

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting

April 3, 2023

6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium of the County Administration Facility, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Final agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on March 29, 2023.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Alex Saitta, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Chris Lollis
Henry Wilson
C. Claiborne Linvill (absent)

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting of April 3, 2023 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Vice Chairman Roy Costner led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to suspend the rules, and move Agenda Item #11A first on the agenda. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (5-0).

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

a.) *PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN AWARD* – The Chairman presented the Citizen Award to Tammy Anthony, and the late Bobby Smith.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the Public Forum and requested the Clerk to call upon the citizens signed up to speak.

1. Juliet Penna: Ms. Penna addressed Council regarding the Library.
2. Johnnelle Raines: Ms. Raines addressed Council regarding FOIA.
3. David Parsons: Mr. Parsons addressed Council regarding Motor coach Resort above Sunset Marina at Gap Hill.
4. Lori Osborn: Ms. Osborn addressed Council regarding the Library.
5. Unice Leymaker: Ms. Leymaker addressed Council regarding the Library.

- RFP – County Development Impact Fee Study

❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**

Council Action on Log No. 141 – No Action Taken by the Committee.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Vice Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Chris Bowers announced the following:

- Non-Essential County Offices will be closed on Friday, April 7, for the Good Friday Holiday.
- The Committee of the Whole meeting will take place on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Building.
- The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Administration Building.

Chairman Bowers called for other council correspondence.

Seeing no other correspondence, Chairman Bowers announced moving to Motion Period and New Business.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the floor for motion period and new business.

Seeing no discussion, Chairman Bowers closed the floor.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND/OR RESOLUTIONS:

- a) FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 623 TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CHANGES FOR PICKENS COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to constitute first reading in title only of this Ordinance. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried (3-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Chris Lollis opposed.

- b) FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 624 TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PICKENS COUNTY FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND TO DIRECT EXPENDITURE THEREOF.
 - Administrator Ken Roper read a transmittal letter to Council.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to constitute first reading in title only of this Ordinance. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (5-0).

- c) FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE PICKENS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SPECIFIC TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE PICKENS COUNTY AIRPORT AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
 - o Administrator Roper asked Council to refer to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.
 - o Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to constitute first reading in title only of this Ordinance. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson.
 - o Chairman Chris Bowers made an amendment, stating after first reading, he would like to commit this to the Committee of the Whole log. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (5-0).
 - o The original motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- d) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10 RECOGNIZING APRIL 9 – APRIL 15, 2023 AS NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK.
 - o Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to consider this Resolution. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (5-0).

- e) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11 DESIGNATING APRIL 2023 AS FAIR HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH IN PICKENS COUNTY.
 - o Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to consider this Resolution. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (5-0).

- f) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12 TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BEING AUTHORIZED AND DESIGNATED AS THE CLAIMANT AGENT FOR THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 2003, AS AMENDED AND THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE PROGRAM, AS SET OUT IN § 12-4-580 (2003).
 - o Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to consider this Resolution. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (5-0).

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

- a) SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 621 AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT SIERRA FOXTROT, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, LESSORS OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY; (2) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; (3) THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE COMPANY AND THE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE

COMPANY OF CERTAIN INCURRED COSTS; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

- Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to constitute second reading of this Ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (5-0).

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

- a) PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 622 ADOPTING A SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT, OR SUBDIVISION CONCEPT PLANS, TO PROVIDE FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENTION OF NINETY DAYS HERETO BY FURTHER RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL.
 - Chairman Bowers opened the public hearing for comments regarding this Ordinance. Seeing none, Chairman Bowers declared the public hearing closed.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to constitute third reading of this Ordinance. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- 1) 2023 Recreation Funding Applications
- 2) 2023 Accommodations Tax Applications
- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (5-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a):

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a). Chairman Bowers further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- ATAX Committee
- Beautification Committee
- Motion was made by Councilman Alex Saitta, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (5-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes after a five-minute recess.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- ATAX Committee – **No Action Taken**
- Beautification Committee – **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to appoint Danny McCullen to the Beautification Committee in the District 5 seat. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (6-0).**

Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Citizen Award – **No Action Taken.**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (5-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council