



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, 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: Marion 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 eleven other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all a wonderful Christmas holiday.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Pope brought forward two items that he requested Council's consideration on: (1) add, under Item #11, the Administration and Finance Committee report from the meeting previously held; (2) report on information received today, which is being considered as an emergency situation regarding the Molly Creek bridge closing. Need an action from the Council on this matter. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to amend the agenda to include the items as presented by Mr. Pope. **The motion carried 5-1 {Council Member Smith voted nay}.***

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the agenda, with the amendments as outlined. **The motion carried unanimously.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Smith led in the Invocation.

Chairman Robinson reported that Council Member Robinson was not present because he is recovery from surgery.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 23, 2015. **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.

- Ms. Kerry Matthews - Economic Development Project
- Ms. Wanda Carnes - Recreation
- Mr. William Coleman - Tax Appeal
- Mr. Randy Bright - Plan Update

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Third And Final Reading: 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 Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 657. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 658 - Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Agreement Governing The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park By And Between Richland County, South Carolina, And Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Real Property Located In Richland County By Dominion Carolinas Gas Transmission, LLC; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 658. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 659 - Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Agreement Governing The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park By And Between Richland County, South Carolina, And Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Real Property Located In Richland County (CD/Park7 Columbia SC High Rise Owner LLC); And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 659. The motion carried unanimously.*

D. Resolution No. 2015-12: 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 Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Resolution No. 2015-12 as posted.* During discussion, Council Member Smith asked Mr. Pope to provide a little more information on this Resolution. Mr. Pope first introduced Ms. Marilyn Gratic, newly appointed Transit Director; subsequently, he pointed out that this is an annual requirement and on the matching piece, the County does not yet know what the federal funding is going to be and cannot give a specific dollar amount. These matching dollars are planned in the budget process, but in order to go forward with the grant application, Council's consent is necessary. *The motion carried unanimously.*

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report From Administration And Finance Committee. Committee Chairman Robinson reported the committee met this afternoon to discuss several financial matters, and wished to forward them on the full Council. Mr. Pope presented the following:

1. Request Of Action: E911 - Replace Server And Workstations In E911. These are all budgeted dollars in FY 2015-2016. Server and workstations are reaching the end of life regarding age. The purchase itself was made with State contract pricing, which has been vetted. Two different quotes. Total purchase price for various equipment was \$61,416.06; separate State contracting pricing of \$8,228.01. Council Member Smith asked what was the final financial impact be, and what amount was approved in the budget. Mr. Pope reported total financial impact was \$69,644.00 and stated he would need to confirm the exact budgeted amount. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the Request of Action to Replace the Server and Workstations in E911. **The motion carried unanimously.***

2. Request Of Action: EMS - Purchase Of Extrication Equipment. Council approved the purchase of new equipment in the 2015-2016 budget for EMS. Requesting to use the money to purchase much-needed replacement as well as additional extrication equipment. The fiscal impact is \$30,000.00 for equipment. The requested equipment was bid and the County received a single submission. That bid price, which the committee is recommending, is \$29,771.52 to Victory Steel, LLC. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the Request of Action for the Purchase of Extrication Equipment for EMS. During discussion, Council Member Smith inquired if this is something that is on State contract anywhere? **The motion carried unanimously.***

3. Request Of Action: Sheriff's Office - Replace 13 Laptops For Deputies. There are several laptops that are very slow, have keys on the keyboard not properly working, fluid leaking out of the screens and are totally non-repairable. The ones being replaced are approximately five years old or older. This was run through the IT Department. The purchase price, which was a budgeted item in the IT budget, is \$34,630.44. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the Request of Action from the Sheriff's Office to Replace 13 Laptops for Deputies. **The motion carried unanimously.***

4. Request Of Action: Sheriff's Office - Purchase Patrol Boat. This is to replace a 1994 Key West boat with a 2000 Honda, 130 hp engine. The money was provided in the budget for a new center console boat, along with a new engine. The Sheriff's Office was approved \$40,970.00 for the purchase. They were interested in purchasing a Sea Hunt boat; however, this was not on State contract. The substitute product was a little bit larger engine, for a difference in price of \$467.00 and a little bit more than what was budgeted in the Sheriff's Department budget. The committee members were reminded that the last several purchases of vehicles in the Sheriff's Department were under budget and that \$467.00 can be taken from residual capital funding left over from the savings. The committee's recommendation was to move forward with the purchase of the boat for patrolling Lake Monticello and Lake Wateree. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Request of Action for the Purchase of Patrol Boat for the Sheriff's Office for \$41,437.00. **The motion carried unanimously.***

B. Molly Creek Bridge Closing. Mr. Pope reported he received from the SCDOT that, in their process of going out and inspecting bridges and roads throughout the state, Molly Creek Bridge was found to have issues and actually needs repair. The SCDOT would like to have a letter of support from Council that immediate action is needed to support the fixes

needed on the bridge, which is a public safety issue where people don't have access to this particular area. The letter of support will help SCDOT to raise this on the statewide priority list. If Council is in favor of this, Administration can draft a letter on behalf of Council. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Administrator's request to submit a letter of support as stated.* During discussion, Chairman Robinson pointed out that this is the second bridge that is closed at Lake Wateree, which creates problems with EMS response and fire protection. She asked that the motion be amended to send a copy of the letter to the County Delegation, so they will be aware of this request. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to amend the motion to include sending a copy of the letter of support to the County Delegation. **The amendment to the motion carried unanimously.*** Council Member Smith inquired who the letter is being sent to. ***The main motion carried unanimously.***

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Enhancement Grants. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia that Council accept the Administration's recommendations for the Community Enhancement Grants, and once Council has approved them, that they be posted for the public.*

*Vice Chairman Marcharia moved to make a friendly amendment to approve the funding in the amount of \$500.00 for Mount Moriah Baptist Church. The church has provided a clarifying letter stating that they would not provide money for students; but rather, would use the funding for youth activities, purchase gifts for the elderly and installation of a handicapped ramp. Council Member Kinley seconded the amendment. Council Member Smith inquired if staff could check to ascertain if there is enough money from District 4 to accomplish this. **The amendment to the motion to approve funding for Mount Moriah Baptist Church carried 5-1. (Council Member Smith voted nay).***

It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Stewart to amend the main motion by adding that the monies may not be paid to the organizations until they have submitted receipts. During discussion, Vice Chairman Marcharia inquired if the church has to pay for all the items and get the items and then submit the receipts. He opined that they are asking for money that they don't have, and asked if they have to pay out of their coffers and then submit a receipt?

Council Member Smith's response was affirmative, that the churches and anyone else who would be receiving the Community Enhancement Grants, as in a discussion with Administration and staff, there has been considerable difficulty in getting the organizations to submit receipts.

Vice Chairman Marcharia indicated he is aware of two incidents where receipts were not returned, and inquired if this was considered significant and asked if there was information where that many groups did not submit receipts?

Council Member Smith indicated he let Administration handle the administration of County business and that he was going off of what he was told. He added that he did not say anything about how many organizations it was, only that he understood from discussions from staff that there has been considerable difficulty in the past obtaining receipts after the fact.

Vice Chairman Marcharia voiced that in a county where 80% of the students are on free lunch, which means their parents are probably making minimum wage and trying to go to church and the churches are trying to reach out because they are citizens and taxpayers

like everyone else. He stated they are trying to reach the children and senior citizens and asked if you want to place an additional burden on them, as the only thing that is being asked is to pass this to help the people in the community that is in need, and that he is hearing an obstruction to that.

Council Member Smith indicated he would question the definition of a burden, as one cannot too much burden someone when you are talking about giving them money.

Vice Chairman Marcharia then voiced that Council has reached out in the last few years when the criteria fits within what Administration has put forth, and that is what is followed, as receipts are part of that.

Council Member Smith responded currently they can spend the money without providing a receipt, which is the point behind his motion, is that the receipts are submitted, then the Council would provide the funding, and secondly, he wished to state for the record that these are not all churches facilitating the passing along of funds or meals or clothes. This conversation, he said, has to be about the reality of the situation, as some of the money will be going to pay for a church play and take people on a church field trip. He maintained that he thinks Council should get receipts for things before they are passed along, and if Council can get through this motion to the main motion, he would support some of these things.

Council Member Kinley asked if Mr. Pope would give a statement on the receipts.

Vice Chairman voiced that if there has been difficulty, then perhaps the criteria needs to be tweaked to make sure the Council and the community is in harmony in terms of what the criteria is saying. He added that sometimes when you do something like this for two or three years, it takes two or three years to get the kinks out of the program to follow the criteria. He said rather than cut or slash the program, he would rather go back and tweak the program and each Council Member should be responsible for their district and know what he criteria is.

Council Member Kinley inquired if the Council could say: if there is an extreme emergency that they cannot do the money up front that they contact the Administrator.

It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Stewart and Council Member Smith that if the entity that is to be given the money has a hard time or a struggle to provide the money up front to do this and then bring the receipt, to let them confide in Administration. During discussion, Council Member Smith offered that he thought this was a fantastic recommendation, that if someone can show that they have a hardship, in the Administrator's purview, that would be fine.

Vice Chairman Marcharia stated that he thought that when the grant is done that it had to represent a minimum of 15 people in the community; not like an individual in distress somewhere. He voiced that he did not know how that is possible if they have to pay before they get the money. **The motion carried unanimously.**

*Chairman Robinson stated that the amendment to the motion originally is that everyone else is going to be spending the money up front; then bring the receipts and they can be funded at that time. **The motion carried 5-1. (Vice Chairman Marcharia voted nay).***

Chairman Robinson pointed out that the original motion was for Mount Moriah Baptist Church to be added to District 4, which was approved.

Council Member Kinley maintained that the time has come that Council needs to go back to the drawing board for this, and would move that the Council discontinue the Community Enhancement Grants Program for the 2016-2017 budget and replace it with specific funding that goes toward the support of community-based programs or agencies that either develop or promote the improvements of quality of life activities for youth, adults and seniors.

Council Member Smith inquired if this were an amending motion?

Council Member Kinley stated this would be after Council has voted on the other motion, and would be from here forward.

Chairman Robinson asked that the motion be removed until Council can get the original motion to approve, based on the Administrator's recommendations.

Chairman Robinson then set forth that the motion is to approve the recommendations of the Administrator for the Community Enhancement Grants.

Council Member Smith stated that the Administrator gave Council a list of staff-based amendments, and inquired if they were included in the current list. ***The main motion carried unanimously.***

It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith that County Council discontinue the Community Enhancement Grant Program for the 2016-2017 budget year, and replace it with specific funding that goes toward the support of community-based programs or agencies that either develop or promote the improvement of quality of life activities for youth, adults and seniors. During discussion, Council Member Stewart voiced that his concern about any of these programs is that there is adequate controls, and is his first and foremost concern. He stated he would request that Council Member Kinley add another sentence to that: something to the effect that the County ensure adequate controls are built into the process.

Council Member Kinley emphasized that this could be added on to the last sentence as: ...improvement of quality of life activities for youth, adults and seniors with adequate controls being added to the program, and would make that part of her motion, if it pleases the Council.

Council Member Smith voiced that he absolutely agrees that Council needs to do this, and is one reason why he thought it necessary to get the organizations to produce receipts before they are paid. He also asked to be clear on something, i.e., he was asked to donate to an organization, personally. He stated he made that donation personally and is not going to ask them for receipts, as it was personal money; but opined that the County needs to safeguard the citizens' money and to make sure it is being spent on the proper things that are tied up in the program.

Council Member Smith subsequently asked to make an amending motion to Council Member Kinley's motion that this new program be only non-religious organizations be eligible for this new program. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. During discussion, Council Member Kinley voiced that this could be different in a larger town;

however, in a small town and knowing the history of the County, it has been discovered that there are 93 homeless students in the high school. Those kinds of things, she opined, churches have gone to bat for them when nobody has offered and sometimes in the small town, one depends on the churches to be there when the family is not and believed it is the Council's duty to scrutinize and to see what is good or bad about the program and if it is legitimate.

Council Member Smith stated that if Council Member Kinley would be amenable to this and would second an amending motion, he would be willing to draw back his amending motion if Council could include in her motion, or amend that motion to state: that religious organizations would only be able to be a facilitator of the funding and not be able to use that for a play or take a field trip or something of that nature. He cited if they are giving out clothes or helping somebody pay a light bill or giving food or something of that nature, they are a facilitator, and that is a way of helping those citizens and they are just a pass-through, and not benefit the religious organization itself.

Council Member Stewart rescinded his second to Council Member Smith's amending motion.

