

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 28, 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 6:00 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 the budget worksession of May 3, 2010; budget worksession of May 18, 2010 and regular meeting of June 14, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Chapter 44 Of Title 12, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement, By And Between Fairfield County, South Carolina, And South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates, To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes Incentive, Including The Grant Of An Infrastructure Credit; And Other Related Matters. *Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:04 P.M. Hearing no comments from the public, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:05 P.M.*

An Ordinance Authorizing The County To Execute And Deliver A Master Park Agreement For The Creation And Maintenance Of A Multi-County Business Or Industrial Park Between Fairfield County, South Carolina, And One Or More Other Counties; And Other Related Matters. *Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:06 P.M. Hearing no comments from the public, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:07 P.M.*

PRESENTATION

Ms. Tricia Lecque, Partnership Specialist, U. S. Census Bureau, commended Fairfield County and the Council for the work done by bringing the census mail response rate up by 21%.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Deborah Gunter signed to speak and reported that Jenkinsville water customers were notified that higher than normal levels of uranium have been discovered in the drinking water.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 565 – An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development) To B-2 (General Business) For Two Properties: (1). Nine (9.0) Acres, Tax Map No. 192-00-00-013, Located On The South Side Of The Intersection Of SC Hwy. 213 And Jenkinsville Road, Jenkinsville, SC, And (2). Thirty One And Forty Three Hundredths (31.43) Acres, Tax Map No. 192-00-00-004, Located On South Side Of SC Hwy. 213, 1000 Ft. East Of Intersection Of SC Hwy. 213 And Jenkinsville Road, Jenkinsville, SC. Applicant Is Christ Central Ministries, Inc. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 565. The motion carried 6-1. {Chairman Brown abstained from voting}.*

B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 566 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Amendment Of The Agreement For Development For Joint County Industrial Park Executed On October 18, 1995, By And Between Newberry County, South Carolina, And Fairfield County, South Carolina, Providing For The Inclusion Of Additional Property In Newberry County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial And Business Park, And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 566. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 567 - An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Chapter 44 Of Title 12, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement, By And Between Fairfield County, South Carolina, And South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates, To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes Incentive, Including The Grant Of An Infrastructure Credit; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 567. The motion carried unanimously.*

D. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 568 – An Ordinance Authorizing The County To Execute And Deliver A Master Park Agreement For The Creation And Maintenance Of A Multi-County Business Or Industrial Park Between Fairfield County, South Carolina, And One Or More Other Counties; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp and Council Member Ferguson to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 568. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. NEW BUSINESS**A. Appointments/Reappointments To Fairfield County Boards And Commissions**

It was moved by Vice Chairman Trapp; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the listing of June 28, 2010 as submitted by the Clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Deputy Administrator Anderson reported the following:

1. Pet care rabies clinic will be held on Friday, July 30 at the following locations: Winnsboro WalMart, Jenkinsville Fire Station and the Century House in Ridgeway.
2. Senior program at the animal shelter has found home for one cat and one dog.
3. Shred day will be scheduled by the end of July on a Saturday.

b. Mr. Hinely reported that the CTC is scheduled to meet tomorrow night and he will propose to them the idea to map all of the county roads and the agreement for them to fund half of the cost.

c. Mr. Hinely received an email concerning the Tax Assessors office. The clerk was asked to post the letter for the Council's hearing. The letter read: "Dear Mr. Philip Hinely, County Administrator: I just wanted to drop you a note of follow-up and thanks, having met you at the May 24, 2010 county council meeting. You had referred Mr. Wendell Irby, the county tax assessor, to contact me regarding several property assessment related issues. Mr. Irby not only promptly contacted me, but I found him to be thoroughly prepared for our discussion. He was very reasonable and patient with me and helped me with all of my questions. After our conversation, I followed up with him personally and found him to be as courteous and understanding in person as he had been in our previous conversation. Having benefited from our interaction, I feel much more educated as a homeowner and taxpayer than I was prior to meeting Mr. Irby and that is something I could only have hoped for. On a personal note, I found Mr. Irby to be very positive and encouraging and freely willing to share his expertise with those in need of learning more about the assessment process. I honestly didn't expect to feel as positive toward our county administration as I do today when I first went to the county council meeting. Personally, I am thankful for Mr. Irby and his willingness to be patient and listen to the concerns of taxpayers in the county and to help them out when it is within his ability. I just wanted to close by again saying thank you for putting me in touch with Mr. Irby and his department. All the best, Dave Habbick, Sr."

9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Reported that she has been instructed to schedule a meeting with the Town of Winnsboro for July 13th concerning the request for matching funds for the corps of engineers water study.

b. Intergovernmental Council meeting has been scheduled for July 19, 2010.

c. Asked for prayers and support for Clarendon County Clerk to Council, Betty Pritchard, who was brutally beaten as she was leaving her office Sunday night. She is suffering from head injures and broken bones and is in the trauma unit at Palmetto Richland.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Kinley: Inquired how the young lady who gave the water report on uranium found out about it and is that through the county?

Marcharia: Commented that the county has no power over the water company. He suggested that individuals request a copy of every board member's address and phone number. Thanked Mrs. Kinley for bringing up the fact that folks should speak to their council representatives and maintained that where people lose focus is when they stop communicating and everybody is not sharing what impacts the whole community instead of just an individual.

Ferguson: Commented that some years ago the state and county spent \$250,000 to put a header from the Town of Winnsboro water to Jenkinsville Water Company and if they are using wells, they can still draft some water from the Town of Winnsboro so there is a way around if those systems. Also reported on the picnic shelter naming ceremony that was held in Chappelltown last Saturday.

Perry: Inquired on the status of the dust-down solution.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

RUSSELL DAVID BROWN
CHAIRMAN