

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 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 6:06 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Ferguson and Vice Chairman Trapp; seconded by Council Member Perry to approve the minutes of regular meeting of February 8, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Changing The Assessment Of Aircraft In Fairfield County From A 10.5% Assessment Ratio To A 4% Assessment Ratio, And Other Related Matters.

Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:09 P.M. No one signed to speak; therefore, Chairman Brown closed pubic hearing at 6:10 P.M.

Authorizing Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Purchase And Develop Approximately 18 Acres Of Real Property, To Be Used For Economic Development Projects; And Other Related Matters.

Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:10 P.M. No one signed to speak; therefore, Chairman Brown closed pubic hearing at 6:11 P.M.

RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2009-2010 Ambassador For Economic Development

Mrs. Tiffany Harrison was asked to come forward to introduce Mr. Dwight Shelato. This year, Fairfield County selected Dwight Shelato, Plant Manager at Isola USA as its 2009-2010 Ambassador for Economic Development. Mrs. Harrison pointed out some of the highlights of Mr. Shelato's accomplishments as follows:

- During his 5+ years tenure as Plant Manager at Isola USA in Ridgeway, Dwight Shelato has worked diligently to achieve the corporate office's goal of increasing productivity and operating efficiencies; thus, making the SC site more competitive both nationally and globally. Most recently, during 2008, Mr. Shelato and his management team worked tirelessly to ensure that the Ridgeway facility remained open when the Corporate Office in Arizona was seeking to close one of its four US

manufacturing facilities. Fortunately, they were successful in their efforts and another facility was closed in lieu of Ridgeway. Additionally, Mr. Shelato encourages employees to participate in community and economic development activities. Mr. Shelato himself is an ally to the economic development office and on several occasions, very often with little notice, has agreed to meet with prospects and has hosted plant tours for various state and local officials, as well as the media. He also participates regularly in the CEO roundtable discussions facilitated by the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Betty Scott Bell formally removed from consideration Ordinance No. 558, the request for a zoning reclassification from RD to I-1 of eleven acres owned by Betty Scott Bell. Property is located at 292 Alston Road, Jenkinsville, SC, 29065. *Having heard Mrs. Bell's official removal of her request to rezone, Ms. Tammy Mancil, Mr. Zack Crumpton and Mr. Joe Glenn decided not to speak.*

Ms. Nancy Stone addressed Council on the matter of the Palmetto Trail.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Economic Development and Land Planning

Committee Chairman Brown reported the committee met and is recommending that Council move forward with the selection of the Genesis Group to perform the economic development study. He added that the funding will be provided by Santee Cooper, with a small match by the county. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Ferguson to confirm the selection of the Genesis Group to perform the economic development study for the county. The motion carried unanimously.*

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Third And Final 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 Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 556. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Third and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 557 - Authorizing Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Purchase And Develop Approximately 18 Acres Of Real Property, To Be Used For Economic Development Projects; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 557. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. Third and Final Reading: 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.

This zoning reclassification request was officially removed from consideration by Mrs. Betty Scott Bell.

7. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Adoption Of Final Fairfield County Community 2009 Needs Assessment**

It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Members Ferguson and Perry to adopt the Final Fairfield County Community 2009 Needs Assessment. During discussion, Council Member Marcharia inquired who was questioned in his district about this information, citing he spoke with numerous individuals in his district and they indicated they were not aware of this; also opining he is not sure this document actually addresses the needs of District 4, given to the needs that are actually present (i.e., nuclear power plant, reactors, heavy traffic, lack of recreation and lack of health care, etc.) The motion carried unanimously.

B. A Resolution: Establishing Uniform Bylaws To Govern All Fairfield County Boards And Commissions; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Resolution as posted. The motion carried unanimously.*

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Commented on the interest in the Palmetto Trail.

9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Asked if Mr. Gaither could give an update on the recent activities of the 2010 Census Complete Count Committee.

- PSA message has been airing on radio stations.
- PSA message appearing on electric and water bills.
- Hispanic outreach occurring next month.
- Town Hall meeting held.
- Displayed "2010 Census: You Count: \$\$\$Fairfield County\$\$\$" yard signs.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Kinley: Inquired about the timeline for the uniform bylaws for boards and commissions and when the attorneys will begin the review and site visit process. Reported that Clemson Extension will soon have a full time 4-H agent again.

Marcharia: Commented that his political observation has been that some people refuse to complete the census predicated on the fact that the millions of dollars that flow into communities don't go back into inner cities. He cited some communities have concerns about more political power.

- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** For The Purpose Of Receiving Legal Advice Relating To A Pending, Threatened, Or Potential Claim Or Other Matters Covered By The Attorney-Client Privilege, Settlement Of Legal Claims, Or The Position Of The County In Other Adversary Situations.

At 6:37 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to go in executive session for the purpose stated. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:28 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Ferguson to come out of executive session and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brown reported that no action was taken in executive session.

It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Kinley that Council follow through with the thought process that was deliberated on in executive session according to the fire department appointees. The motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

RUSSELL DAVID BROWN
CHAIRMAN