Council Member Smith moved; seconded by Council Member Stewart to amend the main motion to include that the money can only be spent with religious organizations when they are a facilitator of the funding, and not directly benefit the religious organization itself. During discussion, Vice Chairman Marcharia opined that this sounds like religious intolerance to some degree; however, he believed that if the church is providing a trip to young people who live in this state who have never seen salt water or an ocean or mountain, it is not church or spiritual in that way; but rather is exposing them to various things like oceans, mountains or maybe colleges. He asked if a field trip that is sponsored by the church associated with religious and that religion is benefitting from that?

Council Member Smith opined that with the amending motion, that would be something that Council and staff as well would have purview over, as when the application is submitted, it would be known what it was, and if they are just a facilitator for something, then under this amending motion, they would be eligible for funding.

Vice Chairman Marcharia expressed that when he read Council Member Smith's email, unless he misinterpreted it, it kind of implied that the Council needs to stop the Community Grants before other religious ask for the money, and that he {Marcharia} resented the fact that other religious are targeted.

Council Member Smith voiced that was a mischaracterization of what his email contained and what he meant in the email, and that he would be glad to make that public if anyone would like to see it. He stated his point was if Council is comfortable giving to all religious, then okay; but if Council is only going to be comfortable when it comes up before you for your religion, then that is a problem because Council has to be fair to everyone.

Chairman Robinson offered that Council should move on with this amendment and the original amendment, and continue this discussion in a work session to be resolved before budget, if Council is amenable.

Chairman Robinson then set forth that the latest amendment to the motion is: that only the money can be spent with religious organizations when they are the facilitator of the funds and not helping that organization itself in the future. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Robinson stated the original motion with the amendments: that the County Council discontinue the Community Enhancement Grant Program for the 2016-2017 budget year and replace it with specific funding that goes towards the support of community-based programs or agencies that either develop or promote the improvement of quality of life activities for youth, adults and seniors and that there be adequate controls as they are implemented within the program. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice Chairman Marcharia maintained that it would be better to use the term criteria rather than control.

Chairman Robinson expressed that Council seems to have everything in order for the Enhancement Grants to be dealt with tonight; and from this point forward, Council will have work session to debate this and come up with what needs to be done in the future.

Council Member Stewart voiced that when one is talking about controls, it is a process and that criteria is what is used to evaluate to put them into the category to where the money can be allocated. Control is the process of implementing that, which is two different things.

Mr. Pope outlined the following approved Community Enhancement Grants as follows:

1. Tiger Totes Family Literacy, Purchase of books to distribute to young people, \$500.00, District 1
2. Fairfield Educational Training Complex, camping equipment for youth program, \$500.00 (previously provided receipts), District 3
3. Little River Baptist Church Food Pantry, purchase food for pantry, \$500.00, District 4
4. Mount Moriah Baptist Church, \$500.00, District 4
5. St. Luke Baptist Church, purchase food for pantry, \$500.00, District 4
6. St. Peter Community Church, youth program and reach out to elderly, \$500.00, District 4
7. Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, back to school supplies for youth, \$500.00, District 5
8. New Hope A.M.E. Church, back to school supplies, \$250.00, District 5
9. New Hope A.M.E. Church, Angel tree project, \$250.00, District 5
10. Fairfield Arts Council, student writing contest, \$500.00, District 5
11. Blackjack Baptist Church, back to school bash; gifts for nursing home patients, \$500.00, District 5
12. St. Mark Baptist Church, serve food to elderly and children, \$500.00, District 5
13. First Church of the Nazarene, amended recommendation was for advertising of Judgment House event, \$500.00, District 6
14. Midlands S.T.E.M. Institute, purchase of playground equipment, \$500.00, District 6
15. St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, amendment recommendation for dollars to be awarded to only be spent on youth, adult and elderly health and wellness programs, \$500.00, District 6
16. Ward One Community Association, back to school supplies, \$425.64 (previously provided receipts), District 6
17. Zion Hill Prevention Save the Kids, back to school supplies, \$500.00, District 6

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. New Accounting Rules Require Governments To Disclose Tax Incentive Agreements In Financial Statements. New GASB 77 requirement that must be included in the audit. The County is now required to disclose additional information regarding changes in fee-in-lieu arrangements. Effective for the statement periods beginning December, 2015, this applies only to tax abatement agreements, special source revenue credits and other incentives, if part of the tax abatement agreement has to be reported. This requires information in our audit such as descriptive information for taxes being abated, authority for the abatements, eligibility criteria, a mechanism of the abatement, recapture provisions, company commitments made, gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the reporting period, any other governmental commitments made. The key issues is that anytime Council enters into an economic development deal, all of the documentation is in the Ordinance; however, there are no specific notes that are made in the audit. Now, there must be specific notes in the annual audits to back up those things.

