

Kershaw County Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2024



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

County Council Present: Chairwoman Katie Guinn
Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.
Councilman Brant Tomlinson
Councilman Russell Brazell
Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones
Councilman Danny Catoe
Council Derek Shoemake (arrived at 6:26 p.m.)

Staff Present: Danny Templar
Gerald Blanchard
Jeremy Morrow
Hannah Parler
Chris Anderson
Lauren Reeder
John DuBose
Joey Adams-Raczowski

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, April 9, 2024. Before continuing with the meeting, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones called for a Point-Of-Order to acknowledge Chairwoman Katie Guinn on her promotion in her military branch from a CW2 to a CW3, one of the highest ranks in her division. Sergeant Major Tim Hopkins read a bio of Chairwoman Katie Guinn listing all of her achievements and honors. The County Council along with the citizens congratulated Chairwoman Katie Guinn for her years of service and honors. The Invocation was led by Pastor Quinten Chavis (Belmont Baptist Church, Westville) 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 for Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. During the call for discussion, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., stated a motion to amend the agenda with one amendment: 1) A motion to remove item 10A – A Resolution Opposing A Project To Widen U.S. Hwy 521 and place it on the May 14, 2024, agenda; seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, the following Council Members were in favor to amend the agenda - Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson. Councilman Derek Shoemake was absent during this vote.

After no further amendments, Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to adopt the agenda as amended; Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, the following Council Members were in favor to adopt the agenda as amended; Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson. Councilman Derek Shoemake was absent during this vote.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Month of Military Child

Chairwoman Katie Guinn read a Proclamation into the record honoring April as the Month of Military Child. Sara Jane Arnett, Community Coordinator, MCEC (Military Child Education Coalition), Columbia, SC, along with children and families who currently serve in the military were present and honored with the proclamation, gifts, and photo with County Council. During discussion, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., thanked all of the families and children of the military as well as the parents serving this Country. Councilman Brant Tomlinson stated that military families and children play the hard part while parents are gone, but thanked them for their courage and service. Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to accept the Proclamation; Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were all in favor. Councilman Derek Shoemake was absent during this vote.

Sara Jane Arnett, Community Coordinator, MCEC (Military Child Education Coalition), Columbia, SC, publicly thanked Mr. Timothy Hopkins for his 30 plus years of dedicated service and support of military children and families. Mr. Hopkins is the Deputy Superintendent for Kershaw County School District.

North Central High School Weight Lifting Team – 2024 AA State Champions

Chairwoman Katie Guinn read a Proclamation into the record honoring the North Central High School Weight Lifting Team on their win titled 2024 AA State Champions. Councilman Danny Catoe made a motion to accept the Proclamation; seconded by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. During discussion, Councilman Danny Catoe expressed how proud he was of the North Central High School Weight Lifting Team on their big win for the 2024 AA State Champions. Coaches along with students were present to accept this Proclamation that honors and defeats a "33-year old State Record in South Carolina. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were in favor to accept. Councilman Derek Shoemake was absent during this vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Guinn read the Rules and Guidelines for Public Comments into the minutes.

Councilman Derek Shoemake arrived at 6:28 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular County Council meeting of Tuesday, March 26, 2024; Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were in favor to accept. Councilman Derek Shoemake abstained from voting due to his absence at this meeting.

DISCUSSIONS

Chairwoman Katie Guinn gave an update and report on her attendance at the Rx and Illicit Drug Summit in Atlanta, which is the largest, most influential event addressing the crisis of overdoses and deaths involving synthetic opioids which is causing an impact all over the nation. Chairwoman Katie Guinn has invited anyone who wants to be more involved and educated about this crisis and join the coalition, to contact Kevin Rhodes, Director of Opioid Abatement Coalition at the ALPHA Behavioral Health Center, and encourages the Council, Staff, and First Responders to become involved if not already.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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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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| 1. | ✓ <u>Maranda Servoss</u> | <u>Subdivision on Holland Rd</u> | <u>1779 Holland Rd. Cassatt, SC</u>
<u>(803) 229-5153</u> |
| 2. | ✓ <u>Julia Fisher</u> | <u>The Paddocks</u> | <u>2436 No. Rolling Rd. - Hartsville</u>
<u>843-407-8836</u> |
| 3. | ✓ <u>Candy Titus</u> | <u>Subdivision - Valley</u> | <u>896 Palson Rd Camden</u>
<u>803 397 4288</u> |
| 4. | ✓ <u>Jessica Hanak</u> | <u>Subdivision</u> | <u>402 Beverly Hills Rd Camden</u> |
| 5. | ✓ <u>ELIZABETH HAGINS</u> | <u>CTC / NEW COMM</u> | <u>303 Rectory Sq. Camden</u> |
| 6. | Time ✓ <u>Chris Schermerhorn</u> | <u>Roadway Improvement</u> | <u>2367 Dolan Lane Liberty Hill, SC</u> |
| 7. | ✓ <u>Scott Chambers</u> | <u>Airport</u> | <u>22218 Horton Cove Rd Camden SC</u> |
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| 10. | ✓ <u>Sue Searson</u> | <u>CTC</u> | <u>PO Box 2285 Camden</u>
<u>432-1143</u> |
| 11. | ✓ <u>Melissa Barton</u> | <u>CTC</u> | <u>407 Bruce Drive Camden</u>
<u>803.900.0572</u> |
| 12. | ✓ <u>Ted Brunson</u> | <u>CTC</u> | - |
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ORDINANCES

