

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting

December 6, 2021

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 December 3, 2021.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Trey Whitehurst, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Alex Saitta
Ensley Feemster
Henry Wilson (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 December 6, 2021 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Trey Whitehurst led the Invocation and Veteran Wallace Cecil Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Chris Bowers presented Veteran Durham with a plaque and thanked him for his service.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the Public Forum and requested the Clerk to call upon the citizens signed up to speak, and who left a voicemail through the County phone in Council Chambers.

1. Melanie McLane: Ms. McLane discussed the property on Six Mile Highway.
2. Shoaleh Young: Ms. Young stated she is with Baha'is of Pickens County and presented Council with a gift.
3. Johnnelle Raines: Ms. Raines presented Council with a Santa Letter and gift.
4. Gene Rogero: Mr. Rogero discussed Home Title Theft.
5. Meta Bowers: Ms. Bowers discussed Meals on Wheels.
6. Kim Valentin: Ms. Valentin discussed Meals on Wheels. Ms. Valentin is the Executive Director of Pickens County Meals on Wheels.
7. Marsha Robertson: Ms. Robertson discussed Meals on Wheels. Ms. Robertson is the Senior Program Coordinator for Pickens County Meals on Wheels.

8. Nick Fletcher: Mr. Fletcher discussed Meals on Wheels.
9. John Hendricks: Mr. Hendricks discussed roads and the road tax.
10. Richard McWay: Mr. McWay discussed COVID-19.
11. Allan Quinn: Mr. Quinn discussed Roads and Economic Development to Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to approve the following minutes as presented:

- November 1, 2021 Regular-Called Council Meeting
- November 15, 2021 Special-Called Council Meeting

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, and seconded by Councilman Roy Costner. Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

COVID-19 Response Briefing

Mr. Roper updated Council on COVID-19 cases in Pickens County. Mr. Roper stated there are currently 315 active cases reported in Pickens County, within the last 14 days. He stated there have been four hundred ninety-four (494) deaths in Pickens County due to COVID-19. He advised a total of 28,754 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Pickens County since March 20th, 2020.

Mr. Roper gave Council information on the DHEC Vaccine Statistics. He stated 48,629, or approximately 43.4%, of Pickens County residents have completed vaccinations.

NACO Leadership Academy

Mr. Roper stated the following Pickens County employees have completed the NACO Leadership Academy:

1. Katie Corbin – Assessor's Office
2. Austin Dunn – Information Systems
3. Trad Julian – Purchasing/Assessor's Office
4. Jamie Reynolds – Roads and Bridges

He thanked these employees for their hard work and dedication to Pickens County.

LQK Playground

Mr. Roper gave an update to Council on the playground located at the Pickens County Airport and provide photos.

Long Shoals Improvements

Mr. Roper gave an updated to Council on the Long Shoals Park improvements and provided pictures.

Public Service Commission Tank Painting

Mr. Roper gave an update to Council on the Public Service Commission Tank Panting. He provided photos.

Fixingcountyroads.com

Mr. Roper went into discussion on how citizens can report road maintenance issues and following along with progress on road projects throughout the county by visiting www.fixingcountyroads.com.

Environmental Enforcement Update

Mr. Roper gave Council and the public more information on how to report litter. He stated you can report litter or property maintenance violations by calling the Enforcement Hotline at 864-898-5265. He stated you can also visit the Pickens County Website and use the new online reporting tool.

Council asked Mr. Roper questions that included, but was not limited to:

- Update on Six Mile Hwy Property (*as presented during Public Forum*)
- Title Home Theft (*as presented during Public Forum*)
- Taxes for roads in the Reserve Fund

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Committee of the Whole met in Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, November 1st, 2021. All members of the committee were in attendance, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Vice Chairman Roy Costner led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

CLEMSON PAW PARTNERS

- Mr. Roper welcomed Ms. Thompson from Clemson Paw Partners to speak.
- Ms. Thompson provided council with financial information and supply costs for Clemson Paw Partners.
- Council, staff and Ms. Thompson and went into discussion that included but was not limited to:
 - Hiring a county vet
 - Cost for neuter supplies
 - Revenue stream for the clinic
 - Anderson County vet
 - Price of cat vouchers
 - Possibility of county contract services to a specific vet
 - Difference in budget if county hires a vet
 - Temporary workers

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

2021 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING REQUEST MILE CREEK PARK – Log No. 167