B. Economic Development Project Update. In regard to the Wood Pellet project, Mr. Pope reported that he and Mr. Anderson met with several citizens about their concern with the wood pellet project. As a staff, have had direct communication with the company as well as with the Department of Commerce regarding some of the information that has been published. One of the facts is that Abengoa does have financial challenges and they are looking at financially restructuring itself. The project itself is pending and has not been shelled. The County is still receiving information from the company and from the Department of Commerce with all of the vetting process. The zoning request has been placed on hold and do not know what the final determination of the company will be on that matter. Expect some official statement the first part of the year regarding that. As public information is made available, it will be provided to Council and will update the public as well.

C. SCDOT/Fairfield County Potential Lease Agreement And Property Acquisition. Matter for executive session.

D. Fairfield County Classification And Compensation Update. Council approved budget dollars for a classification and compensation study for our County employees. Have received preliminary information. Plans are to meet with the consultants, the Archer Group, and hopefully will be able to report that information out. A lot of information will have to be discussed with Council and decide how to move forward with the recommendations in that study.

E. FEMA Update. Mr. Pope introduced Ms. Sheryl Kitts, who is actually with the Small Business Administration. She gave a briefing on some of the information available through the SBA. Due to the storms, Fairfield County was added to the disaster recovery list. One bridge was impacted. Mr. Pope met with the Governor and administrators across the state to discuss the impact of the flooding in South Carolina. The Governor is working on long-term support for getting South Carolina back to working. A link to the forms that were provided by SBA will be placed on the County website.

F. Strategic Plan Update. Seven members that were appointed by Council are working hard and collectively. They have individual perspectives of the County, which is very good for the process. Their work is moving forward. The consultants are very pleased with the process thus far. Around the first of the year, will probably have one of the first major updates to provide to Council. Will have Mr. Gjertson give a public update. Having various focus group meetings and individual meetings. Community surveys have been sent out.

G. Sheriff's Department Evidence Room Update. This was approved in the budget. Sheriff's Department needed this for security purposes. This project is moving forward and staff will be providing regular updates.

H. Economic Development Plan Update. On a parallel track, are updating the Economic Development Plan, which will be folded into the overall Strategic Plan. T. Y. Lin has already met with Ms. Crystal Morphis and her group; however, with the Economic Development Plan, one item of business that the Council has to do and as a public meeting, there must be a plan or work session for them to be able to come back with some of the information and provide some input. Will work with the Clerk to coordinate a meeting, per the Council's schedule in the next few weeks.

I. Fairfield County Airport Lease Agreement. Pending contractual matter for executive session.

J. Tax Assessment Appeal Litigation Update. Matter for executive session.

K. Thanked the Council for a very positive year.

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.

- Ms. Wanda Carnes - Invitation
- Mr. Virgil Porter - Response To Mr. Pope's Answers
- Mr. Randy Bright - Merry Christmas

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

- Members of Council wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.
- Council Member Stewart directed his comments to Mr. Bright, saying we have reached a compromise and are putting the center up in Mitford. He said he and Chairman Robinson have gotten together and are going to put it between the two districts. He said there are things that the Council is doing.
- Chairman Robinson announced the passing of Tiffany Harrison's husband and asked that everyone remember Tiffany in their prayers. Chairman Robinson also asked Council to record Saturday, January 9, 2016 on their calendars as the Council 2016 Planning Session and asked that Council be thinking about items for discussion. She also clarified a matter regarding the litigation going on with the tax assessment.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 7:40 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith to go in executive session to discuss a contractual matter regarding recreation; a personnel matter regarding the County Administrator search; receive a legal update on a tax assessment appeal and airport lease agreement and an economic development matter dealing with sewer infrastructure, economic development projects update and an update regarding Enor. **The motion carried unanimously.***

At 9:45 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.**

It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley and Council Member Ruff that Council direct staff to move forward with due diligence on the property identified for the land for a recreational facility for Districts 2 and 3. **The motion carried unanimously.**

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN