



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 12, 2009**

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 fifty-eight other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chairman Trapp; seconded by Council Member Ferguson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2009 and special meeting of October 6, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4A. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Receive Legal Briefing And Contractual Matter

At 6:04 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to go in executive session to receive a legal briefing and a contractual matter. The motion carried unanimously.

At 6:48 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp 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.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Third and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 551 – Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Agreement Governing The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park By And Between Richland County, South Carolina and Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Real Property Located In Richland County, 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. 551. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. School Board Millage. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Kinley that Council accept the Resolution for the asked-for school millage from the School Board and also the explanation that goes to the public that is attached with that proposal. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 552 - Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Agreement Governing The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park By And Between Richland County, South Carolina and Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Real Property Located In Richland County, And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 552. The motion carried unanimously.*

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Deputy Administrator Anderson asked Mr. Jimmy Walters to give the status of the wrecked fire truck, which he did saying they went to Anderson last Wednesday and looked at the truck. He cited it met the criteria and therefore, was brought back to Winnsboro. Mr. Walters said the only thing left is one piece of equipment that mounts on the rear side that holds the hard suction hose. It has been ordered and will be mounted. The truck is back in service. Mr. Anderson confirmed that all the warranties are still valid.

b. Ms. Kinley inquired about the status of the lease of the Mitford Fire Department.

c. Deputy Administrator Anderson gave an update on the Courthouse steps saying there was severe rust and was a safety and trip hazard. He stated it was about ten days to get the steps back in operation for General Sessions court. Everything is accomplished with the exception of the height of the rail, which will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

d. Participated in the V. C. Summer tabletop exercise. Expecting to receive a good report from the monitors.

e. Council Member Marcharia commented on the Jenkinsville Fire Department project inquiring if it is on target and still moving forward. He opined that if the county does any kind of construction in terms of fire stations, EMS, etc., that because there are more female as firefighters and in EMS, the county be conscious in constructing the building for privacy.

CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Reminded Council of the Industry Appreciation event, Wednesday, October 21.
- b. Veteran's Day program scheduled for Wednesday, November 11. Thanked the Acting Superintendent for allowing the county coordinators to meet with her staff in order to collaborate with the elementary and high school auxiliaries and thanked the Council again for the work being done on the Courthouse steps in order to ensure the safety of the students who will be participating.
- c. County Council Coalition, Friday, October 16.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Perry: Commented that the Hospital came before Council several months ago asking for permission for 501 c 3 status. At that time, he said, Council was asking for more information. He pointed out that the Hospital has been moving forward with that process and he has asked the Hospital Administrator to come back before Council to make that report.

Marcharia: Pointed out that he raised some questions last time that it was asked and he has since done some research, ascertaining that it is perfectly appropriate for the Hospital to acquire 501 c 3 status.

Kinley: Brought forth that at the SCANA elected officials event, Mr. Archie and Mr. Byrne mentioned they would like to have Council come out to see the progress at the plant. He asked that Council contact them for a schedule. She also commented about pandemic, saying everyone is trying to get ready for as it relates to disasters and that one hundred seventy-two countries are already facing pandemics.

Ferguson: Commented on the steam engine train ride invitation from the Railroad Museum. He also commented on the Resolution that Council passed as it relates to the School Board millage, saying "I had a lot of questions coming from citizens on both sides of that issue. Having served 35 years teaching kids, the last thing that I wanted to do was penalize the children in this county educational-wise. I will say that in looking at the budget of the School Board over the past two years, I think our children deserve better. I know no one on this Council wanted to hurt the children, and that is the reason we had, if I understood it, a unanimous decision on that issue. I was reluctant because of so many people calling me and stopping me on the street asking me to vote against this increased budget for the children. This increased budget, for everybody's sense of value, was because of the children in this county. That was the only thing that I took into consideration in making that motion a while ago. I also think over the next twelve months we are going to have to be really in touch with the School Board as far as our

children being educated for the amount of money that we are putting into education for Fairfield County and I think we need to be as close to one as we can because it keeps going up every year and our children are not being educated to the level that they need to be. I think we are all going to have to step up to the plate and do what we need to educate the children in this County. That's coming from a past teacher.

Brown: "I think you have one hundred percent agreement on that, Mr. Ferguson. I appreciate your comments."

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

RUSSELL DAVID BROWN
CHAIRMAN