



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**Present:** Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, Dan W. Ruff, Billy Smith, Walter Larry Stewart, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council; Jack James, County Attorney

**Absent:** Carolyn B. Robinson

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 one hundred four other individuals.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Marcharia 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 Ruff to approve the agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Stewart led in the Invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

{Vice Chairman Marcharia announced that Chairman Robinson was absent from the meeting and is recuperating from surgery. He asked for prayers for her speedy recovery}.

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.**

Mr. Randy Bright - Ordinance No. 657

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

**A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 657** - Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Designation Of The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park Dated April 15, 2003 By And Between Fairfield And Richland Counties So As To Enlarge The Park (Seibels Services Group, Inc.). *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 657. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Move December 14, 2015 Regular Meeting To December 15, 2015; Suspend December 29, 2015 Regular Meeting; Special Called Meeting, If Necessary.** *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Members Smith and Robinson to move the December 14, 2015 Regular Meeting to December 15, 2015; to suspend the December 29, 2015 Regular Meeting; and to schedule a Special Called Meeting, if necessary. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Pope asked to comment on the economic development matter that was given First Reading. He stated that the agreement has nothing to do with anything physically being domiciled in Fairfield County; but everything to do with the Industrial Park Agreement with Richland County. The physical location on this is actually in Richland County, and Fairfield County receives a benefit by being a underserved County. Richland County gets a small benefit from those things that come into Fairfield County. This has been a very good Agreement for Fairfield County for the past 15 plus years since the partnership. Fairfield County is receiving the real benefit by having this industrial improvement in Richland County.

**A. Strategic Plan Update.** The PAC committee appointed by the Council has had its first kick-off meet at Midlands Technical College. At that meeting, Fairfield County staff, the consultants and six of the seven members of the PAC committee. The committee themselves have agreed to meet on the third Wednesday of each month, and if additional meetings are needed, they will call those. Notes are taken at the meetings, and those will be made publicly available. The first meeting was an organizational meeting. Council needs to appoint a chair to that group, and the group will appoint a vice chair. This matter will be brought back to Council for an official appointment of chair of that group. The committee is reviewing everything and data collection. Staff will continue to update Council and will have this information on the website for the public to review.

Council Member Stewart inquired if the person the Council is going to appoint as chairman have to be one of the individuals that is already been appointed, or will that be an additional person.

Mr. Pope responded that the PAC chairman has to be a person from one of the seven that County Council has already appointed, which will be a consensus vote by County or at least a majority.

**B. Recreation And Public Safety Projects Update.** Mr. Pope reported that Council has moved forward with the recreational projects and public safety projects. The projects list has been approved. Hopefully, will be finalizing the document with AIA Contracts this week to make sure everything is in line before they are given the Notice to Proceed. As soon as that is done, the contractor will be out to begin the grading, etc. A timeline will be created and updates on the project will be made public at the Council meetings. One remaining item that the council will need to decide on, but as far as the project approvals and moving forward, everything has been done. There are no other required votes on anything. As soon as this is completed, hopefully, by the end of the week, staff will be moving forward with each of the projects as voted on and approved publicly by the Council.

**C. County Administrator Search Process.** The successful company to provide the search for Fairfield County is Waters and Company Executive Recruitment. They will be here before the next Council meeting, where they will have meetings with individual Council Members to structure and set up the process. One of the timelines they hope to establish is to have in 60 or 90 days after meeting with Council to begin the vetting process of applicants. Council has decided that it desires an Administrator with South Carolina experience, not necessarily a person presently employed in South Carolina, but does have South Carolina management experience. In the selection process, this was a company that actually provided Administrator search for York County, which they were successful in.

On the Community Enhancement Grants, staff has sent that information out to Council; however staff can provide hard copies if Council so desires. The recommendations need to be brought back before the full Council, and if there are any questions, Council is asked to forward those to the Administrator. Hope to get this matter on the agenda for the next meeting so as to finalize it hopefully before Thanksgiving.

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

No report.

**15. 2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT WILL BE FOR ITEMS NOT CURRENTLY ON COUNCIL'S AGENDA OR UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. THE SUBJECT MATTER SHALL BE RELATED TO AND LIMITED TO ITEMS, ISSUES AND TOPICS REGARDING FAIRFIELD COUNTY. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.**

- Ms. Carol Turner - Mitford Recreation Center
- Mr. Virgil Porter - Economic Development
- Mr. Randy Bright - General Information

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

- Stewart: Thanked the members of the Mitford Community Club for inviting him to their meeting last week, where he gave them an update on what was going on in the County and they gave him some good feedback on what they want and what they need in Mitford.

- Smith: Inquired of Council Member Stewart if this is a culmination of efforts for the community center in the Mitford area? Inquired about the status of the check register being updated. Provided more information about the questions posed about the Alliances.
- Kinley: Commented on a call she received from a gentleman who likes to flip mill village houses and to redo a couple of blocks at a time.
- Marcharia: Asked everyone to be vigilant about the flash flood warnings continuing across the county and state.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*At 6:33 P.M. it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Ruff to go in executive session to receive a legal update; economic development project update; personnel matters regarding the County Administrator search, Economic Development Director hiring update and Fire Commission personnel matter. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:30 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**18. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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KAMAU MARCHARIA  
VICE CHAIRMAN