

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting

December 4, 2023

6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium of the County Administration Facility, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Final agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on November 30, 2023.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Alex Saitta, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Chris Lollis
Henry Wilson
C. Claiborne Linvill

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting of December 4, 2023, to order and welcomed those in attendance. Vice Chairman Roy Costner led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the Public Forum and requested the Clerk to call upon the citizens signed up to speak.

1. Bill McKinney: Mr. McKinney addressed Council regarding the UDSO.
2. Johnnelle Raines: Ms. Raines addressed Council regarding the Library
3. Russ Smith: Mr. Smith addressed Council regarding the UDSO.
4. Daniel McKinney: Mr. McKinney addressed Council regarding the UDSO.

Seeing no other public forum speakers, the Chairman closed the floor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to approve the following minutes as presented:

- November 6, 2023 Regular-Called Council Meeting
- November 20, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- November 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Motion was made by Councilman Alex Saitta, and seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner.
Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion:

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- Councilman Alex Saitta moved to amend the motion, stating in the Committee Meeting minutes, to make sure it states “natural heritage,” not national heritage. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.
- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill moved to make a substitute motion, stating on the November 6th minutes under Ordinances on second reading, the vote needs to be changed from 5-1 to 4-2. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- Seeing no further discussion, the motion carried (6-0).

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Roper addressed Council on the following:

- LEAPS (Leadership Enhancement Academy for Public Servants)
- Pickens County Audit Process
- Pickens County Career and Technology Center Fire Truck donation

Council asked Mr. Roper questions that included, but was not limited to:

- Question regarding the Library construction
- Question regarding Traffic Study

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole Report for 11/20/23 and 11/28/23:

The Committee of the Whole met in Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, November 20, 2023. All members of the committee were present with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Council Facebook Page – Log No. 223

- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill went into discussion on how she would like to see a Council Facebook Page to publicize Council meetings, post links to YouTube live streams, post announcements at Council Events, etc.
- Council and staff had a very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Discussion on what other Counties do regarding a separate Council Facebook page
 - Discussion on having the YouTube link meetings to Council’s website page
 - Discussion on the Pickens County website
 - Discussion on adding a YouTube link to Council’s Agendas/Minutes/Packets page
 - Council would like for the link to the live stream meetings to be posted by the agendas and minutes for each meeting on Council website page

❖ No Action Taken from the Committee.

Council Action on Log No. 223: No Action Taken by the Committee.

UDSO – Log No. 141

- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Overview of Council and Staff Discussion on the UDSO from previous Committee Meeting

- Council had a detailed discussion on tentative development impact fee estimates received by Finance DTA
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to carve Impact Fees out of discussion and send to Planning Commission to review and vote on. The motion was not seconded and died.
- After more discussion, Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to send the Impact Fee estimates to the Planning Commission for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.
 - Discussion on area map as reviewed by Council at the Oct. 16th COW meeting (Land Use Decision Matrix Scores by census block groups without parcel sizes)
 - Discussion on consideration of planning staff concepts for developmental areas
 - Discussion on traffic study policy
 - Discussion on if single-family homes are allowed in the gateway corridor
- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to add the natural heritage area to the map. The motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. Discussion included:
 - Vice Chairman Roy Costner made an amendment to adopt the map proposal from staff and adopt the overdevelopment risk area. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

Chairman Bowers called for a 5-minute recess.

Chairman Bowers called the meeting back to order.

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to make a minimum lot size of ½ acre in each of the zones. Councilman Chris Lollis seconded the motion. After much discussion and debate between Council, the motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Chris Bowers and Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.
- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a motion to allow a townhome density of 20 dwellings per acre in the gateway corridor per staff recommendation. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner.
 - Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill amended her motion to allow a townhome density of 20 dwellings per acre, with 20% open space in the gateway corridor. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made an amended motion that the front setback for parking be changed to 40 feet, instead of 25 feet. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. After more discussion, Councilman Henry Wilson withdrew his motion.
 - Seeing no other discussion, the amended motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Chris Lollis opposed.
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion that any setback applicable to parking be a minimum of 40 feet for everything except multi-family homes. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. Motion carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.

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Chairman Chris Bowers stated this comes as a recommendation from the Committee and no second is required. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none, the motion carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Vice Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

11/28/23 Report:

The Committee of the Whole met in Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. All members of the committee were present with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

UDSO – Log No. 141

- Council and staff had a very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Chairman Chris Bowers thanked staff for all their hard work thus far on working on this Ordinance.
- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to move back to the 5-zone area map. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis. Discussion included:
 - Discussion on the map with four zones and the map with five zones
 - Councilman Alex Saitta made an amended motion to change the three-finger area in Pickens from Agricultural Heritage Area to Appalachian Heritage Area. Motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis. The motion carried (4-1-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed and Councilman Henry Wilson abstained.
- The original motion carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to amend the Planning Commission authority and responsibilities regarding public input and reports to Council on an annual basis as approved by legal counsel. Vice Chairman Roy Costner seconded the motion. Discussion included:
 - Discussion on Planning Commission Policy
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion for a 5-minute recess. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0). Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting back to order.
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to adopt the Appalachian Heritage and Agricultural Heritage of matrix as is. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta. Discussion included:
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made an amended motion to adopt the Appalachian Heritage and Agricultural Heritage of matrix, not including the storm water and impact fee columns. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta. The motion carried (6-0).
- Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to adopt the Natural Heritage Area, Community Center Area and Gateway Corridor Area on the matrix. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill. Discussion included:

