authorize Jeff Burgess to negotiate with company with a rate fee, seconded by Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., were all in favor to pass the FILOT Ordinance for Project Tree (FILOT Agreement) for the Second Reading

#### Second Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Project White Oak (FILOT Agreement)

Authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and between Kershaw County, South Carolina and Project White Oak, as sponsor, and one or more sponsor affiliates, to provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and certain special source revenue credits for the benefit of a project in the County; and other related matters.

During discussion of the FILOT Ordinance for Project White Oak (FILOT Agreement), the same questions for Project Tree are concerns for approval before having final reading. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., were all in favor to pass the FILOT Ordinance for Project White Oak (FILOT Agreement) for Second Reading.

#### Timeline of the Camden Burials

# Complied by Doug Bostick, CEO SC Battleground Preservation Trust

March 2019	The SC Battleground Preservation Trust (SCBPT), on behalf of Historic Camden, offered to coordinate a master planning process for the Camden battlefield to design trails and other visitor amenities. A steering committee was formed which included a broad cross section of representatives from Historic Camden Foundation, Kershaw County, City of Camden, archaeologists, SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA), historians, DAR, Boy Scouts, and Kershaw County residents.
September 2019	SCIAA notified SCBPT that as the result of information received from archaeology surveys and feedback from collectors, they were aware of the locations of an undetermined number of bodies on the Camden battlefield.
November 2019.	Final master plan was published.
March 2020	SCBPT & SCIAA discussed a possible project to recover the known human remains in order to protect them and prohibit any further desecration of those graves. With the COVID pandemic, the decision was made to delay any project.
May 24, 2022	Doug Bostick met with the Board of Historic Camden and offered that SCBPT would agree to manage the Camden Burials project on behalf of Historic Camden (HCF). HCF accepted the offer.
June 2022	SCBPT started meetings with Kershaw County residents that might serve on a Camden Burials Steering Committee.
July 11, 2022	SCIAA submitted a written proposal for the recovery of the remains on the Camden battlefield.
August 23, 2022	SCBPT accepted SCIAA's proposal. The decision was made to initiate the recovery in September.
August 31, 2022	HCF issued a press release that the Camden battlefield would be closed starting September 12, 2022, for six weeks. This is done for security reasons to protect the excavation sites as work progresses. The SCBT organizes volunteers for overnight security on the battlefield.
September 2022	A full steering committee was assembled which included representatives from SCBPT, HCF, Kershaw County, City of Camden, Camden Archives, Revolutionary War Visitor Center, American Battlefield Trust, Daughters of

the American Revolution, and Kershaw County citizens at large. Five people on the steering committee are veterans.

- Sept. Nov. 2022 Excavations take place on the battlefield. During excavations, the number of human remains totaled 14 soldiers 12 Continentals, 1 British soldier (71st Regiment of Foot), and 1 Loyalist militiaman (later determined to have Native American ancestry)
- October 2022 The steering committee approves a plan of action to hold the funeral and battlefield honors events in April 2023. The decision was made to reinter the remains of the soldiers back in the 7 locations on the battlefield where they were recovered.
- October 2022 The Camden Burials committee makes contact with the U S Army by application to the US Army Old Guard to participate in April ceremonies and with Fort Jackson and the SC Army National Guard to request the Army's participation in battlefield honors ceremonies.
- November 9, 2022 Battlefield excavations are complete.
- November 11, 2022 On Veterans Day, SCBPT issues a press release announcing the recovery of the 14 remains on the Camden battlefield.
- December 15, 2022 LTC Max Pappas, US Army Office of Army Cemeteries, makes contact with SCBPT and request a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Army formally requesting the assistance of the US Army with the project.
- January 3, 2023 Doug Bostick, SCBPT, makes an official request by letter to the Secretary of the Army for assistance.
- January 17, 2023 Governor Henry McMaster writes the Secretary of the Army supporting the request of the SCBPT.
- February 10, 2023 Secretary Christine Wormuth acknowledges the request and refers the matter to the US Army Training and Doctrine Command.
- February 24, 2023 The Office of Army Cemeteries contacts the steering committee and asks for access to archaeological information to assist in the formal declaration of the 12 remains as "Army Service Members."

