

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL DECEMBER 27, 2001

Present: David L. Ferguson, Robert W. Davis, Russell David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Carnell Murphy, Kamau Marcharia, Council Members; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator

Absent: Carolyn Robinson, Council Member

Staff: James P. Black

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: <u>The Herald-Independent, The State</u>, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and five other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Mr. Davis gave the invocation.

3. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

A. Economic Development Matter Pertaining To Gividi – Authorizing The Extension Of The Investment Period Under That Certain Lease Agreement By And Between Fairfield County, South Carolina, And Gividi USA, Inc., Dated November 8, 1996, To Allow Additional Investments To Become Part Of The Project.

Mr. Black gave Council an overview of the request from Gividi. He explained that the reason for the request was to extend the fee-in-lieu agreement that was executed when Gividi was first recruited into the County. Mr. Black also made Council aware that the request for the meeting was by McNair Law Firm, who overlooked having this extension done prior to the end of the year. The original fee-in-lieu, Mr. Black stated, was executed in 1996. He explained that FILOTs are good for five years, and in this particular case, the project was in the amount of \$8 million dollars, of which GiViDi had five years to complete that project. Their

taxes were based on their fees based on over \$10 million this year. Mr. Black explained that what they are requesting is if they had new equipment after the end of this year, they would like for that fee to be extended for two years; so they would have the FILOT applied to any additional equipment they might put in the plant. In summary, Mr. Black expressed that this is not applicable to anything that is in place now, but any new equipment that is added after this year that the fee would apply to; therefore, a two-year extension is what is being requested (applying only to new equipment). After several in-depth questions and concerns (particularly relative to the investment amount; the economic impact; what is gained and/or lost; the subsidies, etc.) from members of Council, it was moved by Mr. Murphy; seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Resolution to authorize the extension of the investment period. The motion carried. {Mr. Marcharia voted no}.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

´SHRYLL/MJ,/BROWN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON

CHAIRMAN