- Council received an updated itemized budget from staff for Mile Creek Park Amenity Improvements:

**MILE CREEK PARK AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS
ITEMIZED BUDGET**

EXPENSES

Item	Cost
80 Fire Rings	\$21,092.80
Picnic Tables	\$11,000.00
Total	\$32,092.80

INCOME

Item	Cost
ATAF Funds	\$29,000.00
Pickens County General Fund – PRT	\$3,092.80
Total	\$32,092.80

ADDITIONAL QUOTES

Item	Notes	Cost
80 Fire Rings (Option 1)	PhilRock	\$21,092.80
80 Fire Rings (Option 2)	Jamestown Advanced	\$18,417.61
20 Fire Rings (Option 3)	PhilRock	\$8,720.00
80 Picnic Tables (Option 1)	Complete replacement with all treated wood	\$11,000.00
80 Picnic Tables (Option 2)	Replace wood with wood, use existing metal frames	\$8,263.04
80 Picnic Tables (Option 3)	Replace wood with wood, use existing metal frames (other vendor)	\$8,266.00
80 Picnic Tables (Option 2)	Replace wood with Trex, use existing metal frames	\$8,863.04
80 Picnic Tables (Option 4)	Complete replacement with fully sustainable materials	\$68,422.28



After researching additional sustainable options for picnic tables, staff recommends using the existing metal frames and replacing the wood with new treated wood, which would be an approximate cost of \$0.500-\$0.300. The vendors we spoke with do not recommend using a sustainable material like Trex on open air table because it holds too much heat.

After researching additional local options for metal fire rings, staff recommends triaging the existing rings if purchasing all new is not an option. The Pickens County Career and Technology Center students do not have the capability to craft new rings, but can assist with repairs to the grates. We can begin working with them for those repairs in late January. We are still awaiting word from a local manufacturer about adding a new layer of metal around the bottom of the existing rings. If that option falls through, we will order a reduced number of new fire rings and work with the Career Center to repair the others. Then next year we would need to order another reduced number of new fire rings.

- Council and Staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Price of long term options
 - More affordable fire ring options
 - Machinery needed at the Pickens County Career and Technology Center
 - Picnic Table options
 - Timeline of replacing fire rings

- ❖ **Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to move forward with the fire rings using Jamestown Advance and for county staff to refurbish picnic tables. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).**

FIRE REVENUE STRUCTURE

- Mr. Gibson presented council with the following supporting documentation:

FIRE REVENUE STRUCTURE

RESIDENTIAL FIRE FEE AMOUNTS	
SQUARE FOOTAGE	RESIDENTIAL FEE
0 - 1,249	\$90.00
1,250 - 1,499	\$110.00
1,500 - 1,749	\$130.00
1,750 - 1,999	\$150.00
2,000 - 2,249	\$170.00
2,250 - 2,499	\$190.00
2,500 - 2,999	\$210.00
3,000+	\$230.00

COMMERCIAL FIRE FEE AMOUNTS	
SQUARE FOOTAGE	FEE
0 - 3,000	\$350.00
3,001 - 5,000	\$500.00
5,001 - 10,000	\$700.00
10,001 - 20,000	\$1,000.00
20,001 - 50,000	\$1,500.00
50,001+	\$1,800.00

Information from the Assessor:

How the Commercial (income producing) Fire Fee schedule was implemented:

Commercial fire fees were applied to income producing (commercial) properties that fall within the following classifications:

- Commercial (retail, restaurants, etc)
- Multi-unit (apartments)
- Mini Warehouses
- Assisted Living
- Homeowner's Associations

The fire fees within the County Fire Service Division are added to each account based on the number of taxable buildings on the account and the square footage of each taxable building.

Example:

An account with five 1,200 sf mini-warehouses for rent would have the following fire fee:

Fire Fee Code - PCF:J5
 (J=0-3000sf commercial, 5=5 Bldgs)
 J=\$350
 \$350 x 5 = \$1,750
 Fire Fee = **\$1,750**

An account with one 6,000 sf restaurant would have the following fire fee:

Fire Fee Code - PCF:L1
 (L=5,001-10,000sf commercial, 1=1 Bldg)
 L=\$700
 \$700 x 1 = \$700
 Fire Fee = **\$700**

NOTE: The Fire Fee Codes are for internal purposes only. They do not print on the tax bill.

- Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Basing the Fire Revenue Structure on square footage of aa building
 - Relief for mini- warehouse storage
 - Possible Fire Fee Cap

- Impact on this year's budget
- 533 multi-building properties in the county
- Surrounding districts fire fees
- Surcharges

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

AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDING – Log No. 177

- Mr. Roper presented council with the following supporting documentation:

American Rescue Plan Act

Council has expended \$3,871,795 to date. The following have been approved uses of ARPA funding by Council:

Broadband Initiative \$200,000 per box	\$1,600,000.00
Supplemental Pay for First Responders and Essential County Staff	\$2,084,795.00
Replacement of Solid Waste Collection Containers (From Lost Revenue)	\$187,000.00

ARPA FUNDING PROPOSALS FROM COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS					
Organization	Division	Department	Brief Description	Amount	Recurring Costs to Consider
Pickens County	Emergency Services	Emergency Services	County-wide Radio System	\$12,380,000.00	\$40,000 yearly maintenance + \$55,000 start
Pickens County	Finance	GIS	Broadband Initiative \$200,000 per box	\$ 1,600,000.00	
Pickens County	Finance	IT	Replace Wireless Network for Pickens County Offices and Bandwidth Updates for the Administration Building and Courthouse (additional cost of \$5,314 yearly)	\$ 19,000.00	
Pickens County	Alliance Pickens	Alliance Pickens	Sewer line extension to serve Site A-1 and the Peabody Engineering site	\$ 300,000.00	
Pickens County	Alliance Pickens	Alliance Pickens	Sewer line extension to serve the Farmhouse site	\$ 1,400,000.00	
Pickens County	Alliance Pickens	Alliance Pickens	Stormwater Infrastructure on Farmhouse	\$ 1,200,000.00	
Pickens County	Operations	Maintenance	The Corral Water Tank in its Lady City Water. Saves \$6,000 per year and \$160,000 in needed repairs	\$ 250,000.00	
Pickens County	Public Works	PSC	Concrete Replacement of Stormwater Basin Liner at the Liberty/Upper WWTP	\$ 200,000.00	
Pickens County	Public Works	PSC	Construction of EQ Basin at Middle WWTP	\$ 600,000.00	
Pickens County	Public Works	PSC	Construction of EQ Basin at Upper WWTP	\$ 500,000.00	
Pickens County	Public Works	PSC	Middle WWTP UV light distribution system replacement	\$ 292,000.00	
Pickens County	Public Works	PSC	UPPER WWTP UV Light disinfection system replacement	\$ 292,000.00	
Pickens County	RET	Pick Up Pickens	Funding to 55T c 3s for litter clean up	\$ 75,000.00	
Behavioral Health Services			Relocation of Facility	\$ 300,000.00	
United Way			Partnership from Poverty Initiative	\$ 100,000.00	
YMCA			Proposal for Pickens County Support of the Childhood Development and Training Center as a Part of the New Easley Campus.	\$ 300,000.00	
Meals on Wheels			Mortgage Payoff & Encumbrance to support program growth	\$ 108,549.71	
Pickens County	Emergency Services	Fire/EMS/Rescue	Add new stations and crews (\$650,000 building, \$250,000 equipment, \$105,000 crew)	\$ 1,005,000.00	\$105,000 for crew
Pickens County	Emergency Services	Fire/EMS/Rescue	Partner with Town of Norris to modify Fire Station with EMS (\$300,000 building modification)	\$ 525,000.00	\$105,000 for crew
Pickens County	Airport	Airport	Project Amold - Building Renovations (Replace AC, install 3 hr fire-rated fire rated roof - at \$50k each)	\$ 180,000.00	
Pickens County	Human Resources	HR	Supplemental Pay for First Responders and Essential County Staff	\$ 2,084,795.00	
Pickens County	Finance		Lost Revenue Calculation	\$ 2,084,795.00	
TOTALS OF PROPOSED ARPA FUNDING REQUESTS				\$13,389,344.71	

Lost Revenue Uses					
Organization	Division	Department	Brief Description	Amount	Recurring Costs to Consider
Pickens County	Public Works	Solid Waste	Shredder purchase in June 2021 (From Lost Revenue)	\$900,000	
Pickens County	Public Works	Solid Waste	Bailer (From Lost Revenue)	\$750,000	
Pickens County	Public Works	Solid Waste	Replacement of Solid Waste Collection Containers (From Lost Revenue)	\$187,000	
				Lost Revenue Calculation	\$1,837,000
				Remaining Lost Revenue Funds After Lost Uses	(\$2,359,060)

- Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Requests from nonprofit organizations
 - Opening this opportunity for all nonprofit organizations
 - County-wide radio system
 - Meals on Wheels Mortgage
 - Timeline to spend ARPA funding
 - Recycling Bailer
 - Incentives for county staff
 - Prioritizing county services
- ❖ **Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to use the lost revenue to purchase a bailer for \$750,000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (6-0).**
 - **Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to amend to add a refund of \$75,000 for the Clean Up Pickens Program. Motion was seconded by Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).**
- ❖ **Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion for staff to create a process for Non-Profits to apply for ARPA funding based on the principles set forth. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.**
 - Councilman Henry Wilson stated he feels this is important because they all benefit the County, and there are non-profits in the county that provide services that we do not have to duplicate as a government entity.
- ❖ **After much more discussion, the motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Trey Whitehurst opposed.**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Log No. 183

- Mr. Roper presented council with the Capital Improvement Plan – 5 Year Plan for Capital Purchases.
- Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - When to review before next budget
 - Staff requests
 - Total to be considered
 - Solid Waste roll off truck

❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee**

SHOOTING RANGE ORDINANCE

- ❖ **Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to table the Shooting Range Ordinance to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers and carried (6-0).**

SUNDAY ALCOHOL – Log No. 181

- Mr. Hendricks went into discussion on Sunday Alcohol Sales.
- Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - The process of voting on this
 - Petition method
 - If a referendum is needed
 - Renewal process

❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Chris Bowers announced the following:

- Non-Essential County Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 in observance of the Christmas Holidays. Offices will also be closed on Friday, December 31 in observance of the New Year Holiday.
- The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Administration Building.

Chairman Bowers called for other council correspondence.

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner stated he attended the SCAC Legislative Conference this past week and he wanted to report that due to the excellent revenues and in light of SCAC strong financial position, our budget committee recommended that SCAC Board of Directors amend the Fiscal Year 2021 budget to provide a COVID-19 disbursement to all member counties in the amount of each county's 2021 service fee and building assessment fee across the state. He stated that was \$687,000, which means that Pickens County will be getting that money back.

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.

PRESENTATION OF FY2021 AUDIT: Alan Robinson of Cherry Bekaert LLP

Mr. Robinson stated he is here to report on the financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. He stated there are two documents that Council has in their packets that represent the audit; one is the CAFR Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and the other is letter to Council. He stated on the financial statement, there are three different reports/opinions. Mr. Robinson stated the audit is published with a clean or unmodified audit opinion. He stated the audit is concluded and presented as a final document. Mr. Robinson presented financial highlights from the report.

Mr. Robinson discussed some questions he received ahead of time from Councilman Saitta, and gave Council a couple of insights.

Council had detailed questions and discussion that included, but was not limited to:

- Value of a mil
- Final Library numbers (on page 132 and page 95)
- Pension Liability
- Number of Roads paved

MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE: Ralph Guarino

Mr. Guarino presented Council with a report of General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Year to Date totals through October 31, 2021. Mr. Guarino stated this website is on the Pickens County Website under Finance Documents and Forms. He went into detailed discussion on the report, which included:

- Revenues (Taxes, Licenses & Permits, Intergovernmental, Charges for Services, Fines & Forfeitures, Investment Income, Rental, Contributions, Misc.)
- Expenditures (General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Health & Welfare, Culture & Recreation, Economic Development, Intergovernmental, Other, Capital)
- Other discussion between Staff and Council included, but was not limited to:
 - Temporary Staff
 - Fuel
 - Inflation
 - Expenses for Capital Purchases

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2021-25 IN SUPPORT OF REGIONAL WATER SOLUTIONS WITHIN PICKENS COUNTY.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to consider Resolution 2021-25.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2021-26 TO ADOPT REDISTRICTING CRITERIA FOR PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS BASED UPON THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to consider Resolution 2021-26.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (5-0).

MEALS ON WHEELS FUNDING

Chairman Bowers stated this is a unique ARPA Funding Request that we received in the fact that the request is for money to repay a debt that's owed to the County. He stated we have attempted to have this conversation different times without success and he chose this format and this opportunity this evening. He stated he feels this is a different request than the other ARPA requests we have received, purely because the fact that this money is literally money that can be spent twice. He stated for clarification, it is money that would go to Meals on Wheels to repay a debt, and then once the debt is repaid, we can turn around and spend that money again. He stated he also cannot think of another organization that has supported the residents of Pickens County like Meals on Wheels has during COVID-19. Chairman Bowers stated Council has discussed staff to work on a policy for Non-Profits to apply for ARPA funding.

Vice Chairman Roy Costner stated he agrees this is a unique situation where Meals on Wheels owes money to the county, so by giving the money to them, they can give it back and we can allocate it where we want so it is where we can in essence help out two different things but more importantly that, Meals on Wheels did extraordinary things during COVID-19. He stated there are multiple reasons he supports this.

After more discussion, Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated he served on the previous Council who gave the building to Pickens County Meals on Wheels. He stated his struggle is where we pick who we are going to help and who we aren't going to help. He stated we are losing an asset. He stated we gave them a low interest loan to help them out so they could borrow money from us and they will pay that money back. He stated when we take that money, give it to them to pay it back then there's that loss of an asset. He stated it is not a huge amount of money and not a huge asset we would lose, but his struggle is that we should look at all the groups under one umbrella at the same time. He stated we should be fair across the board.

Councilman Alex Saitta went into discussion and stated financially, there is nothing unique about this situation.

Vice Chairman Roy Costner stated he feels it is unique because he doesn't like the idea of the Government making money off of owning a mortgage on a 501-C3 that serves the community.

Councilman Alex Saitta stated he thinks meals on wheels is an excellent organization but we have to spend the money we have on our primary responsibilities first and foremost, and he feels we are neglecting some of these. He stated we have \$24 million dollars in COVID-19 ARPA money, and we have \$69 million dollars in requests from Department Heads. He stated we pay these Department Heads to do a job, and we are supposed to fund them when they are in need and we are telling them no. He stated he does not feel good about that. Last, he stated we have a lot of multi-year multi-million dollar projects ahead of us and there is going to be costs overruns. He stated our County Attorney was a Vice Chairman of Meals on Wheels and Councilman Wilson was a board member of Meals on Wheels and he does not feel comfortable with the close ties and singling this organization out. Councilman Saitta stated Meals on Wheels, on their last tax return, showed cash in the bank of \$254,000 and assets of \$1.5 million. He stated he does not see this as a hardship situation. He stated he is voting no for those reasons.

- Seeing no other discussion, Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion for ARPA funds to be allocated to Meals on Wheels in the amount of their mortgage balance as per Meals on Wheels request. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried (3-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Trey Whitehurst opposed.

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE TO THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PICKENS TO CERTIFY THE VACANT TEXTILE BUILDING LOCATED AT 225 RUHAMAH RD, LIBERTY, SC 29657 AS A TEXTILE MILL SITE UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEXTILES COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION ACT.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to constitute first reading in title only of this ordinance.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0).

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2021-27 CERTIFYING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 212 RICE ROAD IN EASLEY AS A TEXTILE MILL SITE PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEXTILE COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION ACT, TITLE 12, CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED.

Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a), for legal advice from our Attorney on agenda items #14, #15 and #16.

Chairman Bowers further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Public Session back to Order and advised that Agenda Items #14, #15 and #16 will be tabled until Staff receives further information to bring back to Council.

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCONEE COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE, AT THE TIME OF ITS INITIAL DEVELOPMENT, GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN PICKENS COUNTY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OR TO BE OWNED BY ARIAL MILL VENTURES LLC, AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 ET SEQ. OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH OCONEE COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE ALLOCATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

(Tabled – see above)

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ARIAL MILL VENTURES LLC TO PROVIDE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS WITH RESPECT TO A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 212 RICE ROAD, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

(Tabled- see above)

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCONEE COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 4- 1-170 OF THE CODE

OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH OCONEE COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (PROJECT RUBY SLIPPER).

Chairman Bowers asked for a motion to constitute first reading in title only of this Ordinance.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, and seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. Seeing no discussion, the motion 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.

Contractual – Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)

- Project NOD
- Project Big Dog
- Small Brothers Pickens, LLC

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

- Discussion of Applications
- Motion was made by Councilman Alex Saitta, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster 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:

Contractual – Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)

- Project NOD – **No Action Taken.**
- Project Big Dog – **No Action Taken.**
- Small Brothers Pickens, LLC – **No Action Taken.**

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

- Discussion of Applications – **No Action Taken** – *Council will hold a special-called meeting on Monday, Dec. 20 to discuss applications.*

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council