



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 13, 2014**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

*At this point, Mr. Pope asked Council's consideration of the following adjustments to the agenda: (1) ask that Mrs. Harrison give a brief explanation regarding the public hearing matter just prior to opening the public hearing for comments; (2) under Item 8A, Council needs to receive some additional information. Recommend to Council to ask that Item 8A be moved to 17A, wherein the vote on that matter can occur after receipt of additional information in executive session; (3) Under the Report of the County Administrator, request to add #4 under 13B to receive an update of Drawdy Park.*

*Council Member Kinley withdrew her motion to approve the agenda; Council Member Robinson withdrew her second. Subsequently, it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the agenda, with the consideration of the amendments as outlined above by the Administrator. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Kinley led in the Invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 23, 2013. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. 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:

- Mr. William Coleman – Public Comments/Council Time
- Mr. Randy Bright – Economic Development

*At this point, Mrs. Tiffany Harrison was asked to come forward to give additional information concerning the economic development project listed under public hearing.*

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

Ordinance "Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Incentive And Conveyance Of Property Agreement Among Fairfield County, Project Compact And Certain Other Parties Thereto; A Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Fairfield County And Project Compact; The Transfer Of Real Property Located In Fairfield County To Project Compact And The Provision Of Other Incentives For Project Compact; The Inclusion Of Real Property Located In Fairfield County In The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park; The Execution And Delivery Of Documents Necessary To Effect The Intent Of This Ordinance; And Other Related Matters." *Chairman Ferguson opened public hearing at 6:17 P.M. Mrs. Beth Jenkins spoke on the public hearing matter. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Ferguson closed public hearing at 6:19 P.M.*

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS:**

**A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 621** – An Ordinance "Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Incentive And Conveyance Of Property Agreement Among Fairfield County, Project Compact And Certain Other Parties Thereto; A Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Fairfield County And Project Compact; The Transfer Of Real Property Located In Fairfield County To Project Compact And The Provision Of Other Incentives For Project Compact; The Inclusion Of Real Property Located In Fairfield County In The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park; The Execution And Delivery Of Documents Necessary To Effect The Intent Of This Ordinance; And Other Related Matters." **{The above matter was deferred until the end of the meeting}.**

**B. A Resolution To Authorize The County Administrator And Director Of Fairfield County Transit System To File An Application With The South Carolina Department Of Transportation (SCDOT), On Behalf Of The Fairfield County Transit System.** *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the Resolution as stated above. The motion carried unanimously.*

**C. Resolution By Board Of Directors To Apply For Funding (Required Of All Applicants/Awardees): The County Council Members Of Fairfield County Council Is Aware Of The Provisions Of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Program Fund Requirements For Each Application It Makes To The State Of South Carolina For Federal And/Or State Funding And Hereby Authorizes J. Milton Pope, County Administrator And Jennifer Glover-Hawkins, Director Of The Transit System Of Fairfield County Council To File Application With The South Carolina Department Of Transportation (SCDOT) On Behalf Of Fairfield County Council And Fairfield County Transit System For Federal And/Or State Funding To Assist In Providing Community And/Or Human Services Transportation Services.** *It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the Resolution as stated above. The motion carried unanimously.*

**9. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Appointment Ratification as presented for the Fairfield County Planning Commission. **The motion carried unanimously.***

The Clerk announced the following appointment: Mr. John S. McMeekin (representing District #7).

**11. OLD BUSINESS****A. Fairfield Memorial Hospital**

Mr. Pope set forth that this is an informational item for Council and the public as it relates to Fairfield Memorial Hospital. He stated that the hospital came publicly before the Council in need of some assistance and funding due to cash flow needs that they had. The hospital amended that request, where the Council actually increased the appropriation that had been provided to them—which were budgeted dollars, and was advanced to them, along with fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) additional dollars. This, Mr. Pope emphasized, was a critical need for the hospital so that they could meet its specific payroll obligations. Have spoken with the hospital Administrator and CFO regarding the need for the County and the hospital to discuss the status of the situation at the hospital.

**12. NEW BUSINESS****A. Requests To Make Presentation To Council At January 27, 2014 Meeting**

1. Midlands Fatherhood Coalition-Fairfield
2. Fairfield County 4-H & Youth Development
3. Midlands S.T.E.M. Institute

Chairman Ferguson set forth that the Presentation Committee met to discuss the above requests to make a presentation to Council at the January 27, 2014 meeting. He stated the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition and 4-H/Youth Development requests are usual and customary, and they will comply with the five (5) minute time limit. The Midlands S.T.E.M. Institute, he said, had requested thirty (30) minutes; however, it was voted unanimously by the Presentation Committee to allow the group fifteen (15) minutes to present, and therefore, the Presentation Committee is making these recommendations to the Council for approval. ***It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Robinson to accept the requests to make a presentation, as recommended by the Presentation Committee. The motion carried unanimously.***

**B. Report From Economic Development Committee (1-6-2014)**

Mr. Pope outlined that the Economic Development Committee met and discussed information from a private realtor in the community to purchase land from the County. He stated this was in regard to property that was purchased by the County in 2002, and the committee is submitting a recommendation to the full Council for consideration, and if the Council deems appropriate, this item will be moved to the January 27, 2014 meeting for a vote. The motion that came forward from the Economic Development Committee was as follows: *it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to offer for public sale 402 acres of land to remain zoned RD, consistent with the terms as drafted by the County Attorney.*

Questions and Comments:

- What is the drop dead date?
- The property is 405 acres. It has been reduced to 402, so the County needs to get back with the person who brought the request, as their contract has been changed and to see if they are still amenable to offering that to the County with the reduced acreage.

***It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Kinley to accept the language as recommended by the Economic Development Committee, and to place this item on the agenda for the January 27, 2014 meeting for a formal vote by full Council. The motion carried 6-1. {Council Member Brown abstained from voting}.***

**C. Approval Of 2014 Calendar Year Meeting Dates**

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the 2014 Calendar Year Meeting Dates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

**13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**a. County Spotlight:** WIA – Mrs. Tonya Jones

**b. County Administrator Update:**

1. Budget Process. Budget process has begun; have met with department directors and have had some discussions with some Council members. He set forth that with the adoption of the Council's 2014 calendar, internal calendars can be filled in to come up with recommendations to prepare the budget for FY 2014-2015. Mr. Pope also said the Audit for the FY 2012-2013 will be presented at the next Council meeting.
2. Check Register. Continuing to load that information on the web site. This week, the Local Option Sales Tax distributions will appear online. To date, July, August, September, October and November information is available and will appear online. The check register is linked and tied to the State Comptroller's Office.
3. Committee Process. One report has already been given from the Economic Development Committee. Beginning this month, the Administration and Finance Committee will meet to discuss some major financial items. The items are already in the budget, but another review is necessary. Most of them deal with public safety (i.e., fire), which will have the necessary and appropriate Request of Action for the committee to review and recommend to full Council.
4. Drawdy Park Update. Received phone call this morning regarding a failure in the retaining wall at Drawdy Park. The contractors and people involved with the construction were immediately contacted. They were very prompt in response to the call. *{At this point, Mr. Sam Savage, S<sub>2</sub> Engineering, gave a report to the Council}*. Will be working with appropriate County staff to provide regular updates.

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

None.

**15. 2<sup>ND</sup> 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:

- Ms. Beth Jenkins – Hilton Head Policy
- Mr. William Turner – Reasons For Turmoil
- Mr. Randy Bright – Mr. Chairman Was Right
- Mr. Bob Carrison – Drawdy Park

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**Marcharia:

Commented that "to Ms. Beth, who said publicly that Ms. Workman is my girlfriend. Ms. Workman and I are as tight as two peas in a pod. This County Council sitting up here can testify for the last 16 years who my girlfriend is, and who I have traveled with for the last 16 years, and it certainly has not been Ms. Workman, and I resent you coming before public and saying I have an intimate relationship with a person who I don't have that kind of relationship. She is one of my best friends—love her to death, but I don't have that kind of relationship with Ms. Workman. So, you needed to ask me that question before you publicly called me out in that manner".

Also mentioned that Ms. Workman found her uncle dead today, and asked that prayers be offered up for her and her family.

Kinley:

Expressed her appreciation to the Sheriff's deputies for their efforts in checking on the elderly and/or homebound during the cold weather.

Also commented that she has been told there are a lot of unemployment communications occurring in the County.

Mentioned the park that is being built in Blythewood, and commented that some citizens have said how well constructed it is.

Ferguson:

Responded to the comments made about the Council building a spec building without any water or sewer. Also responded to the same gentleman's comments about the City of Columbia providing water to the spec building.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*At 7:15 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry and Council Member Marcharia to in executive session to discuss an economic development matter and a contractual matter. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 10:24 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*In open session, Chairman Ferguson reported no votes were taken in executive session.*

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Chairman Ferguson reported that, in executive session, Council was brought up to speed on some minor changes on the Project Compact matter, which was the reason for taking it into executive session before it was read out.

**18. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.  
CHAIRMAN