Second Reading: An Ordinance Of The Kershaw County Council To Amend The Membership Provisions For The Kershaw County Clean Community Commission By Adding Two At-Large Membership Positions.

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made the motion to approve Second Reading for an Ordinance that would add two At-Large positions to the Clean Community Commission since the current Ordinance allows representation from each District and an At-Large. Somehow along with time, Bethune did not get representation and this will allow every District and At-Large positions to be filled to cover representation throughout Kershaw County including the amendment made by Councilman Danny Catoe at the March 26, 2024, meeting – An amendment in Section 2-444, (2) to change six (6) to seven (7) and under 2(ii) change two to one; seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Derek Shoemake were all in favor. Third Reading scheduled for April 23, 2024.

Second Reading: CASE 24-06 - An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Kershaw County To Rezone Approximately +/- 4.9 Acres Of Property (TMS # 348-00-00-120 and -085), Owned By Joe and Cindy Smith, And Located On The North Side Of Mill Creek Trace, With Addresses of 116 and 120 Mill Creek Trace, Elgin, South Carolina, From R-15, Low Density Residential District, To RD-2, Rural Resource District.

After discussion, Councilman Russell Brazell made a motion to pass Second Reading; seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson to rezone property of Joe and Cindy Smith to place a mobile home on a lot of their property. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Derek Shoemake were all in favor. Third Reading scheduled for April 23, 2024.

Second Reading – CASE 24-08 - An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Kershaw County To Rezone Approximately +/- 6.38 Acres Of Property (TMS # 307-00-00-011), Owned By Andrew Collins, And Located On The West Side Of Smyrna Road, With An Address of 1147 Smyrna Road, Elgin, South Carolina, From MRD-1, Rural Resource District, To RD-2, Rural Resource District.

After discussion, Councilman Russell Brazell made a motion to pass Case 24-08 for Second Reading; seconded by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Derek Shoemake were all in favor. Third Reading scheduled for April 23, 2024.

Second Reading – Case 24-10 - An Ordinance To Amend The Kershaw County Unified Code Of Zoning And Land Development Regulations, To Remove Table 5-10 And Amend Chapter 5, Section 3.8-3 And Chapter 5, Section 3.8-6 To Update And Clarify Road Design Standards By Reference And Incorporation Of Design Criteria And Standards Of The South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association (“SCAPA”)

During discussion, this ordinance posed quite a few questions about the thickness of the asphalt and the ability to provide the need for services to the roads of Kershaw and standards of the South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association (SCAPA). Dylan Windham, a Consultant for Roadway Designs for Kershaw County, answered a few questions from Council concerning the paving and materials used, which still caused some uncertainty and clarification. Before calling for a final vote on the Second Reading of this Ordinance, Case 24-10, Chairwoman Katie Guinn requested further information and prices on road repairs and more detailed data on the roads for repairs with a recommendation from staff. By show of hands,

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were all in favor of Second Reading; opposed to Second Reading were Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, and Councilman Russell Brazell. Third Reading scheduled for April 23, 2024.

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RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution Opposing A Project To Widen U.S. Hwy 521

This item was voted to be removed from the agenda and scheduled for the meeting of May 14, 2024.

A Resolution by Kershaw County Council To Amend Section M Of The Personnel Policies and Procedures Of Kershaw County

After a brief discussion of this item, Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a vote of a Resolution by Kershaw County Council to amend Section M of the Personnel Policies and Procedures of Kershaw County; Councilman Danny Catoe called for a motion to amend Exhibit 1 on a clerical error as an extra line item left off under 8 hours which should read: 15 years and over, 14 hours monthly, and 168 hours annually; seconded by Councilman Derek Shoemake. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were all in favor.

A Resolution By Kershaw County Council to Adopt A Policy For Employee Telecommuting

Chairwoman Katie Guinn read into the record, a Resolution by Kershaw County to adopt a Policy for Employee Telecommuting as part of the Kershaw County Human Resources Manual of Policies which will allow Kershaw County to recruit, hire, and retain highly qualified candidates for County employment positions. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made a motion to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. During discussion of this Resolution, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones and Councilman Russell Brazell were opposed. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were all in favor; opposed votes were Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones and Councilman Russell Brazell.