LTC Pappas states, "reference the final interment of the remains, the Army's requirement is 'dignified burial.' This can either be on the Battlefield, or in a cemetery where the remains will be properly marked and cared for." Pappas does continue by encouraging the use of a VA Cemetery.

March 7, 2023	Kershaw County Administrator Danny Templar writes the Office of Army Cemeteries supporting the plan of action to reinter the soldiers on the Camden battlefield.
March 8, 2023	The Office of Army Cemeteries sends their consulting archaeologist to meet with SCIAA and the Richland County Coroner's Office to inspect the human remains of the Continental soldiers.
Late March 2023	The Office of Army Cemeteries certifies that the remains of 12 soldiers are "Army Service Members."
	Note: What is never communicated to the committee until this point is that once this certification occurs, the US Army becomes the "next of kin" and has legal authority over the disposition of the remains.
April 5, 2023	Doug Bostick again writes the Secretary of the Army advocating for the reinterment to occur on the Camden battlefield.
April 11, 2023	SC Attorney General Alan Wilson writes the Secretary of the Army supporting the reinterment on the Camden battlefield.
April 14, 2023	The Secretary of the Army has still not confirmed the support of the US Army, though units of the Army are moving forward with the plan for ceremonies on Saturday, April 22.
	The Office of Army Cemeteries notifies SCBPT that they intend to support the events but the reinterment will not occur until the Army makes a final determination on the location of the burial.
April 22, 2023	The Camden Burials events occur. The funeral service is held at Bethesda , Presbyterian Church and the Burial Honors Ceremony occurs at the battlefield. Attendees are notified via the official published program that the reinterments will be private.
May 2023	As negotiations continue between SCBPT, HCF, and the Army, it becomes clear that the Army will ultimately not support the reinterment of the battlefield. SCBPT & HCF propose to use the Quaker Cemetery.
May 17, 2023	Representatives of the Office of Army Cemeteries visit Camden to inspect the Quaker Cemetery.
May 18, 2023	LTC Pappas writes Doug Bostick indicating they were pleased with the Quaker Cemetery and they "are revising our staffing documents to reflect the Quaker Cemetery as an option, and will begin staffing it shortly for the Secretary."

July 17, 2023	The Executive Director of the Office of Army Cemeteries notifies SCBPT that the Secretary of the Army directed that the 12 Continental soldiers to be interred at the Quaker Cemetery. LTC Pappas will coordinate to select a date for the burial.
July 31 – Aug. 6	Emails are exchanged between the US Army, Quaker Cemetery, SC Office of Veterans Affairs, and SCBPT to select a date for the burials.
July 31, 2023	LTC Pappas notifies SCBPT that there will be no ceremony of any kind on the date of the burial and this will not be a public event. In conversation, LTC Pappas acknowledges that the Camden Burials Steering Committee and the Board of the Quaker Cemetery may attend.
August 8, 2023	LTC Pappas notifies everyone that the private burial will occur at 1:00 pm on Sunday, August 13.
August 8, 2023	Doug Bostick notified the Steering Committee via email of the date and time of the burial. The committee is reminded, as instructed by the Army, that there will be no ceremony and the public is not invited.
	Bostick tells the committee that a public ceremony would be planned at a later date.
August 13, 2022	The remains of the twelve Continental soldiers are buried at the Quaker Cemetery.

Moving forward, the plan is to organize a meeting with representatives of the Steering Committee and the Quaker Cemetery to add landscaping and interpretation at the burial site and to hold a public ceremony at a later date.

#### First Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Project Sandy (FILOT Agreement)

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Councilman Brant Tomlinson made a motion to pass Project Sandy for First Reading; seconded by Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., were all in favor to pass the FILOT Ordinance for Project Sandy (FILOT Agreement) for Second Reading.