- Councilman Henry Wilson made a substitute motion to adopt the Natural Heritage Area, Community Center Area and Gateway Corridor Area on the matrix with the document received in this evening's packet. Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill seconded the motion.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers made an amended motion to change the Gateway Corridor Area multifamily and mixed use buildings height from 5 stories to 3 stories. Motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis.
 - After more discussion, Chairman Chris Bowers withdrew his amendment.
- The motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Chris Lollis opposed.
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to change the Gateway Corridor Area in Easley near Burdine Springs to Community Center Area. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to ask staff to show us the protection layer on Highway 8 based on the information received. Chairman Chris Bowers seconded the motion.
 - Vice Chairman Roy Costner withdrew his motion.
- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to designate 1 mile on both sides of Hwy 8, south of Hwy 135, as Natural Heritage Area. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made an amended motion to change this area to the Agricultural Heritage area. Councilman Alex Saitta seconded the motion.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson retracted his amended motion.
- Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a motion to move Grange Subdivision Area in Clemson/Central on Hwy 123 from Natural Heritage Area to Community Center Area. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to table the motion until Councilman Lollis and Councilwoman Linvill meet with constituents and agree on the best possibility. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. Motion carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to eliminate the setback motion made at the previous meeting. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made an amended motion to take the 40ft away from everything except residential homes with less than ½ acre lot size. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made an amended motion to change the front setback to 20, 20, 40 in Section 505, Open Space Subdivisions, and change the arterial street, collector street and all other streets on residential to 20 feet. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. The motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Chris Lollis opposed.
- Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to strike out this sentence in the Traffic Study section, which states, "The county reserves the right to waive or require traffic studies based on unique factors specific to a particular project or location." Motion was seconded Chairman Chris Bowers.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers made a substitute motion to just strike the words waive and or in the sentence above. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill.
- The motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a motion to pass the proposed language changes in Article 3 Standards for Certain Uses. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. The motion carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to change language to say Motorized race tracks. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson.
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Council had more discussion on:

- RV Parks
- Motorized Vehicle Tracks
- Commercial and Industrial use recommendations in different areas on map
- Developmental Standards Ordinance vs. Zoning
- Unchecked annexation discussion

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Chairman Chris Bowers stated we discussed this area at the previous Committee meeting before this meeting and we will get back to this motion shortly.

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- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made an amended motion to send this recommendation back to staff to take into consideration the lot sizes so we can get a better determination based on the conversations. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta.

Seeing none, the motion carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

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Chairman Chris Bowers stated this comes as a recommendation from the Committee and no second is required. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion. Chairman Chris Bowers read the Resolution titled, "CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON ALL PICKENS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ANY AND ALL ANNEXATIONS AND ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS TO PROVIDE FOR MORE MANAGED GROWTH IN PICKENS COUNTY, ALONG WITH MATTERS RELATED THERETO." Chairman Bowers read the Resolution. Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Vice Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MOTIONS MADE AT 12/4/23 MEETING:

- Councilman Chris Lollis made a motion to remove Gateway area around District 2 area near Clemson, and change to Natural Heritage Area. Vice Chairman Roy Costner seconded motion.
 - Councilman Alex Saitta made a substitute motion to remove Gateway area and Community Area around District 3 Pickens area and change to Natural Heritage Area. Councilman Chris Lollis seconded the motion.
 - Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a substitute motion to change the area north of the city of Clemson and east of Highway 123, up to 18-mile road, and change to Gateway Area. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers made a substitute motion to adopt the first, second, and third motion, and change everything between Hwy 8 and Hwy 123 from Gateway Area to Community Center Area. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to adopt the first four motions, and change east of Hwy 135 and North of Hwy 93 from Community Center Area to Natural Heritage area. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.
 - Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a substitute motion to adopt the first five motions, and to change northern Highway 8 from Community Center Area to Natural Heritage Area. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.
- Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Chairman Chris Bowers stated this comes as a recommendation from the Committee and no second is required. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- Councilman Henry Wilson made a discussion to adopt the proposed language for Section 303

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– Outdoor Motorsports Facilities, Racing and Testing Tracks. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Chairman Chris Bowers stated this comes as a recommendation from the Committee and no second is required. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to move this out of committee for third reading. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson amended the motion to change the natural heritage area to a minimum of ½ acre lot. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Chairman Chris Bowers stated this comes as a recommendation from the Committee and no second is required. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Chris Bowers announced the following:

- The Committee of the Whole meeting will take place on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Building.
- The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Administration Building.

Chairman Bowers called for other council correspondence.

Seeing no other correspondence, Chairman Bowers announced moving to Motion Period and New Business.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the floor for motion period and new business.

Seeing no discussion, Chairman Bowers closed the floor.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND/OR RESOLUTIONS:

- FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE CONVEYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE OLD CENTRAL ROLLER MILL TO ISSAQUEENA MILLS, LLC AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
Chairman Bowers asked for a motion to constitute first reading in title only. A motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Roy Costner, and carried unanimously (6-0).

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

None

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

- **THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2024 REASSESSMENT PROCESS IN ORDER TO BENEFIT THE TAXPAYERS OF PICKENS COUNTY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to constitute first reading in title only. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Chris Lollis opposed.

OTHER REQUEST AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) Local Accommodations Request regarding 2024 Pickens County Ag + Art Tour
 - Mr. Roper explained the AG + ART Tour to Council and stated this is a \$3,000 Local Accommodations request.
 - Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to allocate \$3,000 of Local Accommodations Tax Funding to the AG + ART Tour. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill and carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Library Renovation/Construction Methods – Committee of the Whole

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill, and carried unanimously (6-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a):

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a). Chairman Bowers further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Personnel Matter related to County Administration
- Motion was made by Councilman Alex Saitta, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes after a five-minute recess.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Personnel Matter related to County Administration – **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion that Council resolves that Mr. Roper meets expectations of Council and providing services as anticipated. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council