A Resolution By Kershaw County Council To Adopt A Policy Permitting Compressed Work Schedules

Chairwoman Katie Guinn read into the record, a Resolution by Kershaw County to adopt a Policy permitting Compressed Work Schedules which will allow Kershaw to recruit, hire, and retain highly qualified candidates for County employment positions. Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to approve the Resolution; seconded by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. During discussion, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones and Councilman Russell Brazell were opposed to the Compressed Work Schedules, but Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In: 8:30 p.m.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to enter an Executive Session in discussion of Negotiations Incident to a proposed purchase of Real Property with a vote outside of Executive Session; Councilman Danny Catoe made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

Out: 8:40 p.m.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to come out of Executive Session; Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. made the motion; seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson. No discussion; Councilman Brant Tomlinson made a motion to resume regular session; seconded by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

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Chairwoman Katie Guinn made a statement to the public that Council was being vague about this discussion because it does include negotiations of a potential contract, so Council does not want to necessarily let any other potential entities involved know the plan of Kershaw. Councilman Brant Tomlinson made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to enter into negotiations for potential purchase of Real Property and at the Administrator's discretion to enter a contract for the purchase of the Real Property provided that the contract contains a clause that is not legally effective until and unless ratified by affirmative majority of Kershaw County Council; seconded by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

APPOINTMENTS

Clean Community Commission (2 At-Large Vacancies) (1 Applicant)

Council decided to make appointments at the April 23rd meeting with expectation of the Clean Community Ordinance amendment passing the third reading.

OLD BUSINESS

Impact Fees: Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to give authorization for the County Administrator to move forward on developing an Ordinance to institute Impact Fees, to include Impact Fees to benefit Solid Waste; seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson; opposed votes were Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones and Councilman Russell Brazell.

Boat Ramp Plan Selection

During the discussion of the process and plans for the Boat Ramp Plan Selection at Veteran's Park, Councilman Russell Brazell made a motion to have the County Administrator begin the Bid Process for the Layout 2 Plan of Veteran's Park for paving; seconded by Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones. In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRIEFINGS

Councilman Russell Brazell thanked his colleagues and staff for their help on getting things right with the Boat Ramp Project; congratulated North Central High School on their win and salute to the Military families for their service; thanked the speakers who spoke on growth in Kershaw County, your voices are heard.

Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., announced the cancellation of the Finance Committee meeting on April 11th.

Councilman Derek Shoemake thanked his colleagues for their support and hard work with the citizens during the Housing Development issues; however, he is willing to work with the citizens and offered to receive any thoughts and ideas anyone may have.

Councilman Danny Catoe expressed his congratulations to the North Central High School for 2AA win in Weight Lifting and his support with his colleagues and the importance of this County's heritage and history.

Councilman Brant Tomlinson thanked the entire staff for their support and dedication to Kershaw County; thanked the citizens for their support and concern in growth, especially to Cindy Titus and Jessica Hanak Coulter who remained in the audience with concerns about Housing Development as he offered to meet with them about any further concerns.

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Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones congratulated Councilman Russell Brazell and Councilman Derek Shoemake for no opposition for upcoming election and how much he enjoys working with his colleagues even though they disagree, but they do what is best for improvement of Kershaw County and its citizens; thanked everyone who came out to speak on the Housing Development and requested that possibly a plan can be in place by the next meeting to help the citizens.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn thanked Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones for the recognition of her promotion; her idea for rezoning of the CTC property should have been placed on the agenda many times before, however, she will continue to work and support the people of Kershaw County; requested that the Finance Committee take a look into the expenses of the SCAC Conference and see how it can be used elsewhere in the County; classes are offered in Columbia and encourage the Council to attend locally if classes needed are offered.

Councilman Derek Shoemake also requested to review expenses by other Councilmembers as well.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING

County Administrator Danny Templar gave an update on the following: The Woodward Park continues to develop; the last update reported that the Recreation Commission was scheduling a meeting to go over and make some recommendations for any changes to the rendering material costs and traffic; Alliance is still reviewing the proposal for Bethune and Westville and a report on cost opinion will be ready maybe by the next meeting; Wastewater Treatment continues to go along on schedule as funding time line is sensitive with a completion date of June 1, 2026; Thanked Council for their willingness to listen to his recommendations and ideas for Kershaw, appreciates the staff and all the work that many do behind the scenes and for Council allowing him to work as Administrator and his passion for Kershaw County.

LEGAL BRIEFING

No Legal Briefing

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legal Briefing Regarding Economic Development Matter, S.C. Code 30-40-70 (a)(5)

In Session: 9:12 p.m.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to enter Executive Session on a legal briefing regarding Economic Development Matter; Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Derek Shoemake; In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

Out of Session: 9:18 p.m.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to exit Executive Session; Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson. No discussion; no vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to adjourn; Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe; In favor by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

April 23, 2024
Date Approved

Hannah M. Parler
Hannah M. Parler, Clerk to Council