



**MINUTES
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

Present: David L. Ferguson, Sr., 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.

Absent: Russell David Brown

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 forty-nine other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Trapp called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

2. After which Council Member Kinley gave the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2009 and special meeting of November 11, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Trapp asked for a motion to move Item #13 (Executive Session for a legal matter) up on the agenda as Item 6A. *So moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Ferguson, and unanimously approved by Council.*

PRESENTATION

Ms. Debbie Waldrop and Mr. Michael Brown made a presentation to Council relating to Palmetto Health Hospice. The Clerk was asked to post the Proclamation recognizing November 2009 as the 30th Anniversary of Palmetto Health Hospice. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to adopt the Proclamation as posted. The motion carried unanimously.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Terry Vickers gave an update of upcoming events in the County.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:20 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Perry to go in executive session for a legal matter. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:49 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to come out of executive session and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Trapp reported that no action was taken in executive session and nothing to report out in regular session.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 553 - Providing For The Issuance Of Not Exceeding In The Aggregate Of \$2,000,000 Bonds Of Fairfield County, South Carolina, In One Or More Series, Tax-Exempt Or Taxable, To Be Used To Fund Economic Development Projects And Other Projects, Including The Purchase And Development Of Real Property; Authorizing The County Administrator To Prescribe The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Bonds And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; Providing For Borrowing In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Said Bonds; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to pull First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 553 off the agenda and bring some rendition of it back at a later date. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 554 - Authorizing Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Purchase And Develop Approximately 625 Acres Of Real Property, To Be Used For Economic Development Projects; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to pull First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 554 off the agenda and bring some rendition of it back at a later date. The motion carried unanimously.*

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The County Administrator reported on the following items:

a. Deputy Administrator Anderson called Mrs. Phyllis Watkins, Emergency Management

Director, gave the following report:

- This year, and following quarter for the period of 1/1/2008 to 9/30/2009, some Phase II reimbursements for cost recovery were submitted to the State Budget and Control Board. They agreed to reimburse the County 40% of \$100,000.00, which is was \$41,337.48. This process is done twice a year.
- VC Summer Evacuation Signs. EMD received a report back on this issue. For four counties, a total estimate was 489 signs. Fairfield County can have 154 signs which will be placed a half mile apart. VC Summer is requesting that the county make a decision as to the total number of signs the county will need. The county has agreed for public works to place the signs.
- Performed VC Summer exercise in October. Draft report is on file and was prepared for the meeting tonight. The county was evaluated on the following criteria: EOC, Traffic Control Point, Emergency Workers Decontamination, Reception and Conjugal Care and Back up Route Alerting. The county received a good rating. The county did receive several recommendations, which do not require the county to act upon, concerning Emergency Workers Decontamination and Reception and Conjugal Care.
- An incident occurred at VC Summer on Sunday. Everything is fine and has been corrected. A copy of the incident report can be accessed on NRC.gov.

Questions:

- How many signs would the county request? I am not sure, as an elected official, that I know what is a safe destination if something happens (for the signs to go). Do I put some on 213 heading for Newberry, do I put some on 215 heading for Carlisle, do I put some heading for Winnsboro? The designated place, I understood, was White Oak Conference Center. What is the secondary choice if not White Oak? Most of the winds that come to Fairfield County come from out of Atlanta come from the west going east, past my house, blowing toward Winnsboro and White Oak. That is where we are headed—straight for White Oak, in the path of the winds?
- You were talking about there were three recommendations, those aren't mandatory, but are we looking into doing them because they were recommended?

Observation:

- One of the tasks Mr. Hinely has asked me to do when we have any kind of project is that we have some type of documentation of how and why we do things. Would like to formulate a committee consisting of Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Johnston with DOT and our engineers to have a plan to show Council where the signs were put and why they were put there.

b. Warning Signs for Churches. Administration sent emails and communicated with Jamie Johnston. Churches that need warning signs are asked to contact Mr. Johnston directly.

c. Local Census Contact. Mr. Jim Baughman has been hired (from Fairfield County) to work with the Census in Fairfield County. He has made contact with Mrs. Brown and Mr. Gaither.

- A lot of people have inquired about how those districts will be drawn up and concerned about the census.

- There is a challenge in getting people counted.

- The Clerk reported that she serves on the Complete Count Committee, along with Mrs. Marcharia and Mrs. Robinson and to answer the question as it related to the following meeting, the committee did meet the next night. Mr. Gaither put an agenda together that the committee was hopeful in fulfilling; however, the attendance was low that night. The committee tabled some information which will be brought forward the first week in December. Mr. Gaither has met with Mr. Baughman and has put together another report for the committee and will bring the committee up to date on some of the activities and kinds of projects and research that the committee is charged to do.

- About 80% of the allocation that leaves Washington revolve around numbers. In 2002, the county was told that South Carolina had been undercounted by a great number and missed millions of dollars and missed out on having another representative.

d. Sidewalks to School Report. State has funding which will allow a connection down to the parking lot. Mr. Anderson contacted Mr. Nelson at the School District Office. The School District indicated they wanted their attorney to review the matter.

9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

No formal report.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Kinley: Reported that the Community Food Bank is seeing three to four times more people than normal. *Asked the Council to consider another donation (possibly \$2,000.00) to the Food Bank to help more citizens of the county, and so moved. Council Member*

Ferguson seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Trapp inquired if this matter would be in order, given the fact it was not listed on the agenda. He set forth that this matter should be brought back at the next meeting. *Subsequently, Council Member Ferguson withdrew the second to the motion. Council Member Kinley withdrew the motion.*

Council Member Kinley inquired if the meetings with the CTC and with the Delegation been set. She then asked the Council to allow Mr. Hinely to set those two meetings up.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

RUSSELL DAVID BROWN
CHAIRMAN