

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 13, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided  
Vice-Chairman Ken Westbury  
Councilman John Nelson  
Councilman Cecil Thornton  
Administrator John McLauchlin  
Deputy Administrator Richard Hall  
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins  
Human Resources Director Brandy Roberson

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website [calhouncounty.sc.gov](http://calhouncounty.sc.gov).

**Call to Order**

Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to approve the June 13, 2022 meeting agenda, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments on Agenda**

Mrs. Rebecca Bonnette commented concerns regarding Ordinance 2022-16, regarding change in the form of government, which was on the agenda for First Reading. Mrs. Bonnette told that she was not in favor of the change.

Mrs. Amy Hill also commented in opposition of the Ordinance.

**Public Comments on other matters**

None

**Public Hearings:**

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-8 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUES GENERATED FROM ONE OR MORE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARKS WITHIN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH**

CAROLINA AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

**Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-8.** Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-8. Councilman Nelson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-10 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY.** There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

**Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-10.** Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-10. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-11 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY.** There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

**Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-11.** Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-11. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-12 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX.** There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

**Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-12.** Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-12. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-13 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 4.18 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND TO APPROPRIATE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT.** There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

**Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-13.** Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-13. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-14 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN**

COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE TWO (2) MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT. There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

**Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-14.** Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-14. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-15 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY.** There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

**Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-15.** Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-15. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 23, 2022 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **Appointments**

None

### **Proclamations**

None

### **Appearances**

Mr. Brian Nicholson of Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC reviewed the Audit Report presented to Council.

Dr. William Molnar appeared to give an update on Lower Savannah Council of Governments programs (handouts attached), highlighting various projects and initiatives underway.

### **Resolutions**

**7-2022** A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE INSURANCE BENEFITS PROGRAM. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 7-2022, was seconded by Councilman Thornton, and the motion passed unanimously.

**9-2022** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENLARGEMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK ESTABLISHED BY THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY

AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") AND LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("LEXINGTON COUNTY"), DATED AS OF DECEMBER 11, 1995, AS AMENDED, SUCH ENLARGEMENT AFFECTING THAT PORTION OF THE PARK GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 9-2022, was seconded by Councilman Nelson, and the motion passed unanimously.

**10-2022 INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION** – Project Augusta. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Resolution 10-2022, was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Ordinances**

**ORDINANCE 2022-16** AN ORDINANCE TO CALL A PUBLIC REFERENDUM IN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS WISH TO KEEP THE PRESENT COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH FIVE (5) COUNCIL MEMBERS OR ADOPT THE COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH FIVE (5) COUNCIL MEMBERS was presented for **First Reading**. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2022-16. Councilman Thornton seconded. Councilman Nelson thanked Mrs. Bonnette and Mrs. Hill for their comments and added that there seemed to be no interest in this change in his district; therefore, he was unable to support. The group agreed to have an attorney from the Association of Counties to come and give clarification and information regarding the change. Chairman Haigler, Vice-Chairman Westbury and Councilman Thornton voted in favor and Councilman Nelson was opposed. The motion passed with 3-1 vote.

**ORDINANCE 2022-17** AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE was presented for **First Reading**. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2022-17. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2022-18** AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT AUGUSTA TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES; AND RELATED MATTERS was presented for **First Reading by Title Only**. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2022-18. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

No comments

**Executive Session**

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Legal Matter – Emergency Ordinance
2. General Counsel
3. Contract Matter

Councilman Thornton seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.

**Return to Open Session (Action Required)**

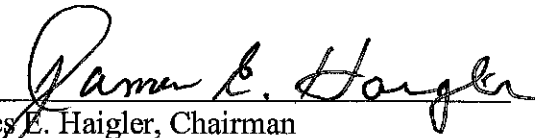
Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Emergency Abatement Ordinance (2022-19); and was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

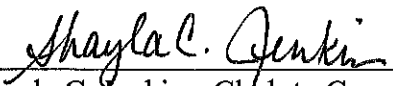
Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to enter into the Employment Agreement with Administrator John McLauchlin to begin on July 1. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator McLauchlin thanked Heath Taylor for all of his work as county attorney.

**Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

  
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James E. Haigler, Chairman

  
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Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council