



**MINUTES
INAUGURATION AND ORGANIZATION MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 2015**

Present: Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel R. Trapp (arrived at 5:45 P.M.), Marion B. Robinson, Dan W. Ruff, William (Billy) Smith, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; 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 ninety-five other individuals.

CALL TO ORDER

Senior Council Member Mary Lynn Kinley welcomed everyone to the Inauguration and Organization meeting.

INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

I. OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Betty Jo Beckham came forward to administer the oath of office to the following newly-elected members of Council: Council Member Dan W. Ruff, Council Member Marion B. Robinson and Council Member William (Billy) Smith.

II. At 5:30 P.M., Council Recessed For:

a. Group Photographs

b. Refreshments (In Conference Room). Refreshments were available in Conference Room and everyone was invited. Members of Council were asked to remain for group photographs before going to the Conference Room for the refreshments.

{Council Member Trapp arrived at the meeting at 5:45 P.M.}

III. Council reconvened at 5:55 P.M.

Council Member Kinley offered up prayer for Council in choosing its leadership. Council Administrator J. Milton Pope and Clerk to Council Shryll Brown conducted the process of the election of officers. Paper ballots were disseminated to the Council Members to vote for officers for the year 2015-2016. For the office of Chairman: Council Member Kinley received two (2) votes; Council Member Carolyn Robinson received five (5) votes. By majority vote, **Council Member Carolyn Robinson** was elected as **Chairman**.

For the office of Vice Chairman: Council Member Marion Robinson received three (3) votes; Council Member Marcharia received four (4) votes. By majority vote, **Council Member Marcharia** was elected as **Vice-Chairman**.

Chairman Robinson stated she was very humbled and honored that Council chose her as Council Chair for tonight and for the coming session. She set forth that there will be some changes and that one of the main things is to continue to promote economic development. In order to meet the challenges that Council is going to face, she stated that Council is going to have to communicate and work together. Vice Chairman Marcharia thanked Council for their vote of confidence in him and stated he would work assiduously for the citizens of the County in order to move the County forward.

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M., upon unanimous vote of Council.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL JANUARY 12, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carolyn Robinson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Robinson set forth that Council has received communication (a copy of which was being disseminated by the Clerk to Council) from the Association of Counties as it relates to the Committee and the House wanting to convey to the counties roads in the State. *She asked that this be considered as Item 12C under New Business. So moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley and **unanimously approved by Council.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Ruff led in the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 15, 2014. **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.

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Resolution No. 2015-01: Honoring Dr. Marshall White, Jr.

The Clerk to Council was asked to post the Resolution in its entirety, which is incorporated herein by reference, as if fully set out in words. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to adopt the Resolution as posted. **The motion carried unanimously.*** Mr. Pope stated that Richland and Lexington counties will also be providing Resolutions to Dr. White and that Chairman Robinson will be presenting the Fairfield Resolution to Dr. White on January 22, 2015.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval Of The 2015 Calendar Year Meeting Dates

It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the 2015 calendar year meeting dates. Mr. Pope pointed out that everything in this calendar is subject to be amended by the Council, i.e., additional dates, changing things around, etc. Staff desired to provide a template for planning purposes. *The motion was seconded by Council Member Trapp and Council Member Kinley.* During discussion, Council Member Kinley pointed out the following: The February 21-25 meeting is the Washington trip and asked if Council desired to cancel that meeting; Sheriff's Young drop-in on the 23rd is on the same night as a Council meeting. She inquired if Council could postpone its meeting until 7:30 P.M. to give Council Members time attend.

Chairman Robinson asked for a vote on 7:00 P.M. and on 7:30 P.M. *By majority vote, Council voted to postpone the February 23, 2015 meeting until 7:00 P.M.*

Chairman Robinson asked members of Council if they would let the Clerk to Council know if they plan to attend the NACo conference. Once it is ascertained if anyone is going, Council will discuss this at a subsequent meeting.

Council Member Smith brought forward the cancellation of the August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting, and recommended to Council that this meeting be reinstated. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Ruff that Council keep the August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting on the schedule. **The motion carried 6-1.***

Chairman Robinson pointed out the following dates that she would suggest adding to the calendar: February 18, 2015 - SCAC Coalition; February 19, 2015 - Institute of Government.

B. Fairfield County Delegation/Former Sheriff Herman Young Order Of The Palmetto Event

Chairman Robinson set forth that the Delegation has made a request for Council to participate in this event. The latest communication from Representative Douglas was for Council to help with the planning. Members of Council voiced their viewpoint on their potential involvement in this event. Chairman Robinson appointed Council Member Kinley as the Council's representative to bring information back to Council on the planning of this event.

C. Plan To Dump State Roads On Counties

Chairman Robinson pointed out that Rep. Gary Simrill, Chairman of the House Transportation, Infrastructure, and Management Ad Hoc Committee, would be meeting today; however, their plan calls for counties to give them about half of the State's road system. It also mentions promising to fund the State's Local Government Fund and increase the 2.66 cent a gallon, which goes into the "C" fund. Chairman Robinson entertained Council's comments and input, and recommended that the Council send a letter to the every one of the committee members, with a copy to the Delegation members. *It was moved by Council Member Ruff; seconded by Council Member Trapp for Council to send this letter as outlined. **The motion carried unanimously.***

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a. Recognized and introduced the County's new Transportation Director, Mr. Roy Tucker.

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.

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Ms. Sarah Bryant - New Members
- Mayor Gregrey Ginyard - Sidewalk Project
- Mrs. Lisa Brandenburg - Quarry

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

C. Robinson: Thanked everyone who took the time to come and be part of the meeting tonight, citing that the citizens have been most instrumental in coming and letting Council know their thoughts and recommendations.

M. Robinson: Voiced it has been a long day for he and his wife. Appreciated everyone who came tonight. Looking forward to working with every member of Council.

Marcharia: Some constituents from District 4 will be approaching the Council to ask for its vision in moving toward WiFi. The constituents also asked about money in the future for infrastructure for rural areas.

Smith: Thanked everyone for coming tonight, and encouraged them to come back. Voiced there is a lot of work to be done and would like citizen input.

Kinley: Congratulated Chairman Robinson and Vice Chairman Marcharia on their election to leadership. Voiced her pleasure to work with the three new Councilmen.

Ruff: Thanked everyone for coming. Congratulated Chairman Robinson and Vice Chairman Marcharia. Looking forward to working harmoniously with all of Council and the citizens. Extended condolences to Council Member Marion Robinson's family.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 6:50 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to go in executive session to receive updates on a pending litigation matter regarding delinquent tax sales and regarding the pending road paving program. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 7:45 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia that Council allow the Administrator to continue with the process already voted on with the attorney. Mr. Pope was asked to elaborate on the discussion, which he did by saying the Council is authorizing the County Administrator to work with the outside legal counsel on a delinquent tax matter. This was a matter where one of the properties that was sold at a delinquent tax sale that has entered into litigation. The County is looking to settle the matter as recommended by the outside legal counsel, based upon the parameters as the attorney has mentioned. This cannot be made public until the County has gone through the negotiations and brought back to Council. **The motion carried unanimously.***

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN