



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, Billy Smith, Council Members; Jason C. Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Sandy Clowney, Acting as Clerk to Council in absence of Shryll Brown due to illness; Jack James, County Attorney

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 Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle and one hundred thirteen other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*It was brought forth by the Chairman to amend the Agenda to add to the Executive Session a discussion of a "Legal Hospital Matter". A motion was made by Council Member Marcharia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to this effect. **The motion carried unanimously.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Robinson led in the Invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Vice Chairman Robinson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2016. **The motion carried unanimously.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

Mr. Randy Bright – USC Lancaster

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance 673 - 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 (Project Alimex); And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley, seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance 673. **The motion carried unanimously.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Mr. Dean Walter Collins of USC Lancaster - Mr. Collins, who was to give an update on USC Lancaster, was unable to attend; therefore there will be no report.

B. Request of Action: Phase II On-Site Roadway, Water and Wastewater Improvements To Serve Fairfield Commerce Center. Mr. Taylor explained that this is for the funding of the second phase in the Commerce Center of the water, sewer and roads infrastructure. This was something that was part of the bond to cover the cost. It has been bid out and the bids came in higher than anticipated. \$5,970,000.00 was budgeted and the bid came in at \$6,542,214.50 with the add alternate of \$497,120.00 for at total of \$7,039,334.50. This is a shortfall of \$1,069,334.50 Two grants have been applied for to cover the shortfall: A Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant for \$500,000 and a Site Enhancement Grant through Commerce for \$300,000.00. Mr. Taylor reported that the County anticipated receiving \$500,000.00 in the Multi-County Park money from Richland County; however, we received \$1.1 million. This amount is \$600,000.00 over the anticipated amount. Mr. Taylor went on to request that the County be allowed to use the overage as well as additional Bond money to cover the other \$400,000.00 in case the grant applications are not approved. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve this request.* Council Member Smith stated that he is in favor of the work being done; however, he wanted the citizens to know that he was not sure that this was the time and the appropriate way to do this. Also he stated, in the discussions of the Courthouse and how we are going to remediate the issues there and potentially construct a new Courthouse or explore options, the staff had discussed some of the cost estimates and had discussed that that funding could come from the portion of the Bond which would pay for this Phase II project. He stated that he did not know how the "fixes" at the Courthouse were going to be paid and for another to be built. He said that he felt that the only way that this would be paid for is that another Bond would be done by this Council to pay for it. He reiterated that he is in favor of the improvements to serve Fairfield Commerce Center, but can't support it at this time. ***The motion was approved 4/1, with Mr. Smith voting "Nay".***

C. Request of Action: Transit System - Purchase One Cutaway Bus - Mr. Taylor asked that Council defer this ROA. He stated that Ms. Gratic, Transit Director, has found a different option from what was initially proposed and which will be a better deal. This will be brought back to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Bob Innes, who is the new Animal Control Director.

D. Motion Period Process. None

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT CAN BE TO INTRODUCE AN ITEM NOT CURRENTLY UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OR BRING A CONCERN TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Mr. Virgil Porter - Economic Development - Signed up but decided not to speak
- Mr. Randy Bright - A Challenge

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

C. Robinson

- Read Resolution No. 2016-05 Recognizing Mrs. Shryll Milling Brown As Clerk To County Council for 24 Years. (Please see attached Resolution)

Kinley

- Highway Department will pave sidewalks on two blocks of Chestnut Street in District Six.
- Fairfield County Board of Disabilities received a "spectacular audit" and thanked Director Laura Collins and Chairwoman Vickie Robinson.

Marcharia

- Asked County Administrator Jason Taylor to explain to the public what is an Ad Valorem Tax and what is a Fee in Lieu of Taxes.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith to go in executive session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter regarding the Fairfield County Airport FBO, a pending legal matter regarding purchase of property, a personnel matter regarding the Clerk to Council and a legal matter relating to Fairfield Memorial Hospital. **The motion carried unanimously.***

It was moved by Council Member Kinley; properly seconded by Council Member Marcharia and carried unanimously to come out of executive session and return to regular session at 8:14 p.m.

In regular session, there was no action taken.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned, upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SANDY CLOWNEY
ACTING CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN