



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 26, 2015**

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

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 Carolyn Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley and Council Member Ruff; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia 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 Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the minutes of the Inauguration/Regular Meeting of January 12, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- The Richard Winn Academy SCISA 2014 8-Man State Football Champions were recognized by the Council. Chairman Robinson read the stats of their accomplishments.
- Dr. Walt Collins gave Council an update of the programs at USC Lancaster.
- Mr. Rudolph Walker gave Council an update of the programs and services of the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition/Fairfield.

**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.**

The following individual signed to speak:

- Mr. Randy Bright – Meetings and Agendas

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

None.

**9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS****A. Board of Disabilities and Special Needs**

*{Council Member Marion Robinson asked to recuse himself from the discussion pertaining to the appointments to the Board of Disabilities and Special needs, citing the reason of his wife being Chairman of the Board of Disabilities and Special Needs, and in order to not be in violation of any ethics regulations, he left the room during the discussion}. Upon his return to the dais, Council Member Carolyn Robinson asked Council Member Marion Robinson to sign a Statement of Conflict of Interest, which is on file in the Clerk to Council's office.*

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Appointment Ratification as presented for the Board of Disabilities and Special Needs. **The motion carried 6-1, with Council Member Marion Robinson not voting.***

*The Clerk announced the following appointments: Mrs. Beth Caulder (representing District 2) and Ms. Carol Martig (representing District 4).*

**B. Planning Commission**

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley and Council Member Trapp to approve the Appointment Ratification as presented for the Planning Commission. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*The Clerk announced the following appointment: Ms. Jenifer Barnes (representing District 4).*

**11. OLD BUSINESS****A. 2015 Meeting Schedule**

Chairman Robinson set forth the following additions from last week's discussion:

- February 18: Association of Counties Coalition
- February 19: Institute of Government
- February 21-25: NACo Legislative Conference
- Industry Appreciation and Employee Appreciation TBA
- July 13, 2015: Recommendation to move that date to July 14, 2015, as the 13th is the last day of the conference held in Charlotte, NC. Chairman Robinson set forth the proposed agenda that was held last year, i.e., the closing session was held from 2:45 to 4:15, with the conference celebration event being held that evening.

*It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Marion Robinson that Council hold that meeting on the following day so that some of the Council Members could attend the last day of the conference. **The motion carried unanimously.***

- April 23: Industry Appreciation Day
- January 29: Meeting with Hospital Board @ MTC/Fairfield Hall, 7:00 P.M.
- January 28: Chairman Robinson; Council Member Ruff and Mr. Pope scheduled for meeting with Town of Ridgeway.

- Will need additional budget work sessions, which can be scheduled at the appropriate time.

*It was moved by Council Member Ruff; seconded by Council Member Marion Robinson to accept the meeting dates as presented and amended. **The motion carried unanimously.***

## **B. Council Bylaws**

Chairman Robinson set forth that a separate email was sent to Council, outlining the existing, previous and proposed structure for County Council committees.

Prior to making a motion, Council Member Smith asked Mr. Pope to explain what has been presented to Council on the committee structure.

Mr. Pope stated staff has attempted to follow through with the discussion at the work session, and from that work session, staff tried to make it visually simple based upon the discussion: the existing committees are listed to the left; used the previous seven committees that were under the old bylaws structure; transitioned the previous committees into the new ones; also clarified or amended the definitions to be able to clearly articulate what each of those committees were to undertake. Staff also attempted to clean up some of the language (such as the language that said Council preferred work sessions instead of the committee meetings). Staff is recommending that language be deleted. The Clerk used the information provided by the Administrator and deleted it; placed it in red, etc., so that Council could actually see the changes that have taken place. Also, the Chairman has forwarded to Council the appointments to the committees.

*It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Marion Robinson that Council accept the plan as presented; except that Council split the Policy and Development Committee as presented into two (2) separate committees: the first one being Public Affairs and Policy Committee (encompassing Justice and Personnel Procedures, Environmental and Public Safety, Welfare and Community Relations); the second committee from the split would be: Public Resources and Development Committee, which would encompass Health, Education and Recreation, Public Facilities and Transportation and Land Planning; and that we adjust the language under the current Policy and Development Committee as presented accordingly with this two-committee split of that. Subsequent to hearing Council Member Smith's logic or theory for proposing the committee split, and after hearing Mr. Pope's summary of the committee process; specifically, the footnote that states issues having a financial impact (except Economic Development) will default to the Administration and Finance Committee, Chairman Robinson presented the following: Motion Period Process. As we clarify our new rules and bylaws, would like to recommend a new process that will hopefully make bringing issues to Council more efficient: First, any individual matter initiated by a Council Member that needs Council action should be first made into a motion, voted on and assigned by the Chair, to a committee, if the majority carries that motion. This same process will apply to matters that are brought to the Council by members of the public.*

