

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
AUGUST 28, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on August 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend, Jamal Campbell, Stevie Grice and Kenny Cook Jr. Also present were Ken Dubose, Attorney, Tim Harper, County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council, Betsey Finklea, Dillon County News LLC and Vicky Rogers, The Dillon Herald.

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda by email:

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CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Jamal called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting until Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins arrived.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Jamal Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Dennis Townsend gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Dennis Townsend to amend the agenda by adding Personnel Matter to the Executive Session. He was seconded by Councilman Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – July 24, 2024, August 6, 2024 & August 8, 2024

Councilman Dennis Townsend asked for a correction to the August 6, 2024 minutes stating that when council took a vote to declare a State of Emergency the minutes said that he and Councilman Coward abstained but wanted the record to state that he voted yes and Councilman Robbie Coward asked that the record reflect that he voted yes also.

Councilman Jamal Campbell made a motion to add the amended changes to the August 6, 2024 minutes and that the minutes be approved for July 24, 2024, August, 6, 2024 as amended and August 8, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE NO. 24-09 – THIRD READING – PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE (1) AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MELSAM SOLAR, LLC AND ANY SPONSOR AFFILIATES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; (2) REVOCATION OF THAT CERTAIN FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MELSAM SOLAR, LLC, DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

No one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 24-12 – THIRD READING -PUBLIC HEARING

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2024, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BOND; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

No one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to closed the Public Hearing. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES

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A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 24-09 – Third Reading by Kenny Cook Jr. and he was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

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A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 24-12 – Third Reading by Jamal Campbell. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 24-13

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS AS FIRST RESPONDERS IN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve Resolution No. 24-13. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

Kenny Cook Jr. gave a \$150.00 donation to High School Sports Report for a subscription.

Boys to Men Mentoring requested a donation for assistance to continue impacting the lives of young individuals. Detrice Dawkins, Buzzy Finklea and Kenny Cook Jr. donated \$100.00 each and Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 personal donation.

Austin Green requested a donation for the 4K-3rd grade to assist with their music program. Jamal Campbell donated 200.00, Detrice Dawkins donated \$100.00 and Buzzy Finklea donated \$50.00. Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 personal donation.

The VFW Post 6091 requested a donation for their Inaugural Golf Tournament. Stevie Grice donated \$100.00, Jamal Campbell, Detrice Dawkins, Buzzy Finklea and Kenny Cook Jr. donated \$50.00 each and Robbie Coward gave a personal donation of \$100.00.

The Latta Athletic Booster Club requested a donation and Jamal Campbell donated \$50.00, Detrice Dawkins donated \$25.00 and Buzzy Finklea donated \$150.00. Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 personal donation.

Main Street Methodist Church of Dillon requested donations for their Golf Tournament. Stevie Grice and Dennis Townsend donated \$100.00 each, Detrice Dawkins and Buzzy Finklea donated \$25.00 each and Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 donation.

Dillon County Chamber of Commerce requested donations for their Captains Choice Golf Tournament. Buzzy Finklea donated \$100.00, Kenny Cook Jr. donated \$75.00, Dennis Townsend donated \$50.00 and Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 personal donation.

Dillon Middle School Chorus requested donations. Stevie Grice donated \$100.00, Jamal Campbell donated \$150.00, Detrice Dawkins donated \$50.00, and Robbie Coward gave a personal donation of \$100.00.

Robbie Coward gave a \$200.00 personal donation to Tiffany Christian who was a flooding victim from Hurricane Debby.

A motion to approve the Council Recreation Request was made by Jamal Campbell and seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

DEBORAH D. HARDISON

Deborah D. Hardison - SC State University 1890 Extension, Pee Dee Region spoke to council and stated that she wanted to share who they are and what they do. They sponsor various programs such as 4-H Youth Development, Family Health and Nutrition, Education Innovation & Support Program, Community Economic Development Program and Sustainable Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment. They are seeking partnerships with other organizations. She thanked Council for allowing her to speak.

PAIGE LUX, WESTON & SAMPSON - RIVERDALE STORM WATER PROJECT

Paige Lux, Weston & Sampson – Riverdale Storm Water Project

Paige Lux spoke concerning the Project Area in the Riverdale Community with the storm water that was identified in 2022. They were eligible for CDBG Mitigation Funding. The project focus areas are Riverdale North and Riverdale South. When the project begins there will be road constructions along with road closures, channel cleanouts, pipe repairs or replacements and utility markings. Construction is estimated to take place during the

summer or fall of 2025. There is also a public meeting scheduled to be held on October 8, 2024.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no Committee Appointments at that time.

AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF DILLON AND TOWN OF LAKE VIEW FOR MAGISTRATES

The agreement with City Of Dillon and Town Of Lake View for Magistrates was tabled until next month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. CONTRACTUAL MATTER

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to go into Executive Session. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to come out of Executive Session. All were in favor.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Townsend and seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

A. Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved