



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 23, 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 7:36 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Marion Robinson to approve the agenda. Mr. Pope asked Council for consideration to add a Weather Update under the County Administrator's Report. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Ruff led in the invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the minutes of the Work Session of January 29, 2015 and Regular Meeting of February 9, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

It was reported that Mr. Randy Bright had an emergency to handle, and could not be present tonight. Chairman Robinson stated Mr. Bright's request will be sent back to the Presentation Committee to schedule another date.

**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. Jeff Schaffer - Sidewalk
- Mr. D. Melton - Sidewalk
- Mr. Moses Bell - Fire Service

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

**A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 648** - 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 (3130 Bluff Rd, Llc.); And Other Related Matters. Mr. Pope was asked to give an overview of this Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 648. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**11. OLD BUSINESS****A. Funding Request For World War II Memorial Monument**

Mr. Pope set forth that this item was previously voted on by Council in 2014, when Mr. Haslett came before Council requesting funds. The County agreed to commit to \$10,000.00 toward the World War II Memorial project, contingent upon education and the raising of funds. There were also discussions at that time whether or not the Town of Winnsboro would participate in this request. Staff had previously sent to Council the documentation from Mr. Haslett that outlines the bank account for the World War II Memorial, which shows the amount of funds that have been collected thus far. Additionally, Council received a copy of the check from the Town of Winnsboro. A Council Member inquired if there were an official 501 c 3 group that this initially was a part of. According to Mr. Haslett, this is actually an initiative from a group of citizens that would like to move forward with the memorial. The allocation is available, if Council moves forward with the approval. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Marion Robinson to authorize the allocation of \$10,000.00 for the World War II Memorial Monument.* During discussion, members of Council voiced their viewpoint about the funding of the project; following, Chairman Robinson allowed comments from Mr. Haslett. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Medlin/Schofield Update - Depositing Funds With The Court**

Mr. Pope indicated this matter would be reserved for a legal update in Executive Session.

**C. Jenkinsville Sidewalk Project**

Mr. Pope reminded Council that this item went through committee, which passed on a recommendation to the CTC. The CTC took the matter up; they did not have a quorum where they could officially conduct business; they reconvened the following Monday two weeks ago and forwarded the following recommendation: On this date, the Fairfield County Transportation Committee has voted to give \$25,000.00 in 2015, and \$25,000.00 in 2016 for the Jenkinsville Sidewalk Project. This commitment with the understanding that if the necessary matching funds to secure the grant are not obtained by the Town of Jenkinsville by March 2, 2015, the above commitment is null and void. This commitment will come from SCDOT allocated funds. Mr. Pope reiterated this comes from a portion of CTC funds, or gas tax monies, that are appropriated back through the Department of Transportation to the CTC. He set forth that 25% of those funds are to be used for State

DOT roads. The CTC funds can be used for paving of dirt roads, resurfacing, intersection projects or sidewalks. The \$25,000.00 that the CTC is referring to comes out of the 25% portion of the State DOT funds because the said project is actually is on a SCDOT road in Fairfield County--not a county-maintained road. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the \$25,000.00 from the County's General Fund Budget over the next two budget cycles, for a total of \$50,000.00, for the sidewalk project requested by the Town of Jenkinsville.* During discussion, Council Member Marion Robinson and Council Member Smith voiced the reason they would not be supporting the project. Council Member Kinley asked that Mr. Pope reiterate the criteria for appropriation of the funds, which he did as follows: the \$50,000.00 from the CTC is being appropriated out of the 25% of monies that come in the total pie. The total amount of money that is needed for completion of the project is \$100,000.00. The CTC only addressed \$50,000.00 of that and basically told the Town they needed to come up with the \$50,000.00 whatever way they could. Mr. Marcharia's motion is to take \$25,000.00 over the next two budget years. The way this is interpreted is for the budget of 2015-2016, there would be a designation of \$25,000.00, and for the budget year of 2016-2017, there would be a designation of \$25,000.00 for the \$50,000.00 that is needed. All of this has to be done according to the information that the Mayor provided. Based upon the motion, what is before the Council is the question of whether or not Council wants to appropriate \$25,000.00 in the upcoming budget year and \$25,000.00 in the next budget year. ***By show of hands, the motion carried 4-3.***

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Marcharia	Ruff
Trapp	M. Robinson
Kinley	Smith
C. Robinson	

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

**A. Weather Report.** Mr. Pope reported our School District and surrounding School Districts are delaying two hours. Administration is recommending delay opening of County offices by two hours. Essential personnel are required to work. Mr. Pope also gave a report of the Sirius satellite radio service, stating it is used in the Emergency Management Office; not in county vehicles.

**B. Request of Action: Fire Truck Pumper.** Committee recommended unanimously to move forward on the bid information. These are budgeted dollars for a fire pumper in the amount of \$303,787.00. Recommending favorable approval to County Council.

*It was moved by Council Members Kinley and Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the Request of Action for purchase of a Fire Truck Pumper. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**C. Request of Action: Courthouse Switches - Emergency Replacement.** Going through the process of getting the new telephone system and other systems up and operational. This is an item that is recommended by the Information Technology Department in the amount of \$19,833.20, coming from existing budgeted funds. The existing switches have a certain shelf life and are up for replacement. The committee recommended unanimously to approve this recommendation.

