

PICKENS COUNTY

SOUTH CAROLINA

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CLERK TO COUNCIL

MEAGAN NATIONS

PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 2, 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:

Vice Chairman Roy Costner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vietnam Veteran Jerome Edward Welborn

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:

- November 4, 2024 – *Council Meeting*
- November 11, 2024 – *Special-Called Meeting*
- November 11, 2024 – *Committee of the Whole*

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a) REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) November 11, 2024

1) Log No. 244 – CONSIDERATION TO IMPLEMENT AN ENHANCED ANTI-FRAUD POLICY FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANTI-FRAUD POLICY FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS

2) Log No. 245 – SOUTH CAROLINA OPIOID RECOVERY FUND EXISTING PROGRAMS AND FUTURE PROCESSES

- MOTION TO BEGIN APPLICATION PROCESS AND HAVE THE ADMINISTRATOR COLLECT APPLICATIONS TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

- 3) Log No. 229 – COUNTY ROAD UPDATE AND ORDINANCES
 - SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE No. 634 OF AMENDMENTS TO PICKENS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE EFFICIENT, SAFE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
- 4) Log No. 227 – GATEWAY SIGNAGE
 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN NEW GATEWAY SIGNS, USING THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS FEE FUND COLLECTION
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:
9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING:
10. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING:
 - a) PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE No. 655 TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH GREENVILLE COUNTY PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, SECTION 4-1-170 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE, AT THE TIME OF ITS INITIAL DEVELOPMENT, GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN PICKENS COUNTY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 123 AND HIGHWAY 124; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH GREENVILLE COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
 - b) PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE No. 656 AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, CAROLINA HANDLING, LLC, AND SC SPEEDWAY 124, LLC, EACH 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 BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.
11. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:
 - a) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE LOG
 - b) UPDATE ON PICKENS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
 - c) DISCUSSION ON CITY OF CLEMSON TIF PROPOSAL

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.

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)

- Boards and Commissions

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.

15. ADJOURN