



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 9, 2017**

**Present:** Billy Smith, Doug Pauley, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Mikel Trapp, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Tommy Morgan, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

**Absent:** Dan W. Ruff, Bertha Goins

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 twenty seven other individuals.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He announced that Council Member Ruff is out of town and Vice Chair Goins has a family medical issue, so both will not be in attendance tonight.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the Agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Trapp led the invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

- 6. 1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items on the agenda for which no Public Hearing is scheduled. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Jeff Schaffer - Millage
- Randy Bright - Economic Development

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

**A. Third and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 688** - An Ordinance Authorizing Fairfield County to Purchase 0.29 Acre, More or Less, Situated on the Western Side of Highway 215, Near Jenkinsville, South Carolina in the County of Fairfield, Tax Map No. 176-01-01-077-000; to be Used for Public Safety or Other Uses Deemed Fit by the Council, and Other Related Matters. It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 688. Council Member Trapp inquired if the purchase amount is still \$2,000. Mr. Taylor reported there has been no change in the purchase price. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

**B. Resolution No. 2017-04:** Resolution Establishing the Millages for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Pauley to accept Resolution No. 2017-04. Chairman Smith asked Mr. Taylor to expound on this matter. Mr. Taylor stated the millage rate is remaining the same, but due to the local option sales tax factor, the out-of-pocket for the average homeowner should be reduced. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

**9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Hospital Board:** It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Pauley to accept the minutes from the Hospital Board. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

A. Planning Commission - Reappointment of James Randy Kelley, District 2. It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the Reappointment of James Randy Kelley representing District 2 to a second term on the Planning Commission. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Memorandum of Understanding Between Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Providence Hospital and Fairfield County Council. Mr. Taylor requested that Council defer any action until after executive session so Council may obtain further legal advice on this contractual matter from the attorneys. Chairman Smith agreed to defer this matter until after executive session.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proclamation Recognizing October 8-14, 2017, as National Fire Prevention Week. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the Proclamation. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***
- B. Proclamation in Remembrance of Stanley (Skip) R. Hannon, Sr. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the Proclamation. Chairman Smith announced that this will be presented to Mr. Hannon's family and volunteer firefighters at the next meeting. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

## 13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Marcus Harlan, HR Director - Update and Department Overview. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Marcus Harlan, Human Resources Director, who gave a power point presentation which included the following:
  - Human Resource Department Employees: While the HR Department is a small department, it handles 400+ County employees.
  - Human Resource Department Mission
  - Primary Functions: Employer relations, benefits/payroll and risk management.
  - Safety Report for Fiscal Year 2018
  - Experience Modifier

Mr. Taylor commented that the value of the experience modifier is that it saves considerably on the County insurance. Mr. Harlan pointed out that in 2014, \$587,252 was paid in insurance premiums for Workers' Compensation and in 2016, \$464,117 was paid, with a savings of \$123,000. Council Member Robinson inquired which department has the most claims to which Mr. Harlan replied EMS, Sheriff, Detention Center and Public Works. Mr. Anderson interjected that because of the duties of EMS, Sheriff's Department, etc., these departments are more high risk with the greater premiums. Also, Mr. Anderson wanted to clearly state that the County does not have 400 full time employees. This number includes firefighters, volunteers, poll workers, etc.

- B. Ty Davenport - Economic Development Director. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Davenport, who reported that the new Economic Development website will hopefully be operational by the end of the week. The County is in product development mode at the present time, and Mr. Davenport reviewed the current inventory including Walter B. Brown Industrial Park and the Commerce Center. Also included during the presentation was a comparison of Fairfield County with surrounding counties evidencing the fact that the County is behind on the inventory side. Comparisons included Chester County at 1300 acres, Kershaw County over 1000 acres and Orangeburg County over 1800 acres as compared to 650 acres at the present time for Fairfield County. Infrastructure must be a priority including sewer. Also discussed was the Mack Truck facility, which is one of the largest facilities in the state and draws a lot of interest to this area. The site is a real asset bringing in \$400,000 a year in property taxes. Mr.

Davenport also discussed the site enhancement program which includes harvesting timber from the Fairfield Commerce Center. At the present time, about \$60,000 has been collected representing about 30% with anticipation of collecting around \$200,000. This revenue will be used to purchase grading equipment which will then be used to prep the existing site to be ready for industry. The County and Town are working well together to create county-wide wastewater with the Department of Commerce also involved. The Economic Development team is continually searching for industrial sites and opportunities to have a variety of product for new industry. By the end of this year, the staff will have attended nine domestic and international marketing trips. Finally, the department is going in a different direction this year from the past Industry Appreciation celebrations. This year will include a luncheon with a speaker in order to provide a way to continue to connect with the local industry.

**14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT**

None.

- 15. 2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items not on the agenda or under Council's consideration. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Yvette Howard - Mt. Zion Property and Economic Development
- Jeff Schaffer - Taxes and Wi-Fi
- Randy Bright - Good Times

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Douglas: Stopping the building of reactors 2 and 3 does not stop SCE&G from paying over \$25m a year. The reason the millage rate is staying the same is because reactor number 1 is repaying the \$24.6m loan. Our House Representative and Senator are working very hard toward water and sewer.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)**

At 6:39 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Pauley to go into executive session for (a) Receipt of Legal Advice - From County Attorney Regarding Potential HR Legal Matter; (b) Contractual Matter - Regarding Water and Sewer with the Town of Winnsboro; and (c) Contractual Matter - Regarding Memorandum of Understanding Between Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Providence Hospital and Fairfield County Council. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

Council Member Robinson left the meeting prior to returning from Executive Session.

At 8:25 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Pauley to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

There was no action taken in executive session.

**18. ADJOURN**

At 8:26 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Trapp to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

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PATTI L. DAVIS  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.  
CHAIRMAN