

Items before the Pickens County Council on July 7, 2003

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July 7, 2003
Regular County Council Meeting
7:00 PM

Council Members in attendance:

Ronald D. Harrison, Chairman
Norman D. Langston, Vice Chairman
James H. Patten, III
C. Roy Collins
Council District 5 is vacant

Absent: Councilman James London

Staff: Alan M. Ours, County Administrator
Lynn D. Fisher, Assistant County Administrator
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council
Eddie Welmaker, Attorney

PRESENTATION OF FINAL DESIGN AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EASLEY HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY:

The design build team of Trehel-McMillan Smith will present to Council for review and approval of the proposed design and guaranteed maximum price for the new Easley Headquarters Library.

Council was presented with the designs of the Library which will be 51,025 finished square feet with additional 12,037 unfinished for future expansion. Also presented was the total construction budget of \$6,082,407.00.

Approved.

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 326, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 259 AS IT RELATES TO ARTICLE III, ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM SERVICE CHARGE.

Approved.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 327, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 298, TO ADD THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC) 2002 TO SECTION 101.

Approved.

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT: This proposed lease is for the financing of the

purchase of a fire truck for the Central Fire Department, eight dump trucks for Roads and Bridges, a loader for the Solid Waste Department and a roll off truck for recycling. The purchase of this equipment was included as a part of the budget for fiscal year 2003-2004. First reading of the ordinance is recommended.

Approved

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY RELATED TO THE GEORGES CREEK SEWER PROJECT AND THE CRAYTON CREEK SEWER LINE:

Attempts have been made with certain property owners to acquire property that is needed for right-of-way for the Georges Creek Sewer Project and the Crayton Creek Sewer Line. While several parcels have been successfully purchased a few property owners have been unwilling to negotiate the sale of their property and condemnation has become necessary. Approval of the proposed resolution is recommended.

Approved.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CLEMSON:

The City of Clemson has proposed an amendment to their existing Tax Increment Finance District (TIF). The proposed amendment provides for the addition of the Morrison Annex School property and the removal of the Village Walk residential subdivision property. The proposed amendment is a result of negotiations that took place with the City of Clemson and the Pickens County School District regarding the sale of the former Morrison Annex School. The removal of the Village Walk subdivision will place that property back on the tax roles for both the School District and Pickens County.

Approved.

CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY OF EASLEY TO ADD STORM WATER FEE TO COUNTY TAX BILL. PICKENS COUNTY CURRENTLY CREATES A GENERAL TAX BILL, WHICH INCLUDES THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY:

The City of Easley has requested that this year's tax bill include a storm water fee to be collected by the county and remitted to the City of Easley. To do this will require a programming change by Smith Data Processing in the amount of \$742.00 for assessment data and \$5950.00 for re-formatting the tax bill. The City of Easley has agreed to reimburse Pickens County for this expense. Since this expense will have to be taken from Contingency prior to being reimbursed by the City of Easley, Council approval is required.

Approved.

CONSIDERATION TO REDUCE PHOTOCOPYING CHARGE AS OUTLINED IN POLICY FOR DISSEMINATING DATA:

Approval was given to a Policy for Disseminating Data at Council's June 2, 2003 meeting. Appendix F of the policy provides for a charge of \$.50 per page for a letter of legal size copy. Upon further review of the charge it is respectfully requested that the charge be lowered to \$.25 per page, which is more consistent with the actual cost of reproduction.

Approved

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- a. Library Board.
Mrs. Ann Lewis to the Library Board.

- b. Cultural Commission
Ms. Susan Benjamin to the Cultural Commission.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:
Freedom Forest Road.**

Approved

Mutual Aid Agreement. Mutual Aid Agreement with the Sheriff's Office and Anderson County.

Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Approved

The following items were approved via consent:

Minutes of June 3, 2003 and June 16, 2003

Consideration to include the Airport Terminal Project and the Economic Development Office in the proposed General Obligation Bond. Pending approval by County Council of the final design and guaranteed maximum price of the new Easley Headquarters Library the third reading of the Ordinance to issue a General Obligation Bond will be ready for third reading and adoption. Before third reading can be approved final resolution needs to be given on including funds to construct a new airport terminal and a new economic development office. **It is requested that this issue be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**

Consideration to approve Contract with Synergem for EMS Billing Services. The County has entertained proposals from vendors to provide electronic billing for EMS services. Since this will obligate the County through a lease purchase for future budget years, Council approval is requested. **It is requested that this issue be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**