

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
C. Claiborne Linvill
Chris Lollis
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

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

The Committee of the Whole met in Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, December 18, 2023. All members of the committee were present 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.

Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a motion to change the order of the agenda, so Log No. 224 can be first. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (5-0), with Councilman Henry Wilson abstaining.

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Library Renovations/Construction Methods – Log No. 224

- Council and staff had a very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Library Staff and Library Board Members presented a design-build RFQ for the Pickens County Hampton Memorial Library in Easley, SC
 - Discussion in timeline length, cost, etc. for the County completing the project and the architect completing the project.
- After much discussion between Council/Staff, Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to go big build design and the project be managed by the Administration. Councilman Henry Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.

UDSO – Log No. 141

- Council and staff had a very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Vice Chairman Roy Costner made the following motions:
 - Motion to change the area in District 4, south of Hwy. 135 and west of Hwy. 8, beyond the area one mile in either direction of Hwy. 8, from Natural Heritage to Agricultural Heritage.
 - Motion to change the areas in District 4, on the western boundary of the City of

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Easley, southeast of Highway 8, from Gateway to Community Center.

- Motion to change the area in District 4 northwest of Highway 8 from Natural Heritage to Community Center.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers seconded the motions.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers made a substitute motion to adopt the motions above, including the one mile east of Hwy 8 to Agricultural Area and removing the Community Center area to make it Natural Heritage, between Hwy 8 and Hwy 153. Councilman Henry Wilson seconded the substitute motion.
 - The motions carried unanimously (6-0).
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- Discussion on Traffic Study Policy
 - Discussion RV Parks
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- Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to add 4 inches of gravel on interior roads in RV parks, with recommendation from the Administration before the third reading. Councilman Chris Lollis seconded motion.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers made a substitute motion to remove the 4-inch measurement of gravel and have staff bring back recommendations before the third reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).
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- Change the areas in District 4 on the western boundary of the City of Easley, southeast of Highway 8, from Gateway to Community Center.

 - Change the area in District 4 northwest of Highway 8 from Natural Heritage to Community Center.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.