

PICKENS COUNTY

SOUTH CAROLINA

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MEAGAN NATIONS

PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 9, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, 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:

Chairman Chris Bowers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vietnam Veteran Harold Provost

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:

- August 5, 2024 – *Council Meeting*
- August 19, 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: August 19, 2024

- a) Log No. 241 – SDPC School Resource Officers
- b) Log No. 141 – UDSO

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 A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2024 AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH IN PICKENS COUNTY.

- b) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD AND TO COMMEND THEIR ALL- VOLUNTEER FORCE WHO ARE BOOTS ON THE GROUND DURING TIMES OF DISASTER, WHO SHARE A PASSION FOR SERVICE AND A STRONG COMMITMENT TO THEIR FELLOW SOUTH CAROLINIANS, AND WHO EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, AND TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER AS “SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD MONTH” IN PICKENS COUNTY.
- c) CONSIDERATION OF AN UPDATED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC STUDY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR MORE SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE PICKENS COUNTY DETENTION CENTER, ALONG WITH SOURCE OF FUNDS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
- d) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SITE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING FOR POTENTIAL COUNTY OPERATION OF WARPATH LANDING ON BEHALF OF DUKE ENERGY, ALONG WITH SOURCE OF FUNDS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

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

- a) PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL MILLAGE RATE TO MEET THE BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

11. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) UPDATE FROM JOHN LUMMUS, PRESIDENT & CEO OF UPSTATE ALLIANCE
- b) UPDATE FROM STAFF REGARDING BRIDGE AND CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON ROCKY BOTTOM RD.
- c) CONSIDERATION OF CIVIC PLUS AGENDA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

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.

- a) CONSIDERATION TO UPDATE OUR CAPITALIZATION POLICY AS IT RELATES GROUP PURCHASES UNDER GASB GUIDELINE 2021-1.
- b) CONSIDERATION TO IMPLEMENT AN ENHANCED ANTI-FRAUD POLICY FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS.

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.

Contractual– Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Proposed Contractual Matter regarding potential tax incentives related to future economic development and the Speedway Business and Technology Park.

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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