



A regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

County Council Present: Chairwoman Katie Guinn

Councilman Derek Shoemake

Councilman Brant Tomlinson

Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (Call-In)

Councilman Danny Catoe Councilman Russell Brazell

County Council Absent: Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Staff Present:

Danny Templar

John DuBose

Chris Anderson

Lauren Reeder

Jeff Burgess

Hannah Parler

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, January 9, 2024. The Invocation was led by Councilman Danny Catoe, and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence and condolences was given in memory of the mother of County Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones' brother. The families remain in our thoughts and prayers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

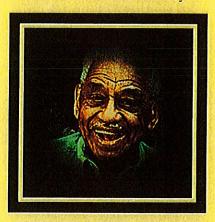
Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion on the adoption of the agenda. Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. During the call for discussion, Chairwoman Katie Guinn made a motion to amend the agenda striking Item# 17 - Executive Session – Receipt of Attorney Client Privileged Legal Briefing because it was no longer needed. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (callin), Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor to strike Item# 17 from the agenda. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (call-in), Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor to approve the amended agenda. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent from this meeting.

PROCLAMATION

Chairwoman Katie Guinn read a Proclamation into the record In Honor and In Memory of Mr. Edward J. "Mike" McClendon. (See Attached) Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones made a motion to accept the Proclamation as he spoke very fondly of Mr. McClendon; seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (call-in), Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor to accept the Proclamation. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent from this meeting.

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 9th day of January 2024; in the City of Camden, Kershaw County, South Carolina.

Ву:				
Kaitlyn E. Guinn Kershaw County Chairwoman				
Ву:	By;			
Jimmy Jones Kershaw County Vice-Chairman	Sammie Tucker, Jr. Kershaw County Councilman			
Ву:	Ву:			
Russell Brazell <i>Kershaw County Councilman</i>	Brant Tomlinson <i>Kershaw County Councilman</i>			
By:	Ву:			
Danny Catoc <i>Kershaw County Councilman</i>	Derek Shoemake <i>Kershaw County Councilman</i>			
ATTEST:				
By:				
Hannah M. Parler Clerk to Council				

PUBLIC COMMENTS (See Attached)

PUBLIC HEARING

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Councilman Brant Tomlinson made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Derek Shoemake. During discussion, Chairwoman Katie Guinn made a motion to have the minutes corrected and noted that a motion was not needed to have an item rearranged on the agenda and to have that portion removed; seconded by Councilman Russell Brazell. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (call-in), Councilman Russel Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent from this meeting.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of Tuesday, December 12, 2023; Councilman Brant Tomlinson made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (call-in), Councilman Russel Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent from this meeting.

DISCUSSION

Councilman Russell Brazell lead a discussion on a 2024 Initiative to Defease 2008 General Obligation Bonds to help Kershaw County become debt free. During discussion, it was requested that there be a follow-up at the February 13th meeting.

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)

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a vote to pass the Third Reading of FILOT Ordinance for Sandywoods Solar, LLC previously identified as Project Sandy (FILOT Agreement); Councilman Derek Shoemake made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Russell Brazell, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor of the third reading; opposed were Chairwoman Katie Guinn and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (call-in). Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent from this meeting. PASSED

RESOLUTIONS

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to approve Resolution #001-2024; a resolution giving public notice of the regular meeting dates for Kershaw County Council meetings; Councilman Derek Shoemake made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (callin), Councilman Russel Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent. (See Attached) During discussion, Council decided to

KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1.9.2024

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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RESOLUTION# 001-2024

RESOLUTION OF KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING ITS REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR 2024

WHEREAS, Kershaw County Council is required to schedule its regular meeting dates and give public notice of such schedule;

WHEREAS, Kershaw County Council regularly meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center, 515 Walnut Street, Camden, South Carolina 29020;

THEREFORE, it is resolved by Kershaw County Council; that Kershaw County Council hereby gives public notice that its regularly scheduled Council Meetings shall be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning January 9, 2024, in the Kershaw County Council Chambers located at 515 Walnut Street, Camden, South Carolina 29020.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Tuesday, July 9, 2024
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Tuesday, May 28, 2024
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Tuesday, July 23, 2024
Tuesday, August 27, 2024
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Tuesday, November 26, 2024

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Kershaw County Council this 9th day of January 2024.

Kaitlyn E. Guinn, Chairwoman	
Kershaw County Council	

ATTEST:	
Hannah M. Darlar	
Hannah M. Parler	
Clerk to County Council	

remove and cancel the meeting date of December 24, 2024, as it is observed as Christmas Eve. Councilman Derek Shoemake made the motion to remove December 24, 2024, meeting date, and it was seconded by Chairwoman Katie Guinn. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones (call-in), Councilman Russel Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor as amended. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent from this meeting.

There were concerns of other meeting dates scheduled around holidays, but Council decided to discuss meeting dates as they approach during the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Lease Purchase for a Roll-Off for Solid Waste

The County Administrator and Council had a discussion on the lease/purchase of a Roll-Off for Solid Waste. Due to conflicting opinions and uncertainty of purchasing a roll-off with little information and details about the equipment, some of the Council objected to the approval and operations of the County Administrator making the purchase. The County Administrator made it clear that it could be a wait as far as 2026 to purchase the vehicle if there is a delay in securing when available. Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to give authorization to the County Administrator to discuss and negotiate with vendors to lease/purchase a vehicle for Solid Waste up to \$5,000 a month; seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Councilman Derek Shoemake and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were in favor; opposed were Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Russell Brazell. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent from this meeting. The motion FAILED.

Councilman Russell Brazell made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to make a deposit on a vehicle if he finds one since he is authorized to purchase up to \$25,000; seconded by Council Derek Shoemake. Councilman Russell Brazell withdrew his motion before moving forward for a vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission (1 Vacancy) (unfinished term ending 10.2.2024) No applicants to nominate.

Assessment Appeals Board (3 Vacancies)

No applicants to nominate.

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. Chairwoman Katie Guinn announced that if anyone is interested, please apply online.

Councilman Brant Tomlinson left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

COUNCIL BRIEFINGS

Councilman Russell Brazell thanked Mr. Tom Webb for his continued support speaking at the meetings and how he always gives good information. Condolences sent to James Hall family.

Councilman Derek Shoemake sent condolences to the families of Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., on the loss of his mother, and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones on the loss of his brother. Acknowledged and recognized Law Enforcement Day. You are appreciated!

Councilman Danny Catoe sent condolences to the families of Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., on the loss of his mother, and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones on the loss of his brother. He also thanked Mr. Tom Webb for his time and dedication he gives to Kershaw County and attending the meetings to speak.

Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones thanked all of his colleagues for their thoughtfulness during the loss of his brother. He also sent condolences to Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. and family.

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., was absent from this meeting.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn spoke briefly on growth issues in Kershaw County and the changes to the ZLDR/Comprehensive Plan; Hwy 1 plans for funding; congratulations to Fiona Martin, new Chair of the Planning Commission; the Legislative Breakfast on January 5th and how beneficial it was to be in attendance after hearing all of the great things for Kershaw County; requested that the Clerk contact Senator Gustafson to schedule a date to come give an update on Kershaw County; Budget Retreat is scheduled for March 1 and 2; not in support of the Equine Training Center; Concerned Citizens will host the Annual MLK Celebration on January 13th – 11:00 a.m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING

The County Administrator expressed his thanks and appreciation to all of the staff members for their support and those who had to deal with issues during the inclement weather for Kershaw County. You all are appreciated!

LEGAL BRIEFING

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Danny Catoe made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Russell Brazell at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

Date Approved

Hannah M. Parler, Clerk to Council