

AGENDA
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
VIA ZOOM
August 5, 2020
6:00 PM

Due to COVID-19, Edgefield County Council will be having their meeting via Zoom for the month of August.

SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENTS OR PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:

The first public comment section is for comments regarding items list on the agenda, the second public comment section is for comments regarding items NOT listed on the agenda.

1. Please Email all comments to jgilley@edgefieldcounty.sc.gov AND scooper@edgefieldcounty.sc.gov
2. In the Subject Line of the Email please type: COMMENTS FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
3. In the body of the Email please include the following information:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Phone Number
 - What your comments are pertaining to
 - Your comments as you want them to be read
4. Comments MUST BE received by Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Noon. This will ensure your comments are included.
5. Please remember, you only get 5 minutes to speak during the public comments sections. Jennifer Gilley will be reading the comments during the appropriate time.

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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. July 7, 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 June 2020

(See Departmental Reports)

Agenda/Minutes of the following meetings:

Recreation11/18/2019

Planning Commission Work Session.....06/11/2020

Planning Commission06/11/2020

(See Reports)

VII. 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 the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Committee.

Dean CampbellEdgefield County

2. Consideration of Appointment to the Planning Commission.

Joel PresleyAt-Large

Consent Agenda Ends Here

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VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing 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.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of Third 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)

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval to Authorize the County Administrator to use up to \$5,000 from the 2005 General Obligation Bond approved by Ordinance No. 04-05-564 for the Construction of a 9-hole Disc Golf Course at Bettis Park.

In 2005, Edgefield County issued a bond for \$765,000. This bond’s purpose was to pay for a security system for the County Courthouse; acquiring and installing GIS software, include tax assessor digital mapping; acquiring and installing a records management system for use by the Clerk of Court’s Office; constructing and equipping a new recreation facility and other capital projects as may be approved. The bond has been paid off and has a balance of \$33,502 remaining. This would authorize \$5,000 of the remaining balance to be used to establish a 9-hold disc golf course at Bettis Park.

(Exhibit II)

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

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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. Council was told at the July meeting the funds will be utilized to obtain a used truck from State Surplus Program. In conversations with State Surplus staff found that the vehicles available would be in the low \$20,000 range with about 100,000 miles. Staff located a new truck on state bid for \$26,215 which staff believes would provide for a longer life expectancy for the vehicle and be a better long-term value. The 2015 Vehicle Bond has a balance of \$104,507.

3. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-771, "An Ordinance to Approve the Policies for a Spay/Neuter Program for Edgefield County and Other Matters Relating Thereto."

In 2014, Edgefield County began a Spay a Neuter Program for animals of low income families with the service provided by the SPCA Albrecht Center. Staff has recently been notified by SPCA Albrecht Center that the cost for these procedures will increase from \$55 per animal and \$25 transport fee to \$55 for cat spay, \$40 for cat neuter, \$80 for dog spay, and \$55 for dog neuter. This proposed revisions allow for these increases. The revisions also allows the opportunity for veterinarians in private practice the opportunity to participate in the program.

(Exhibit III)

4. Consideration of Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Edgefield Veterinary Clinic.

Edgefield Veterinary Clinic has indicated a desire to assist Edgefield County with the Spay and Neuter Program. This MOU will authorize staff to send citizens to either the SPCA in Aiken or the Edgefield Veterinary Clinic in Edgefield to receive these services. Edgefield Veterinary Clinic will utilize the same rate scale as authorized by County ordinance.

(Exhibit IV)

5. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Number 20-21-1128, "Calling on the Citizens of Edgefield County to take Recommended Precautions to Prevent the Further Spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic."

In the past month, Edgefield County has seen a significant increase in the number of Covid-19 patients, with 44% of the total cases being within the last 14 days. The Presidential Coronavirus Task Force and Governor McMaster have recommended social distancing, wearing masks, and other ways to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The proposed resolution is requesting that the citizens of Edgefield County take the recommended precautions to prevent the spread of the virus.

(Exhibit V)

6. Consideration of Approval to Suspend Further Land Management Ordinance Development Until January 1, 2021 or such other Time as Determined by Council.

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Social Distancing Policy due to Covid-19 has caused severe limitations to Public Hearings, which are required, and important for the successful execution of Edgefield Counties Land Management Ordinance (LMO). To be proactive and ensure the most participation from Edgefield County Constituents, this resolution would suspend further public hearings and approvals of the LMO until January 1, 2021 and provide time for the Covid-19 impact to lessen. Council may extend or reduce the suspension based on impacts of Covid-19. This resolution would not restrict staff from meeting or talking with individuals or small groups to provide information regarding the LMO. It would also not restrict staff from reviewing the current draft for mistakes and possible recommendations to the Planning Commission for improvements.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XII. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

All additional comments

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XIII. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XIV. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

XV. ADJOURN

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