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WEEKLY UPDATE FOR JULY 7 – JULY 11, 2014

PUBLIC MEETINGS

JULY 7 – JULY 11, 2014

TUESDAY, JULY 8

1 p.m.-Horry County Parks & Open Space Board, Horry County Government & Justice Center, Multi-Purpose Rooms, 1301 Second Avenue, Conway.

6 p.m.-Horry County Council, Horry County Government & Justice Center, Council Chambers, 1301 Second Avenue, Conway.

AGENDAS

HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 1:00 pm
Horry County Government & Justice Building, Room B, 2nd Floor
1301 Second Ave, Conway, SC 29526

1. Call to Order, Chairman Bobby Page

2. Approval of Minutes
   • Minutes from the April 8, 2014 meeting

3. Staff Reports/New Business
   • Recreation Updates, Brent Taylor and Leigh Kane
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4. Public Input

5. General Discussion

6. Announcements

7. Adjourn

Regular Council Meeting
July 8, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1301 Second Ave., Conway, SC

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Public Input (30-Minute Time Limit)

E. Approval of Agenda Contents

F. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 17, 2014

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. First Reading of the following ordinances to approve requests to amend the official zoning maps:
   - Ord 65-14 Andrew Justice, agent for 7 Angels LLC (Mr. Foxworth)
   - Ord 66-14 Lorry Sarvis (Mr. P. Prince)
   - Ord 67-14 Ty Bellamy, agent for James Livingston (Mr. P. Prince)

2. First Reading – Ordinance 68-14 amending the FY 2015 budget ordinance to approve a reassessment rollback millage for Hidden Woods and Socastee Recreation Special Tax Districts.

3. Resolutions accepting dedication of roads into the county maintenance system:
   - R-51-14 Ridge Pointe Section 3
   - R-52-14 The Enclave at International Club
   - R-53-14 Palm Lakes Plantation Phase 2A
   - R-54-14 Palm Lakes Plantation Phase 2B
   - R-55-14 The Farm Phase 18A
   - R-56-14 Fox Horn Phase 2C

4. Resolution R-60-14 congratulating Billy Ray Phillips on his retirement from the SC Army National Guard. (Mr. Allen)
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5. Resolution R-61-14 to accept federal grants relating to Runway 18-36 rehabilitation and amend the airport budget as necessary to complete the runway and lighting rehabilitation at Myrtle Beach Int’l Airport.

6. District Board Appointments: Walter Smith to the Stormwater Advisory Committee (Mr. Schwartzkopf); Rebecca Glosson to the Museum Board of Trustees (Mr. Price).

H. PRESENTATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

7. Presentation to the Horry County Veterans Affairs Office. (Rep. Hardwick)

8. Presentation of Final Watershed-based Plan for Murrells Inlet Water Quality Improvement. (Sue Sledz)

9. Resolution R-49-14 congratulating Horry County Fire Rescue as the recipient of the American Heart Association’s 2014 Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Level Recognition Award. (Favorable, Public Safety Comm)

10. Resolution R-50-14 recognizing & commending the detectives of the Criminal Investigations Division for their dedicated public service and commitment to the people of Horry County. (Favorable, Public Safety Comm)

11. Resolutions to disapprove requests to amend the official zoning maps:
   - R-58-14 Tyrone McZeke, agent for Donnie Grate (Mr. P. Prince)
   - R-59-14 Marlaina Abbott-Johnson, agent for Glenn & Shirley Johnson (Mr. Allen)

I. READING OF ORDINANCES

12. Second Reading and Public Hearing – Ordinance 56-14 to amend the FY 2014 budget so as to recognize various revenue and expenditure in the tourism & promotion fund, and adjust revenue in the beach renourishment fund. (Favorable, Administration Comm)

13. Second Reading and Public Hearing of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps:
   - Ord 57-14 Gregory Fincannon (Mr. Worley)
   - Ord 58-14 Venture Engineering, agent for Ash3 LLC (Mr. Price)
   - Ord 59-14 Felix Pitts, agent for Johnson & Wellons (Mr. Grabowski)
   - Ord 60-14 Rhonda & Mike Dorman, agents for Thomas & Annice West (Mr. Grabowski)
   - Ord 61-14 Route 9 Community Care Center PDD (Mr. P. Prince)
   - Ord 62-14 Brandon Ard, agent for Samuel Faircloth (Mr. J. Prince)
   - Ord 63-14 Michael Prince, agent for Mark & Robert Bethea (Mr. Allen)

J. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

14. Ride III Advisory Committee Appointments:
   - Horry County Council
     - Pam Creech (Mr. Schwartzkopf)
     - John Rohner (Mr. Loftus)
   - League of Cities:
     - Howard Barnard (Surfside Beach)
     - Harry McDowell (Loris)
     - Jerry Barnhill, Sr. (Conway)
     - Hank Thomas (North Myrtle Beach)
     - Wayne Gray (Myrtle Beach)

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K. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. Memorial Dedications: Mary Ann Stalvey, Oleita Hyman, Robert Gary Steele, Neil Cannon, Joseph Graham, Gertie Moore, David Glenn Mincey, Mary Reuss

16. Upcoming Meetings: Regular Council Meeting, August 12, 6:00 p.m.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements; receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matter covered by the attorney-client privilege.

17. Vote to authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Council, to enter into a proposed Settlement relating to pending litigation.

M. ADJOURN

NEWS RELEASES

HORRY COUNTY ANIMAL CARE CENTER TO HOLD PET VACCINATION CLINIC

Conway, South Carolina – The Horry County Animal Care Center will hold a vaccination clinic, 24 July 2014, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the animal shelter located at 1923 Industrial Park Road in Conway. The Clinic will offer the following services:

- Distemper/Parvo (canine) $10--must be at least 8-weeks old
- Bordatella (canine) $10--must be at least 8-weeks old
- Rabies (canine & feline) $10--must be at least 4-months old
- Microchip (canine & feline) $15--must be at least 8-weeks old
- Rhinotracheitis/Calici (feline) $10--must be at least 8-weeks old

Dogs and cats are both welcome; dogs must be on a hand-held leash and cats must be in a pet carrier.
The Animal Care Center holds these clinics monthly.

To help homeless animals in Horry County find loving homes, the Animal Care Center will offer discounted adoptions the first Friday and Saturday of each month. Potential adopters are encouraged to visit and spend time with the animal they are interested in. Most of the animals are already spayed or neutered and have their shots up to date, however younger animals may need to be returned later to have shots and/or spay/neutering done. The paperwork is easy and only takes a few minutes to fill out. Adoption fees are discounted and typically include spaying/neutering, vaccines, heartworm or leukemia testing, heartworm and flea preventative, intestinal parasite treatment and micro-chipping. Qualifying new pet parents also get 30-days free pet health insurance and coupons from local pet businesses.

To view the animals currently available for adoption or for more information on the monthly vaccination clinics, contact the Horry County Animal Care Center at 843-915-5172, follow us on Facebook, or visit our website at http://www.horrycounty.org/depts/pubsafety/AdoptAnimals.asp.

**STATE SENATE DISTRICT 32 SPECIAL ELECTION**

Conway, South Carolina – The State Election Commission received the Writ of Election from the Senate President calling for a special election in Senate District 32, which covers Berkeley, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg Counties. The following Horry County precincts can vote in this special election and they are Brownway, Inland, Pawley Swamp, and Port Harrelson.

**Important Dates and Deadlines:**

- Noon, Friday, July 4 - Filing Period Opens *(County voter registration and elections offices will not be open on July 4. Candidates can begin filing when offices open on Monday morning.)*
- Noon, Monday, July 14 - Filing Period Closes.
- August 2 - Voter Registration Deadline for Primary
- September 2 - Primary (if necessary)
- September 16 - Primary Runoff (if necessary)
- October 4 - Voter Registration Deadline for Special Election
- November 4 - Special Election (will appear on General Election ballot)

**Candidate Filing Information:**

- County voter registration and elections offices will not be open on July 4. Candidates can begin filing when offices open on Monday morning.
- Candidates file at the county voter registration and election office in their county of residence.

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• The filing fee for this office is $208. The filing fee is paid by Democratic and Republican party candidates only. Filing fees can be made by check or money order. Filing fee checks should be made out to the appropriate State party.

For more information, please contact the Horry County Registration & Elections Office at (843) 915-5440.

FAMILY HOMELESS SHELTER GROUND BREAKING

Conway, South Carolina - Horry County Community Development, the State Housing Trust Fund and Worldview Ministries will break ground on a new 37-bed North Strand Housing Shelter on Highway 9 in Longs, South Carolina, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2014. The new facility will offer 37-new beds for a total capacity of 53-homeless persons at the site. The new addition targets the needs of homeless families and veterans.

The 5000-square foot building is made possible through three Community Development Block Grant awards, over a three-year period, from Horry County’s Community Development and Grants Administration Department and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, Worldview Ministries secured a grant from the State Housing Trust Fund, and loans from Anderson Bank and Sandhills Bank.

