

AGENDA
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
County Council Chambers
July 7, 2020
6:00 PM

Council's meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Council's Rules and Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, in the event Council's Rules do not cover the procedural issue at hand. This agenda may be modified prior to or during the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. June 2, 2020 Meeting of Council

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS
None

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
Agenda Items other than Public Hearing Matters

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VI. REPORTS
Monthly reports for May 2020
(See Departmental Reports)

Agenda/Minutes of the following meetings:
Economic Development Committee01/10/2020
LMO Steering Committee.....02/25/2020
Safety Committee.....03/12/2020
Planning Commission Work Session.....03/12/2020
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Planning Commission Work Session.....05/14/2020
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(See Reports)

VII. PUBLIC HEARING
None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

While developing the agenda, routine or noncontroversial items are placed on the consent agenda, which is a part of the regular agenda. If any member objects to including an item on the consent agenda, that item shall be moved to the regular agenda as an action item requiring discussion. The remaining consent items shall be adopted in a single vote without discussion.

1. Consideration of Appointment to GLEAMNS.
Marcella Edwards.....Private Sector

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- 2. Consideration of appointment/reappointment to the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Trustees.
Carrol ClarkAt-Large
Ken SmithAt-Large

Consent Agenda Ends Here

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 19-20-770, “An Ordinance to Impose, Subject to Referendum Approval and Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, a One Percent (1%) Sales and Use Tax (The “Tax”) within Edgefield County for not more than Eight (8) Years; To Order A County-Wide Referendum on the Question of Imposing the Tax and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question; to Specify the Purposes for Which the Proceeds from the Tax are to be Used, the Maximum Time for the Imposition of the Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.”
On February 4th, Council passed Resolution Number 19-20-1070 to create a Capital Project Sales Tax Commission. The Commission was established with one representative each from the Towns of Johnston, Trenton, and Edgefield. Three members were appointed by EC Council. Based on advise of our financial advisor, the funding we should anticipate would be \$10,097,269. The Committee recommended that all of the \$10,097,269 be spent for a Law Enforcement Center. The passage of this ordinance is necessary for the question to be placed on the November, 2020 general election ballot.
(Exhibit I)

- 2. Consideration of Approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 19-20-769, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Bond, Series 2020, or such other Appropriate Series Designation, of Edgefield County, South Carolina, in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$750,000; Fixing the Form and Details of the Bond; Authorizing the County Administrator or his Lawfully Authorized Designee to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the Bond; Providing for the Payment of the Bond and the Disposition of the Proceeds Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.”
Edgefield County has a \$750,000 bond for vehicle purchases that will be paid in full after the last payment to be made in July 2020. The proposed \$750,000 bond would be to continue to purchase and pay for vehicles for the next five years. The bond payment for the proposed bond will be payable starting in July 2021 and should be a similar payment resulting in the bond not requiring an increase in taxes.
(Exhibit II)

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of Approval authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Edgefield for funding dam repairs for the Beaver Dam Watershed.

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The FY 2020-21 budget included \$25,000 reserved to fund repairs to the dams of the Beaverdam Watershed. The Town of Edgefield also funded \$25,000 for these repairs and it is anticipated that the Town and County will divide the cost of repairs on a 50/50 basis with the County not exceeding \$25,000. This MOU documents that agreement.

(Exhibit III)

2. Consideration of Approval authorizing the County Administrator to provide a letter of support to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources supporting their acquisition of 134 acres in Edgefield County.

The SC Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Board has approved a property acquisition of Tax Map and Parcel number 175-00-00-001 and requires a letter of support from the county before completing the project. The acquisition would make the property tax exempt and the previous year's taxes was \$3,637.19. After the property is acquired, it will be dedicated as a heritage preserve and placed into the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust. It will be managed as the Horse Creek Heritage Preserve.

(Exhibit IV)

3. Consideration to Authorize the County Administrator to use funds not to exceed \$30,000 from the 2015 Vehicle Bond to purchase a truck from State Surplus for County Maintenance.

The truck used by Joe Simpson for maintenance work around the county has approximately 350,000 miles. The vehicle has previously been repurposed from Emergency Management. The funds will be utilized to obtain a used truck from State Surplus Program to obtain federal surplus property. The 2015 Vehicle Bond has a balance of \$104,507.

4. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Number 19-20-1116, "A Resolution by Edgefield County Council Expressing Its Support of Second Amendment Rights."

Council received requests from citizens to support protecting their 2nd Amendment rights at their January and March meeting. After hearing these citizens, Council indicated a desire to have a resolution on the April agenda. The April and May meetings were held virtually and this matter was continued until this meeting. The proposed resolution anticipates providing Council an avenue to state their support of the 2nd amendment as requested by the citizens, while at the same time remaining within the statutory limitations regulated by the State.

(Exhibit V)

XI. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

All additional comments

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XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Actions may be taken in public session on matters discussed in Executive Session including contractual matters.

1. To receive legal advice concerning a potential legal claim against the County.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

5. Consideration of Approval of Actions Regarding any counter claims, any motion would be for the County Attorney to “defend Edgefield County against any alleged legal claims brought against the County as discussed in Executive Session and to bring any counterclaims or crossclaims against any party in the matter as the County Attorney deems appropriate.

XIV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XV. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

XVI. ADJOURN

To watch the County Council Meeting live via YouTube:

A few minutes prior to the meeting, a link will be published on the website on the County Council Page (<https://edgefieldcounty.sc.gov/county-council/>) and the County Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/CountyOfEdgefield/?ref=bookmarks>). This link will take you to the county’s YouTube page. You will be able to watch the meeting live.