

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 11, 2021**

Newberry County Council met on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, S.C., for a Budget Amendment Ordinance Work Session.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

**PRESENT:** Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman (District 3)  
Todd Johnson, Vice-Chairman (District 1)  
Mary Arrowood, Council Member (District 2)  
Nick Shealy, Council Member (District 4)  
Les Hipp, Council Member (District 5)  
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member (District 6)  
Travis Reeder, Council Member (District 7)  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney  
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator  
Kara Cannon, Deputy Economic Development Director  
Taylor Davenport, Assistant to the County Administrator  
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director

**LIVE STREAM:** Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE #01-01-21: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-14-20, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS RELATING TO OPERATING AND CAPITAL PURPOSES OF NEWBERRY COUNTY.**

Mr. Adams explained that this ordinance has two major parts. Part A inserts new capital budgets into the FY 20-21 budget ordinance. Part B amends capital budgets found in the original FY 20-21 budget ordinance. All projects in this ordinance pertain to economic development and the acquisition and development of industrial development property.

Part A consists of three new proposed budgets:

- A. Mid-Carolina Commerce Park Future Land Acquisitions
- B. Mid-Carolina Commerce Park II
- C. Project Sam

Part B of this ordinance amends two existing capital budgets:

- A. Extension of the existing Mid-Carolina Commerce Park by crossing a creek and providing the necessary infrastructure. This extension will open about 130 acres for new industrial development.
- B. Provides for the optioning and testing of 192.45 acres along the SC 34 Bypass.

Neither project under Part B will require any new revenue from property taxes.

Since some of these items can be discussed in open session and some in Executive Session, Council decided to go into Executive Session before any additional discussion.

- 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-70(a)(2) AND (a)(5); (2) DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF A CLAIM. (5) DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE PUBLIC BODY.**

Motion by Mrs. Arrowood for Council to convene in Executive Session for reasons stated above; second by Mr. Hipp. Vote was unanimous.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:04 P.M.-7:02 P.M.**

Mr. Adams reported Council met for the purposes stated and no action was taken.

Rick Farmer discussed the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park Extension revenues and expenditures section of the proposed amendment and addressed concerns/questions of any Council Members.

Kara Cannon discussed the Newberry South Industrial Site on SC 34 Bypass/Dixie Drive and the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park II as to revenues and expenditures and addressed concerns/questions of Council Members.

Mr. Farmer then discussed the Project Same II (KRA Expansion) as to the revenues and expenditures and addressed concerns/questions of Council Members.

There was also input from the engineer, DePaul, as to their assessment of the property.

Mr. Adams addressed Mr. Hipp's concern relating approval of these amendments and receipt of the decision as to SSRB. Mr. Adams advised that decision would be received the day before the Council would consider third reading. Mr. Hipp had no issue as long as the SSRB decision was received prior to consideration of third reading.

#### **4. COMMENTS/REQUESTS FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

No comments.

#### **5. COMMENTS/REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Council Members thanked Mr. Adams and staff for their hard work.

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Having resolved the concerns of Council, Mr. Reeder moved for adjournment.

Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

### **NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**

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**Susan C. Fellers**

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