

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 25, 2010**

Present: R. David Brown, David L. Ferguson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date, and location of this meeting: The Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and forty-nine individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve the minutes of regular meeting of January 11, 2010 and special meeting of January 19, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

➤ An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From R-1 (Single Family Residential) To B-1 (Limited Business) Of Sixty Hundredths (0.60) Acres, Owned By Quay W. McMaster. Applicant Is Celida Roman, Tax Map No. 145-01-11-003. Property Is Located At 325 Elm Street, Winnsboro, SC, 29180. *Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:19 P.M.*

Mr. Duke Durden spoke in opposition of the rezoning request and presented a petition bearing signatures of eighteen (18) other individuals opposing the request.

Chairman Brown closed public hearing at 6:22 P.M.

➤ An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development) To I-1 (Industrial) Of Approximately Eleven (11) Acres, Owned By Betty Scott Bell, Et. Al., Tax Map No. 192-00-00-016. Property Is Located At 292 Alston Road, Jenkinsville, SC, 29065. *Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:23 P.M.*

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the rezoning request: Mr. Joe A. Glenn, Jr., Ms. Tammy Mancil, Mr. Zack Crumpton and Ms. Jenifer Barnes.

Mrs. Betty Scott Bell and Mr. Jeff Sanders spoke in favor of the rezoning request.

Chairman Brown closed public hearing at 6:40 P.M.

➤ An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development) To I-1 (Industrial) Of Seven (7) Acres, Owned By Unita Pearson, Tax Map No. 176-01-03-021. Property Is Located At 8205 State Highway 215 S., Jenkinsville, SC, 29065. *Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:41 P.M.*

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the rezoning request: Mr. Gregrey Ginyard, Sr., Pastor Joseph McBride, Mrs. Acquilla O'Neal, Mr. Sherman Hollins, Ms. Jeral Smith, Mrs. Ernestine Rabb, Ms. Roberta Gay, Ms. Thelma Hubbard and Mrs. Betty Ginyard. A petition, with signatures on approximately sixteen (16) pages, was submitted to the Council.

Mr. J. Palmer Nicholson and Mr. Vincent Pearson spoke in favor of the rezoning request.

Chairman Brown closed public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

{Council recessed at this point}.

{Council returned from recess at 7:28 P.M.}

PRESENTATION

Update On Federal Initiatives - Mr. Kyle Michel

- Provided a memorandum that summarized the work done in 2009 on all manner of federal funding.
- Started with congressional appropriations projects and continued through the Recovery Act and then through Transportation Reauthorization, which were submitted with the May projects.
- The county has a chance to submit more of those coming up. There has also been discussion of the Broad River Water Line project, which was submitted and accepted by the Corps of Engineers and Congressman Spratt's office for inclusion in the Water Resources Development Act at the beginning of December. That Act has not moved forward in Congress since Mr. Spratt accepted that project. The memo discusses continuing work on these projects in the future.
- Working on requests for appropriations for the coming fiscal year. Have discussed this in the past and have talked favorably about Peach Road. Talked favorably about some other possible requests, but have not concluded FEMA requests and library funding. Decided that it did not make sense to pursue the Fairfield Memorial Hospital Adult Day Care Center because that space is being used by the Hospital for a different purpose.
- In the next three weeks, need to conclude on what the other project that Fairfield County would want to submit for funding in addition to Peach Road.
- Winnsboro is interested in submitting funding for the Water System Expansion. Because of the work that has been done this year, that project is probably going to be completed in June, according to Georgianna Graham and HPG Consultants. They have requests in for funding police and law enforcement-type vehicles. Will look at other priorities that Winnsboro has.
- In the next few weeks, need to continue that discussion on other potential funding projects—whether it is a request for integrated first responders communications services associated with the western part of the county where the nuclear plant is.

- Was informed by Chairman Brown of some federal funding through the USDA. That might be some promising funding for the library. Will have a discussion with either Mr. Ducey or Mrs. Dore tomorrow.
- Anticipating being in Washington on March 5-10 when Council is there for the meetings on Capitol Hill.
- Mr. Steven Gaither addressed the status of the broadband stimulus money.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rev. Dr. Ernest Yarborough spoke on the subject of the proposed school district legislation announcement and land purchase matters. Mrs. Jackie Workman spoke on the subject of the fire truck mystery and Government Day at McCrorey-Liston Elementary School.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Economic Development Matter And Discussions Of And Incidental To Proposed Contractual Arrangements Or Sales Or Purchases Of Property.

At 7:54 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to go in executive session for the purpose of discussing an economic development matter and discussions of and incidental to proposed contractual arrangements or sales or purchases of property. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:57 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to come out of executive session and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brown reported that there was no action taken in executive session and nothing to report out in regular session.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Kinley reported that the Board of Disabilities was concerned about the expenses related to the Wilson Home in Blythewood. They met with the State DSN Board and they have given Winnsboro more money, placing them in the black and not having to give those homes up.