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Request of Action for upgrade of the Courthouse Switches. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**D. Request of Action: Communications Tower Stabilization Request.** This is to secure the main tower at an anchor point to alleviate safety concerns as well as shore up the tower to complete the original plan for replacing existing antennas and cables that are far past their life expectancy. There were two options on this: full replacement of everything in the neighborhood of \$275,000.00, or an option of replacing the cabling, shoring it up to get more extended life out of what we have. That is what the Administration is recommending, for a cost of \$15,000.00. Based upon the life of everything, this is going to have to be placed in the long-term capital plan. The committee recommended favorably on the second option of shoring up what we have, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Request of Action for the Communications Tower Stabilization Request. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**E. Request of Action: Transit Vehicle Purchase.** This is to replace two Transit vehicles that are past their useful life. Both vehicles have well over 200,000 miles and are costly to repair. These are budgeted dollars, totaling \$62,000.00. The committee recommended unanimously to approve this recommendation.

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Request of Action for the Transit Vehicle Purchase. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**F. Request of Action: EMS Light Duty Rescue Truck Purchase.** EMS budgeted \$75,000.00 for the new vehicle, but also received \$11,000.00 in grant monies for the vehicle. Have the quotes that have gone through Procurement to get the best pricing on this particular item. The committee recommended unanimously favorable approval of the request.

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Request of Action for the EMS Light Duty Rescue Truck Purchase. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**G. Request of Action: EMS Ambulance Laptop Purchase.** These laptops will be used to generate electronic patient care reports and allow employees to clock in and out of work. They will also allow paramedics to view current standing orders and patient care procedures. The wireless routers will be used to connect the laptops to an internet connection to be able to send those patient care reports and twelve lead EKG's to receiving facilities. These are budgeted dollars. Had to be bid several times; however, are recommending a favorable approval to purchase the laptops.

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Request of Action for EMS Ambulance Laptop Purchase. {During discussion, Council Member Smith inquired about the difference in the previous purchase of laptops for \$50,000.00}. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**H. Drawdy Park Project.** The failure of the wall has been reconstructed and completed by S2 Engineering at full cost to them. Council voted to authorize Administration to hire a third-party consulting firm to look at the structural integrity of the wall to determine why there was a failure and actually, based upon those items to have the wall reconstructed according to engineer plans, through procurement process, brought on board Goodwyn Mills and Cawood. They made sure there were new engineered-drawn plans; however,

the custody of that information had to be kept with S2. The County could not accept that because of any potential litigation. The drawings were reviewed and signed off by our independent consultants. S2's responsibility was at the wall around the drainage areas. The County is doing various additional drainage items out of the park to carry the water from the wall to appropriate the areas and drainage ditches. The County has the construction pictures and inspection reports. Internally for the County, there are plans for drainage improvements, some building demolition will occur and some electrical relocation and general maintenance and painting of the park. Other buildings that S2 had some involvement in have been inspected for any potential problems.

**I. Motion Period Process.** Council made several amendments to the bylaws. One of the suggestions from the discussions was the recommendation for an addition of a Motion Period Process that will be listed on all upcoming agendas. The purpose is to allow the Council to receive information from a Council Member regarding a matter or something they desire to receive from the public. As that issue comes in, Council will have to vote to say that it wants to receive and have further discussion on that matter. If that is done, the Chairman will assign that matter to go through a committee process.

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

The Clerk was asked to give a report of the Intergovernmental Council Meeting schedule.

**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:

- Mr. Allen Gantt - Fear Of Transparency
- Mr. Walter Larry Stewart - Working Together
- Ms. Bertha Goins - A Good Response To Racism
- Mr. D. Melton - Water For New Recreation Center
- Mr. Moses Bell - Fire Service
- Ms. Beth Jenkins - Code Of Conduct And Follow Up

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Mr. Pope stated Council received the recreational update, and in regard to the proposed buildings that had been approved in the plan thus far, none of the buildings require assembly code regulations, i.e., the buildings do not have to be sprinkled. Under the International Building Code, there is a certain capacity in buildings that require whether or not they have to be sprinkled; therefore, requiring a sprinkler system that require a water system or some type of reservoir. What is being told thus far in the three buildings that we have similar to the one that is proposed to go in the Jenkinsville area, it would use septic tank and well for the potable drinking water. That is what is in the plans as they currently exist.

C. Robinson: Stated she had asked Council Member Smith to keep the Council abreast of anything that is going on in the Legislature. Last week, he reported on the Local Government Fund.

Smith: Reported there has been some confusion on the new roads plan that had been put forward in the General Assembly, where legislators are telling people that the new plan will make it optional to counties to take over the roads or not take over the roads. This, he said, actually will be left up to the CTC, who is appointed by the Legislative Delegation, to decide.

Provided more information about what occurred at the County Council Planning Session. He stated it was an unfortunate event, where it turned into a question and answer session with a young gentleman who came in with a camera. He stated he was uncomfortable with the back and forth, and indicated he told the young man he did not have to answer any questions asked of him in the spirit of FOIA.

Marcharia: Commented on the 100 Men In Black And White Program, which desires to work with the youth of this County to take some of the load and pressure off the schools. He mentioned he had asked Council if it desired to get a table at the event, and also asked for a Proclamation be prepared for Congressman Clyburn. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Trapp to request that the Clerk to Council prepare a Proclamation to present to Congressman Clyburn. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Commented on the situation that Council Member Smith was referring to that happened at the Planning Session, and stated when he look around and saw the meeting was being taped that he did ask the question who is it; who is doing it; is there a name; did they have a card.

C. Robinson: Added that the Clerk to Council had called her about it, and Chairman Robinson said it was legal and the Council would allow him to be in there without any problem; therefore, the gentleman knew that when he walked in.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*There was no need for executive session.*

**18. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 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