



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 25, 2013
****New Agenda Format**

Present: David L. Ferguson, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn B. Robinson, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Shryll Brown, Clerk to Council

Absent: Mikel R. 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 ninety-six other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the Invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes of the Work Session of October 30, 2013; Regular Meeting of November 11, 2013; Work Session of November 14, 2013 and Special Meeting of November 18, 2013. **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 following individuals signed to speak to Council during public comment:

Ms. Beth Jenkins – Executive Session

Mr. Randy Bright – Recreation and County Spotlight

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS:

None.

9. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS**A. Recreation Master Plan**

Mr. Pope prefaced the discussion saying Council had asked staff to bring back some information in an effort to assist in developing a recreational process for approval. The first item is the amount of funds allocated for this process. The bond allows the expenditure of up to \$3.5 million dollars for recreational planning and capital construction. The next item is to review the conceptual master list provided by the Council. One additional listing has been placed at Council's desks to add to District Four information. The bond document, which was approved in April this year, gives Council until April of 2016 for those funds to be expended. Staff is requesting that Council consider approving the drafting and submittal of an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) proposal to employ a recreational consultant, whose task or scope of services will be to provide: general site development information and cost estimates on the projects provided on the master list. Will use all of the existing recreational plan information and be looking for best practices and other recommendations that would benefit the process. Staff would predict that the RFQ would be a forty-five (45) day review process; could select and have a recommendation to the Council by the end of January to actually bring to Council for consideration and approval to move forward with the firm. From there, a timeline would be set once the firm is brought on board. This will be a selection process to get someone very knowledgeable of recreational projects and to give to the Council additional ideas and suggestions based on the concepts on the master list.

Questions and Comments:

- ◆ Consideration to use one firm to do all seven (7) projects or however many projects to try to do to minimize the cost.
- ◆ Need to continue to move forward. Have been discussing this for several months, and the first way to get started is to actually put a request out there to get some information back.
- ◆ In the Plan for District 4, asked for a multi-purpose community center. If this is submitted, the firm would look at the plan and determine whether it fits within a certain budget? Is it going to be suggested that a plan be brought back with the request from District 4 to be approved? The building is still a question—since it was voted on and actually purchased with the idea of it going to western Fairfield. If the multi-purpose center be secured, can that iron or steel be cut up and used for the center. If District 4 is not going to get the building, can it be put up for sale, and does the proceeds come to District 4? What happens to that building? Read somewhere recently that the lease agreement stipulates that if the land is not used in six (6) months, it defaults to SCE&G. If this is part of the clause, would like to have people from District 4 attend some of the meetings with the people who are making the agreements about leases.
- ◆ Need to get the plan in place; Council Member(s) would be able to sit down with the firm; describe the needs and wants of the district and ascertain how it fits into the plan.
- ◆ Was this process used in Richland County to develop their plan in any way?
- ◆ What is status of property of Highway 215 for the fire department?
- ◆ Through the master plan, will be putting several facilities together as well as some additional mini parks. How many more staff members will be needed and what is the overall projected cost going to be every year?

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to authorize Mr. Pope to put the RFQ out and bring the findings back to Council. **The motion carried unanimously.***

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A. County Spotlight: Information Technology Department – Mr. Marvin Allen, Director

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 following individuals signed to speak to Council during public comment:

Ms. Beth Jenkins – Hilton Head Travel

Mr. Jeff Schaffer - Decorum

Mr. Randy Bright – Recreation and County Spotlight

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Perry:

1. Explained his position on the Hilton Head conference.
2. Invited citizens to participate in the Town of Ridgeway annual Christmas parade.

Kinley:

1. Addressed the Hilton Head conference.
2. Commented on St. Paul Baptist Church's 140th Homecoming celebration.

Marcharia:

1. Commented on the timeline of some of the great events that transpired over the 140 years at St. Paul Baptist Church.
2. Also commented that several communities have signs which indicate their presence. Set forth that no signs are erected or defined for the entrance to the Horeb-Glenn community. *Chairman Ferguson asked Mr. Pope and Mr. Anderson to research this matter.*
3. Stated there are four vacancies existing on boards and commissions to represent District 4. He asked if anyone is interested in serving to contact him.
4. Mentioned that the Hospital had a seminar on the Affordable Care Act.

Ferguson:

1. Commented on the email received from a citizen as it related to the Council's attendance guidelines. He asked Mr. Pope to give an update on the findings he received from the Association of Counties.

Brown:

1. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Thanked everyone for coming out.

Robinson:

1. Commented on the sign that is erected in the Lebanon area.
2. Addressed the Hilton Head conference.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 7:15 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Robinson to go in executive session to receive legal advice on pending litigation regarding the acquisition of property for economic development. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:15 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*In open session, it was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Brown to give staff permission to move forward with the entire lines as were discussed in executive session. **The motion carried 5-1. {Council Member Robinson abstained from voting and signed a statement of potential conflict of interest, which is on file in the Clerk to Council's office}.***

17. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.
CHAIRMAN