*Council Member Smith called for a Point of Order, citing Council has a motion on the table, and he is not sure this is germane to that motion. Chairman Robinson voiced it is, in that Council is discussing it, but it is also part of how it gets to committee.*

*Council Member Smith requested a copy of that document, voicing he has not seen it. {The Clerk was excused to provide Council with copies of the Motion Period Process document}.*

*Vice Chairman Marcharia voiced his concern about splitting the committee, and where it will eventually arrive at some kind of financial given.*

*Council Member Marion Robinson voiced that if something were assigned to a committee, it would still go through that committee, even if it did have financial impact; after it went through committee, if necessary, it would go to the Finance Committee.*

Mr. Pope offered to clarify or summarize the discussion saying once a matter is assigned to that committee, it stays in that committee until it is referred out.

Council Member Ruff asked Mr. Pope if he would set forth his opinion on the third committee and splitting it into two, as what the motion is.

***The motion carried 5-2 for the Policy and Development Committee to be broken into two (2) committees: Public Affairs and Policy; Public Resources and Development. The motion carried 5-2. {Council Member Trapp and Vice Chairman Marcharia voted nay}.*** Chairman Robinson confirmed that the committee assignments that were placed at each Council Member's desk tonight are adopted along with this discussion, and until Council can get this finalized, further business will not be held up.

Chairman Robinson digressed to the items that will come to Council or by the public, in order for them to be assigned to a committee, Council would need a motion and a second and carried on the floor; at which time that recommendation for appointment is made to be studied by a committee.

Council Member Smith voiced that he was absolutely in favor of this policy, stating it provides more transparency for the public as well as a means by which the public can make a request; however, he inquired if this were a proposal or is this something that Council is going to insert into the bylaws.

Chairman Robinson stated this would be something that would help clarify motions that are made within Council's rules and would be in writing, and would be inserted in the Council Bylaws in the appropriate place and finalized at the next meeting.

### **C. Fairfield County Delegation/Former Sheriff Herman Young Order Of The Palmetto Event**

Council Member Kinley gave a report of the event that is being planned to honor Sheriff Herman Young:

- Monday, February 23, 2015, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. @ Carolina Event Center.
- No ticket required or charged. Soliciting sponsors so that the doors can be opened to the public. Levels of sponsorship to help pay for the reception. If any money is left towards the proceeds that come in, the committee would like to award a student with a scholarship to go in to the criminal justice field.
- Senator Coleman and Representative Douglas have spearheaded this through the Governor's Office to get the Order of the Palmetto.

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Ruff to direct the County Administrator to purchase a platinum sponsorship for Sheriff Herman Young's Order of the Palmetto Ceremony. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

**A. 2015 Industry Appreciation Week/Ambassadors For Economic Development**

Mr. Pope stated Council took care of Industry Appreciation week with the calendar. For the Ambassadors for Economic Development, Mr. Pope addressed this was something each county does annually. A sheet that listed the criteria for recommendations for the Economic Development Ambassador was disseminated to Council. Staff is recommending that Council consider or nominate Mr. Walter Link from BOMAG as Ambassador of the Year. *It was moved by Council Kinley; seconded by Council Member Ruff to nominate Mr. Walter Link as the Ambassador for Economic Development. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**B. Letter From DHEC - Acknowledgment Of Comments And Meeting Request, Winnsboro Crushed Stone LLC, Application, I-002053, Winnsboro Quarry**

Mr. Pope read the above-referenced letter into the record, which is incorporated herein by reference, as if fully set out in words. After reading the letter, Mr. Pope stated the County is trying to stay abreast of what they are doing with their staff; also, there has not been any site development plans that have been submitted officially to the County.

**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 TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.**

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Miss Louise Ruff - Recreation
- Mayor Greg Ginyard - Sidewalk Project
- Mrs. Lisa Brandenburg - Quarry
- Mr. Randy Bright - Picture Is Worth 1000 Words

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Marcharia: Asked Council to consider approving the letter of support from the Town of Jenkinsville for the sidewalk project. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Trapp to present this matter to the Policy and Development committee as soon as possible, and to expedite it. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Reported the Fairfield County Liaison Department is sponsoring a formal "Bridging the Gap" affair at the Carolina Event Center on February 28th. Stated the keynote speaker will be Rev. Corbin and Congressman Clyburn. Asked if the County would honor these two gentlemen with a plaque or proclamation.

Reported that complaints are always made about providing recreation for senior citizens, children and the community, and voiced that he is going to fight for appropriations for District 4 and for the County to enhance their communities.

Kinley: Announced that the Board of Disabilities and Special Needs is sponsoring a Valentine's Gala for their consumers, February 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., at the Carolina Event Center.

C. Robinson: Presented a copy of the tax check the County received from SCANA, and reported the distribution of the \$26,239,295.23 check.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council did not need the executive session.

**18. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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CAROLYN B. ROBINSON  
CHAIRMAN