#### Second Reading: Bethune Property Conveyance Ordinance

An Ordinance authorizing Kershaw County to convey county owned real property located at 2843 Mecklenburg Road, 325 Brown Street, and 2863 Mecklenburg Road, to the Town of Bethune for public purposes, the property to be conveyed consists a total of 17.18 acres, more or less, and is further identified on the Kershaw County Tax Maps as Parcel Numbers B141-00-00-047 (11.18 acres, more or less); B141-00-00-048 (4.10 acres, more or less); and a portion of B141-00-00-049 (a 1.90 acre portion, more or less). (placed on the agenda by Councilman Danny Catoe)

During discussion of the First Reading of the Bethune Property Conveyance Ordinance, Councilman Danny Catoe made a motion to pass the First Reading conveying property owned by Kershaw County to the Town of Bethune for public use with the understanding from Legal that it will revert back to Kershaw County if Bethune does not use the property; seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. For the discussion of Second Reading, Chairwoman Katie Guinn made an amendment to include on Page 1 (blue writing) and Page 2 (blue writing) as additions, seconded by Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., were all in favor to the amendments for the Second Reading of Bethune Property Conveyance Ordinance.

#### RESOLUTIONS

#### Inducement Resolution: Project Sandy

Authorizing pursuant to title 12, chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and between Kershaw County, South Carolina and a company identified for the time being as Project Sandy, as sponsor, and one or more sponsor affiliates, to provide for a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes incentive and certain special source revenue credits for the benefit of a project in the county; and other related matters.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to approve the Resolution – Inducement Resolution for Project Sandy; Councilman Brant Tomlinson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Derek Shoemake. No Discussion. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., were all in favor.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### Planning Commission (1 Vacancy) (unfinished term ending 10.2.2024)

Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to nominate Clifton S. Emmons to the vacancy of the Planning Commission; seconded by Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Russell Brazell on Zoom, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were all in favor.

Assessment Appeals Board (5 Vacancies) No applicants to nominate.

#### KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## 11.28.2023

If you would like to address the County Council during the Public Comments portion of the agenda, please sign in below. Public Comment allows 5 minutes per individual speaker. See back of agenda for complete guidelines.

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**Clean Community Commission** is seeking an applicant to be appointed by the City of Camden. The City of Camden has not given a nomination to-date.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (See attached)

#### **COUNCIL BRIEFINGS**

Councilman Derek Shoemake shared some events happening in the Town of Elgin. November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Elgin Tree Lighting; December 2<sup>nd</sup> Elgin Catfish Stomp; continued construction at the facility in the Park; presented Chris DeLong the Officer of the Year award; thanked the United Way for the amazing work they do in Kershaw County.

Councilman Danny Catoe shared some events happening in the Town of Bethune. December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Christmas at Mt. Pisgah Resource Center; Bethune Adopt a Family – contact Bethune Town Hall –

Councilman Brant Tomlinson thanked all of his colleagues for the hard work and working together for Kershaw County; he also mentioned that Camden/Kershaw is not ready for 800 incoming homes.

Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones thanked all of his colleagues for the work they do and the respect given to him and to each other; thanked Mr. Tom Webb for his commitment to Veterans and the Clean Community Commission

Councilman Russell Brazell left meeting by Zoom at 7:14 p.m.

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., is requesting input in reference to the Hwy 521 Project; COG Conference was represented by Chairwoman Guinn and himself 13 of 29 in attendance. Great conference and information provided.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn reported the following: Thanked everyone for the work and support of Kershaw County; wished Green Hill Baptist Church (2<sup>nd</sup> oldest church in Kershaw) will celebrate its 161<sup>st</sup> Birthday on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.; Bennett; Holiday Market for the Kershaw County Arts Center is November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>; Arts Center also has Elf the Musical coming and Charlie Brown Christmas December 7<sup>th</sup>; Elf the Musical will be December 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>; During the COG conference information provided that \$660 billion in grants coming forward; revisiting the Rules and Orders in the future.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING

No report.

