

MINUTES  
UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE AT 210 WEST MAIN STREET  
STREAMED TO FRANK HART UNION COUNTY  
SUPERVISOR FACEBOOK PAGE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilman John Flood, Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly and County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros.

Absent: Councilwoman Tracie Campbell, Councilman Ralph Tucker

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed, emailed or delivered to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, Jeff Fellers with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Casie Jolly, Daniel Prince at WBCU Radio Station, Graham Williams at the County News, the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Shell Suber at MHISC, and Michael Lee with MHISC as well as to elected officials and heads of various county departments and offices. A notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda were also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order. Council Chaplin David Sinclair gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Tracie Campbell, District 1 – Absent

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Absent

David Sinclair, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

District 5 - Vacant

John Flood, District 6 – Present

David Sinclair: Made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on April 12, 2022.

John Flood: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented service award certificates and gift certificates for Viola Whicker for 5 years of service, for Lacy Shropshire for 10 years of service, and to Derrick O'Shields for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was Cathryn Smith with the Union County Museum but they plan to reschedule their presentation.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any requests to fill any vacant budgeted positions. Public Works Director Rusty Snider requested permission to fill a vacant Operator I position on the road crew.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to approve replacement of a budgeted Operator I position at Public Works.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated that next on the agenda was to consider any requests for capital funds. He said they are continuing to work on the Law Enforcement Center with the renovations of the old Wells Fargo Bank building. Change order number six with Satchell Construction in the amount of \$9,198.75 is related to removing the drive through window. The Sheriff had a quote for signage at a cost of \$11,475.00 and they will get two additional quotes. They have two quotes for cameras and requested \$8,000.00 to cover cameras. They have allocated \$4,500.00 for a burglar system. The total is \$33,174.08 and they are requesting the funds come from the 2021 General Obligation Bond proceeds.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to approve \$33,174.08 be taken from the 2021 General Obligation Bond proceeds for the purposes requested.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any recommendations for appointments to vacant positions on boards and commissions but there were none.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was to discuss the Tuition Assistance Program. We received an invoice from USC-Union which exceeded the amount budgeted for the program by \$25,448.62. He proposed taking that amount from Fund 327 for Economic Development.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to pay the balance needed for the invoice from USC-Union in the amount of \$25,448.62 from Fund 327.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Council had entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Union for Animal Control as well as Building Inspection and Code Enforcement services. The City of Union has notified us that they would like to terminate the Agreement for Building Inspection and Code Enforcement services which requires a sixty-day notice. The agreement that would be left would be Animal Control with the City of Union. It had been discussed to terminate the existing agreement and renegotiate a new agreement going forward. Councilman David Sinclair said he understood they were operating their own animal control service when the County took over code enforcement. Chairman Frank Hart said they started with the agreement pertaining to animal control and then code enforcement. The intent was to consolidate services to try to save both entities a little money and provide better services.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to terminate the current agreement with the City of Union pertaining to Animal Control.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart asked if any elected officials wanted to address Council but there were none.

Chairman Frank Hart presented a resolution authorizing a first amendment to the Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between MycoWorks, Inc, and Union County, South Carolina dated February 8, 2022 providing for the addition of a sponsor affiliate and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution authorizing a first amendment to the Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between MycoWorks, Inc, and Union County, South Carolina dated February 8, 2022 providing for the addition of a sponsor affiliate and other matters related thereto.

John Flood: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Union County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, and to make appropriations for such Union County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Union County for such county ordinary purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Union County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Union County and Union County budgetary matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Union County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, and to make appropriations for such Union County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Union County for such county ordinary purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Union County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Union County and Union County budgetary matters.

John Flood: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading a Union County Ordinance authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain Union County owned real property to the Union-Laurens Commission on Higher Education; and other matters related thereto.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to accept second reading of the Union County Ordinance authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain Union County owned real property to the Union-Laurens Commission on Higher Education; and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced in title only an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina and Project George Washington to provide for payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes; authorizing certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and other related matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina and Project George Washington to provide for payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes; authorizing certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and other related matters.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he had provided Council with a copy of his Supervisor's Report. He said the housing project was moving forward and the design phase and permitting is taking longer than originally thought but they still expect to see some activity in the beginning of the third quarter as opposed to the second quarter. He said he expects to have the status on the grant application for the Jonesville/Union regional sewer plan by July of 2022. Our ARC grant for the Buffalo Mill Pond has passed the first step in the process which is the review and approval. He said he felt good about that grant. He said he would be doing a proclamation for next week as EMS Week.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports. Councilman David Sinclair said he talked to Public Works Director Rusty Snider about the Road Ordinance and the list of County roads and asked if they were closer to narrowing that down. Chairman Frank Hart said they had a meeting and thought

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they had a good list of what they want to present as the official list of County roads for adoption in June. Their goal is to have first reading of an ordinance in June.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any other business but there was none.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter.  
Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were ready to close executive session and no votes were taken during executive session.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to close executive session.  
Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council