“This new shelter is a much-needed addition to our efforts to address homelessness in our County,” says Diana Seydlorsky, Horry County’s Director of Community Development. “Often, when we speak of homelessness, we talk about the needs of individuals in our cities. But addressing homeless families and veterans are critical parts of our Countywide efforts. We are excited to be moving forward on this state-of-the-art facility and program.”

The new shelter includes a large meeting room, dining, storage, bedrooms and bathrooms. The facility is designed to facilitate on-site case management, and life skills training.

“Our program provides for sheltering and skill development, so homeless families and individuals transition out of the shelter,” says Worldview Ministries' Executive Director Dana Black. The program also addresses needs identified in the County’s Ten Year Collaborative Plan to Address Homelessness by expanding emergency and seasonal housing options for working homeless, and by providing for special needs populations. The shelter will accept referrals from other organizations in Horry County.

Worldview Ministries has partnered with Home Alliance Inc. to apply and receive State Housing Trust funds. It will receive ongoing assistance from Home Alliance Inc. in managing and accounting for the construction project. The general contractor is Hanco Inc. and Miller Design Services is the architect.
PROPERTY TAX LEGAL RESIDENCE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Conway, South Carolina – The Horry County Assessor’s Office would like to remind citizens that a 6% assessment ratio is automatically applied to all property. If the residence will be a primary/legal residence, they may qualify for the lower 4% assessment ratio.

Owners are encouraged to apply for the 4% legal residence assessment ratio by August 1, 2014, to have the lower ratio reflected in their tax bills, which will be mailed in October 2014. The deadline is January 15, 2015.

In order to qualify for the 4% ratio, property owners should download the Horry County Assessor’s application located on Horry County Government’s website at http://www.horrycounty.org/portals/0/Docs/assessor/LegalResidence.pdf. Once the application is filled out, owners will need to provide documentation along with the application. Documentation includes

- South Carolina driver’s license or identification cards showing the current address for the owner(s) and spouse
- South Carolina vehicle registration(s) showing the current address for the owner(s) and spouse
- Most recently filed Federal and South Carolina income tax return for the owner(s) and spouse
- South Carolina voter’s registration cards for owner(s) and spouse
- If legally separated or divorced, court issued proof of legal separation or divorce
- For members of the United States Military, copies of current orders and military ID
- Other proof may be required as necessary

The application and supporting documents may be brought in person or mailed to the Horry County Assessor’s Office, 1301 Second Avenue, Conway, SC 29526. Applications cannot be emailed or faxed.

For more information, contact the Horry County Assessor’s Office at 843-915-5040.

HORRy COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Conway, South Carolina – All Horry County offices, other than public safety operations, will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014, in observance of Independence Day. Regular courts may be in operation in the Horry County Government & Justice Center and all jurors, witnesses, etc. will be required to be present.

In addition, all branches of the Horry County Memorial Library System will be closed Saturday, July 5, 2014.
USED BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

Conway, South Carolina – The Horry County Memorial Library will hold a Used Book Sale July 14-July 16, 2014, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Library Administration Offices located at 1008 5th Avenue in Conway. Materials for sale include hardback books, paperbacks and children’s books with nothing costing over fifty cents! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Horry County Memorial Library Endowment Fund, which provides speakers, training, etc. for the entire library system.

For more information, contact the Horry County Memorial Library Administration Office at 843-248-915-5285.

SUPPORT THE HORRY COUNTY LIBRARY WITH AMAZON

Conway, South Carolina – The Horry County Library has joined with one of the largest retailers in the world, Amazon, to support the Horry County Memorial Library Endowment Fund. The Fund provides an external funding source to help with the expansion and development of library facilities, enlarging collections and paying speakers for all branches.

On the Library’s website www.hcml.org patrons will see three buttons to the right of each catalog item: Text This To Me, Place Hold, and Buy It Now. When a patron clicks the Buy It Now button, they will be taken to the Amazon website. If the item is purchased from Amazon through the Horry County Memorial Library (HCML) website, the HCML Endowment fund will get a percentage of the price! The program is not just for books, anything purchased on Amazon through the HCML website will benefit the HCML endowment fund.

Horry County Memorial Library Director Clifton Boyer said, “It is my hope that library patrons that shop online will use the Library’s Buy It Now link to Amazon.com to conduct all of their online purchases. It is a small but meaningful way to help grow the HCML Endowment Fund.”

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

To get updates on all SCDOT projects in Horry County, visit SCDOT’s website at http://www.scdot.org choose Quick Links. From the drop down menu select SC Road Conditions. Just click on Horry County on the map for the current listing.

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