Council Member Kinley also reported that the Council on Aging Board needs two additional board members as quickly as possible. She added that they are trying to increase their lunch programs.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 556 – Changing The Assessment Of Aircraft In Fairfield County From A 10.5% Assessment Ratio To A 4% Assessment Ratio, And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 556. The motion carried unanimously.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 557 – Authorizing Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Purchase Approximately _____ Acres Of Real Property, To Be Used For Economic Development Projects; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 557. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 558 - An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development) To I-1 (Industrial) Of Approximately Eleven (11) Acres, Owned By Betty Scott Bell, Et. Al., Tax Map No. 192-00-00-016. Property Is Located At 292 Alston Road, Jenkinsville, SC, 29065. *It was moved by Council Member Perry; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 558. The motion carried 6-1. {Mr. Ferguson voted nay}.*

C. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 559 - An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development) To I-1 (Industrial) Of Seven (7) Acres, Owned By Unita Pearson, Tax Map No. 176-01-03-021. Property Is Located At 8205 State Highway 215 S, Jenkinsville, SC, 29065. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Perry to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 559. The motion carried 4-3. {Those in favor: Perry, Kinley, Brown, Robinson}. {Those not in favor: Trapp, Marcharia, Ferguson}.*

D. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 560 - An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From R-1 (Single Family Residential) To B-1 (Limited Business) Of Sixty Hundredths (0.60) Acres, Owned By Quay McMaster. Applicant Is Celida Roman, Tax Map No. 145-01-11-003. Property Is Located At 325 Elm Street, Winnsboro, SC, 29180. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Trapp; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 560. By show of hands, the motion failed by a vote of 4 not in favor (Marcharia, Ferguson; Perry, Kinley) and 3 in favor (Brown, Robinson, Trapp).*

E. Resolution: To Authorize The County Administrator And Director Of Fairfield County Transit System To File An Application With The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), On Behalf Of The Fairfield County Transit System. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Trapp; seconded by Council Member Ferguson to approve the Resolution as stated above. The motion carried unanimously.*

F. Consideration Of Allocation To Fairfield Community Food Bank

It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to give the Fairfield Community Food Bank an allocation of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Consideration Of Allocation To Cooperative Family Dentistry At Ridgeway Family Practice. *It was moved by Council Member Perry and properly seconded to allocate five thousand four hundred (\$5,400.00) dollars to the Cooperative Family Dentistry At Ridgeway Family Practice. Council Member Robinson moved, with a second by Council Member Kinley that the allocation be given with the stipulation that the dental service be provided to Fairfield County residents only. The amendment to the motion and the main motion carried unanimously.*

H. Appointments/Reappointments To Fairfield County Boards And Commissions *It was moved by Vice Chairman Trapp; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Appointment/Reappointment listing of January 25, 2010 as presented by the Clerk. The motion carried unanimously. Vice Chairman Trapp maintained that the County may need to consider paying mileage to board members, given the fact they have to drive a distance to attend the board meetings.*

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Deputy Administrator Anderson met with SCE&G to discuss evacuation signs. Mr. Kelsey will ensure that the signs are installed and an inventory is done.
- b. Reported on the safety conference. The best county in the state has a workers compensation rate of .64. Fairfield County is rated at .75. The difference is the other county has twenty employees and Fairfield has a couple hundred.
- c. Mentioned that Jerry Nealy informed him that the census bureau needs census workers. Council Member Marcharia reported there are two churches in his district that are willing to allow the census bureau to interview people at their church.
- d. Council Member Kinley inquired if there is a law or some regulation dealing with blocking sidewalks in a neighborhood.

10. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Reminded Council of the deadline to file their Statement of Economic Interest Form.

11. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

12. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

13. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Perry: Asked about how the roads that had the dust treatment holding up, due to the recent rain.

Robinson: Commented on a note she received from a constituent as it related to yard debris.

Brown: Commented that this meeting was very interesting as citizens expressed their views during public hearing about rezoning issues; an individual who expressed her views about a mystery fire truck and one individual who "pretty much threatened" Council to not to get involved in a matter that the Delegation proposed today. Concluded saying he is not speaking for Fairfield County Council as a body, other than the fact the way Council was addressed.

Marcharia: Stated he appreciated the Chairman's comments; however, what he ascertained from most people is that the parents never received an opportunity to be aware that the Delegation was appointing people over a system that is to govern their children. He added that no community meetings were held and there was no opportunity for public input and whether right or wrong, some people were upset about it.

Ferguson: Commented on a document that was handed to him by an individual tonight. He set forth that he questioned the individual as to the authenticity of the numbers on the report and that the young man responded that all the numbers came from the county office. He added that the document indicated a meeting was scheduled at the "Fairfield County Recreation *Commission*". He asked for Council's endorsement to allow Mr. Hinely to review the document and place accurate information opposite the incorrect information that is contained in the document.

14. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

RUSSELL DAVID BROWN
CHAIRMAN