

PICKENS COUNTY

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MEAGAN NATIONS

PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2024

6:30 PM

Auditorium, County Administration Facility
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens SC 29671

All meetings of Pickens County Council are held in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-70, *et seq.* of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, as well as the Organizational Rules for Pickens County Council.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Chris Lollis

2. PUBLIC FORUM.

County Council hosts a public forum at its first regularly scheduled meeting of each month. Individuals wishing to speak during Public Forum should contact the Clerk to Council in advance of the meeting. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per participant and 30 minutes in total.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- May 6, 2024 – Council Meeting
- May 28, 2024 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Updates from the County Administrator on operations, personnel, or other day-to-day matters.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Committee of the Whole – May 28, 2024

1) Log No. 233 – FY 24-25 Budget Work Session

a) Presentation from Evergreen Solutions regarding Compensation Study

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLASS YEAR PARITY IMPLEMENTATION, AND REVISIT THE COMPENSATION STUDY IN ONE YEAR

6. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Notification of future meeting dates and/or changes as well as community dates of interest.

7. MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS

Matters can be added to the agenda by appropriate motion, second, and unanimous vote of council.

8. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND/OR RESOLUTIONS:

- a) CONSIDERATION OF AN INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A PROJECT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE, SO AS TO ALLOW INVESTMENT EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT HYDRO RE AND PROJECT HYDRO ME, THEIR SPONSOR AFFILIATES, AFFILIATES, AND RELATED ENTITIES TO QUALIFY AS EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR ANY OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY TO EFFECT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
- b) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO THE AMENDMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN PACESETTER INC. AND PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.
- c) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024 AS THE JOY OF FATHERHOOD MONTH IN PICKENS COUNTY
- d) FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 642 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 TURN).

9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

- a) SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 643 AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT HYDRO, ACTING FOR ITSELF OR ONE OR MORE PROJECT SPONSORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY WILL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FACILITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY; (2) THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS OF THE COSTS OF SUCH PROJECT; (3) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

10. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 640 TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CHANGES FOR PICKENS COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.
- b) PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 641 TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PICKENS COUNTY FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO DIRECT EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

11. OTHER REQUEST AGENDA ITEMS:

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

Routine matters and resolutions, as well as subject referrals to Council committees, can be accomplished by one vote via the Council's Consent Agenda.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (A) allows that specifically delineated and qualifying matters may be discussed outside the presence of the public.

Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Employee Performance Review

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- WORKLINK Board Appointment

14. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS (as needed)

While the SC Freedom of Information Act allows for certain matters to be discussed outside the presence of the public, any votes on such matters can only take place once Council has returned to public session.

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