#### **LEGAL BRIEFING**

No report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

After no further discussion, Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe at 7:38 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Date Appr	roved

The regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

Council Present:

Katie Guinn

Jimmy Jones

Russell Brazell

Danny Catoe

**Brant Tomlinson** 

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Derek Shoemake

Staff Present:

Danny Templar

Gerald Blanchard

Lauren Reeder

Ryan Monaghan

John DuBose

Jeff Burgess

Sandra Brown

Lee Boan

David Tollison

Christian Anderson

Kevin Lynch

Drew Monroe

Members of the press and public were present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the newspapers, TV and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads and posted on the website.

Chairwoman Guinn called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Pastor Craig Thompson with Malvern Hill Baptist Church of Camden gave the invocation and Chairwoman Guinn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# RECOGNITION OF KERSHAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION

Kershaw County Sheriff's Office was publicly recognized for their completion of South Carolina Accreditation.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. motioned to approve the adoption of agenda and seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe.

In Favor:

Katie Guinn

Jimmy Jones

Russell Brazell

Danny Catoe

Brant Tomlinson

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Derek Shoemake

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Venessa Swinney gave an update on her volunteerism of The Kershaw County Humane Society (KCHS) as well as positive support for KCHS.

Lauren Cook invited Council and the public to the Larry Doby 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration this Saturday from 1-4pm at The Kershaw County Arts Center.

Venessa Adams shared Delta Sigma Theta Sorority upcoming event regarding the advanced screening of The Color Purple at Little Theatre this Saturday.

Gary Philpot gave a personal story of his positive experience with Woodward Airfield as well as the need to improve the East Camden Highway 1 Corridor.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings have been moved to before ordinances.

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATION

<u>History of Woodward Airfield</u> – Roman Lepekha, Camden Military Academy (CMA) Cadet, gave a video presentation of the history of Woodward Airfield on his CMA Boy Scout Troop 38 project.

# KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC COMMENTS

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#### KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

If you would like to address the County Council during the Public Hearing portion of the agenda, please sign in below. Public Hearing period is limited to a maximum of ten minutes per person. See back of agenda for complete guidelines.

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FY22/23 Audit Presentation – Marc Wood with Sheheen, Hancock, and Godwin gave the FY22/23 Audit Presentation. Wood described the overview of the report and stated Sheheen, Hancock and Godwin has given an unmodified opinion for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### Public Hearing for Project Tree

Chairwoman Katie Guinn opened the public hearing for Project Tree, Project White Oak, and Bethune Property Conveyance. Hearing none, the public hearing for was concluded.

#### **ORDINANCES**

#### Third Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Project Tree

Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to adopt third reading of Project Tree FILOT ordinance with a second by Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

In Favor:

Katie Guinn

Jimmy Jones

Russell Brazell

Danny Catoe

Brant Tomlinson

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Derek Shoemake

Third Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Project White Oak

Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to adopt third reading of Project White Oak FILOT ordinance with a second by Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

Councilman Russell Brazell amended the motion to increase the fee to \$3,000 per megawatt and seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

As Amended:

Katie Guinn

Jimmy Jones

Russell Brazell

Danny Catoe

Brant Tomlinson

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Derek Shoemake

Second Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Project Sandy

Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to adopt second reading of Project Sandy FILOT ordinance with an amended to \$3,000 per megawatt and second by Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

In Favor:

Katie Guinn

Jimmy Jones

Russell Brazell

Danny Catoe

Brant Tomlinson

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Derek Shoemake

Third Reading: Bethune Property Conveyance Ordinance

Councilman Danny Catoe made a motion to adopt third reading of Bethune Property Conveyance ordinance with a second by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.

In Favor:

Katie Guinn

Jimmy Jones

Russell Brazell

Danny Catoe

Brant Tomlinson

Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

**NEW BUSINESS** 

Establishing and Altering Rules for Public Comments

Vice Chairman Jimmy Jones made a motion to alter and amend the Public Comments Guidelines, Appendix III, as proposed and included in the agenda packet with a second by Chairwoman Katie Guinn.

Councilman Russell Brazell made a motion to defer public comment guidelines matter to the next meeting and seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe.

In Favor:

Katie Guinn

Jimmy Jones

Russell Brazell

Danny Catoe

Brant Tomlinson

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Derek Shoemake

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### Assessment Appeals Board

No applications and no appointments from the floor.

#### Clean Community Commission (City of Camden Appointment)

No appointments from the floor.

#### Kershaw County Library Board

Chairwoman Katie Guinn made a motion to appoint Ed Garrison be appointed to the Library Board and seconded by Vice Chairman Jimmy Jones.

In Favor:

Katie Guinn

Jimmy Jones

Russell Brazell

Danny Catoe

Brant Tomlinson

Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

#### **COUNCIL BRIEFINGS**

#### Councilman Danny Catoe

Councilman Catoe thanked Leadership Kershaw County for the mural project at Mt. Pisgah Community Center. Catoe also thanked the community within the Mt. Pisgah area for coming together to take care of a family in need. Catoe congratulated the Camden Bulldogs for being runner-up State Football Championship as well as wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

#### Councilman Brant Tomlinson

Councilman Brant Tomlinson reminded the public of Santa Claus flying into Woodward Field this Saturday at 11am and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

#### Vice Chairman Jimmy Jones

Vice Chairman Jimmy Jones thanked his colleagues for the dialogue earlier this evening. Jones asked the Administrator and legal to look into a moratorium on building permits and report at the next meeting.

#### Councilman Russell Brazell

Councilman Russell Brazell asked the administrator for an update on the boat ramp project. Brazell also stated he has enjoyed working with his members on Council and Merry Christmas.

#### Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. congratulated the four new councilmembers on their completion of an entire year on Council. Tucker thanked the Administrator and staff on a good year to include a good audit and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

#### Councilman Derek Shoemake

Councilman Derek Shoemake wished everyone a Merry Christmas and clarified he has a philosophical belief difference on what is germane to a small group. Shoemake gave an update on the Catfish Stomp and Lights of Lugoff. Shoemake also stated he will be bringing forward a litter ordinance that would increase the litter fine and community service mandatory. Shoemake also stated he will be bringing forward another ordinance in February regarding minor subdivision as well as new process for major development.

#### Chairwoman Guinn

Chairwoman Katie Guinn asked Gene Hartis, along with past and present Clean Community Commission members, to recognized Wanda Swann for her service to the Clean Community Commission. Guinn also gave recognition to the students that restored the AH1F Cobra helicopter restored by Woolard Technology Center.

Guinn reminded the public of the Larry Doby 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration as well as Santa Fly-In. Guinn also stated All Access Services are for family members with disabilities to enjoy worship and is available at the 11am service at Malvern Hill Baptist. Guinn then thanks Jill Wolfe and Optimist Club for the Lights of Lugoff.

#### Administrator

Administrator Danny Templar thanked staff including Detention Center, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation for prepping and picking up before and after the Lights of Lugoff. Templar also congratulated The Sheriff's Office for their accreditation and the work they have done.

#### Legal

No legal report, but stated new planning and zoning matters, as indicated by Councilman Derek Shoemake, will be brought to Council in the new year.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. made a motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe.

In Favor: Katie Guinn Jimmy Jones Russell Brazell Danny Catoe
Brant Tomlinson Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. made a motion to come out of executive session with a second from Councilman Russell Brazell.

In Favor: Katie Guinn Jimmy Jones Russell Brazell Danny Catoe Brant Tomlinson Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

Chairwoman Katie Guinn made a motion to make a salary adjustment effective January 2024 to \$165,000 seconded by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.

In Favor: Katie Guinn Jimmy Jones Russell Brazell Danny Catoe
Brant Tomlinson Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Danny Catoe second the motion.

In Favor: Katie Guinn Jimmy Jones Russell Brazell
Brant Tomlinson Sammie Tucker, Jr. Derek Shoemake

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council