



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 24, 2011**

Present: David L. Ferguson, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Carolyn B. Robinson, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

Absent: Dwayne Perry; Mikel Trapp

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-five individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes submitted for approval at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance Granting The Fairfield County Administrator To Refund Overpaid Ad Valorem County Taxes For A Period Of Up To Five Years. *Chairman Ferguson opened public hearing at 6:08 P.M. No one signed to speak; therefore, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:09 P.M.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 595 - Prohibiting The Advertising, Producing, Possessing, Purchasing, Selling, Or Using Of Bath Salts, Bath Salts-Like Substances And Synthetic Marijuana In The Unincorporated Areas Of Fairfield County; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 595. {During discussion, Council Member Brown opined that the federal government was a little bit slow in acting, but now has become involved and outlawed the synthetic drugs completely and is now a felony to have the drug}. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 593 - An Ordinance Granting The Fairfield County Administrator To Refund Overpaid Ad Valorem County Taxes For A Period Of Up To Five Years. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Brown to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 593. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. NEW BUSINESS**A. Approval Of Road Name Requests (1. Starks Road; 2. Tom Road)**Question:

Read the specifications of these roads and determined that these roads were never named. Were they missed from 911 addressing and do people actually live on these roads?

It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the road name requests. The motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 596 - An Ordinance To Amend, Update And Revise The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance And Land Management Regulations, To Provide For The Promotion Of The Common Good For The Citizens Of Fairfield County As It Relates To Aspects Of Regulating, Maintaining And Protecting The Proper Usage And Development Of Land And Similar Issues In Fairfield County, And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 596. The motion carried unanimously.*

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Reported that, several years ago, Mrs. Lori Schaeffer thought it would be a good idea that all the parks be given an address (even though a building is not there).

b. Soil and Water Conservation's sub district, Watershed, approached the County about appropriating funds to make repairs to dams. Subsequently, have researched this matter and have determined that the County could not make an appropriation to them since they were a separate elected body. It now seems to be some confusion about this. Have written a memo and sent a copy to them explaining this position.

c. Have been a lot of activity from the SCAC, asking that counties join in the lawsuit about the Elections Board. SCAC has asked the Council to consider joining an Amicus Curie Brief Resolution. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

Council Member Marcharia pointed out that an issue was raised once about emergency service vehicles not being able to get in some "gated" communities, and inquired if this has ever been resolved. Attorney Jack James was asked to ascertain what the appropriate means would be to get public notification and/or appropriate signatures for emergency access to roads. Mr. Anderson reported that he would have Mrs. Phyllis Watkins prepare a report on this matter for the next meeting.

9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

a. Thanked everyone for their assistance in making the Industry Appreciation and Employee Appreciation events a success.

b. Worksession scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 P.M. to discuss the Land Management Ordinance.

Council asked that Mrs. Tiffany Harrison prepare an update on each industry, giving a synopsis of what they do and where they are, as well as arrange for tours of facilities as appropriate.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Council Member Kinley commented on the extended hours at the Ridgeway Library and asked if this were relative to the morning hours inquired about.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Chairman Ferguson brought forward that the COG's Development Board has asked Council to approve a nomination to that Board. Chairman Ferguson brought forward the name of Robert W. Davis. *It was moved by Council Member Marcharia and Council Member Kinley to approve his name. The motion carried unanimously.*

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACTUAL MATTER

At 6:40 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to go in executive session to discuss an economic development matter and a contractual matter. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:13 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Brown to come out of executive session and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ferguson reported that Council received information.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.
CHAIRMAN