



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 9, 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 6:07 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Smith led in the invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the minutes of the Work Session of January 21, 2015 and Regular Meeting of January 26, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Sheriff Will Montgomery was introduced to the Council and to the public. Sheriff Montgomery introduced his Senior Staff: Major Brad Douglas, Captain Dunstan Padgett and Captain Frazier Craig. Chief Deputy Rick Gibson was not able to be present tonight.

**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 – Retreat
- Mr. Jimmy Ray Douglas - I77 Loan/Budget Process

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

**A. First Reading (By Title Only): 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. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 648. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS****A. Fairfield County Aeronautics Commission**

*It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Ruff that Mr. Dennis Brannon be appointed to the Aeronautics Commission. During discussion, Council Member Smith set forth that Mr. Brannon has started a multi-million dollar business in his home in Fairfield County, and is currently in the process of getting his pilot's license, which will make him one of two properly licensed pilots in the County. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**11. OLD BUSINESS****A. Council Bylaws**

Chairman Robinson set forth that Council had previously considering dividing the Public Affairs and Policy, etc., and that Council Member Smith had made some recommendations. Chairman Robinson indicated she reviewed it further; discussed it with Council Member Smith, and that Council Member Smith did not have any problems with it. First, she recommended that one of the committees be named "Public Affairs and Policy", which would encompass (a) Justice and Personnel Procedures, (b) Environmental and Public Safety and (3) Land Planning and Zoning. The second committee would be called "Public Services and Development", encompassing (a) Health, Education and Recreation, (b) Public Facilities and Transportation and (c) Welfare and Community Relations.

Council Member Kinley voiced that she would like for Council to consider trying this new proposal for six (6) months; if it is not working, then Council will come back to the table to revisit it.

*It was moved by Chairman Robinson; seconded by Council Member Ruff that Council accept the new proposal of dividing the Policy and Development Committee.*

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Ruff to amend the motion that Council try the new proposal for a minimum of six (6) months; then come back and see how effective it has been. **The amendment to the motion carried unanimously.***

*Chairman Robinson cited the main motion was to accept this presentation for dividing that into two (2) committees--changing it so that it is policy and services; with the amendment of six months. **The motion carried unanimously.** Chairman Robinson stated the appointments will be at the next Council meeting.*

*Chairman Robinson asked if Council had any additional changes or recommendations to the Bylaws and rules of Council. Hearing none, it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia that Council accept the Bylaws as stated. **The motion carried unanimously.***

### **B. Letter To Congressional Delegation**

Chairman Robinson pointed out that no one is able to attend the NACo Legislative Conference this year. Three or four items are typically presented to the Delegation.

Council Member Kinley expressed that since Council Members cannot go to Washington, ascertain if Council could meet with the Delegation when they are local here in South Carolina.

Vice Chairman Marcharia added that Senator Graham's Legislative Aide attended a meeting in Fairfield County and she stated at that time that if Council had any concerns, she would be happy to set up a meeting in Rock Hill.

Mr. Pope suggested the following topics:

- Hospital Funding
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- Inoperability (Communications systems and public safety)
- Internet Connectivity

Council added the following topics:

- Library
- Housing

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley and Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Ruff and Council Member Marion Robinson to direct the County Administrator to draft a proposed letter to be sent to the Congressional Delegation and to provide comments about each topic. **The motion carried unanimously.***

### **C. County Council Planning Session/Retreat**

Chairman Robinson set forth the following information about the retreat: Saturday, February 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., @ Midlands Technical College, NE Campus. Mr. Pope has been receiving topics of discussion to add to the list. He stated staff has put together a composite list, which will be sent out for a final.

### **D. Jenkinsville Sidewalk Project**

Vice Chairman Marcharia brought forward the recommendation from the Policy and Development Committee as follows: The Policy and Development Committee met immediately following the Hospital meeting and Committee Chairman Marcharia opened the meeting along with Council Member Ruff and Council Member Smith. Vice Chairman Marcharia gave an overview of the request and Council Member Smith asked the Mayor of Jenkinsville several questions about the request. The Committee was concerned about the financial impact of the request and any potential precedent-setting that may take place if they gave a favorable recommendation to the request. The Administrator responded to both concerns and the *Committee agreed to support the request of the Town for sidewalk completion by using \$25,000.00 from the County's appropriation of C-funds in District four in years 2015 and 2016. However, this is contingent upon the*

*support of the County Transportation Committee (CTC) supporting the project as well as the Town agreeing to all prospective maintenance of the sidewalks and the associated grass cutting. This recommendation is being forwarded to full Council tonight for consideration.*

Committee Chairman Marcharia pointed out that the Council did meet with the CTC, and stated he would like to *amend that motion that came from the Committee, and made a substitute motion; seconded by Council Member Trapp, to approve \$25,000.00 from the County 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, contingent upon the CTC matching the \$50,000.00.*

Chairman Robinson stated Council attended the CTC meeting and that the CTC did not have a quorum present; however, it appeared the CTC discussion was that if it were done the initial way it would have been presented, then they would be funding all of the money out of the CTC funds, which is probably the reason Vice Chairman Marcharia is offering a contingent motion.

During discussion, Council Smith voiced that he is in opposition to the motion and is not comfortable with the Council doing this, as it sets too much of a precedent across the County; that if it is done in one location, the Council will get requests from locations all across the County. Council Member Smith added that the Mayor mentioned to the Council that the letter of support is due in March, and he is not comfortable with Council appropriating funds from a future budget when there have not been any budget work sessions or discussions yet.

Council Member Kinley stated that she and Mr. Pope had talked about some regulations from SCDOT regarding what that money can be used for, citing that other counties use it for sidewalks, etc. She inquired if Mr. Pope had gathered any information regarding this.

Mr. Pope set forth that clearly the C-fund money can be used for road paving, resurfacing and sidewalks. He pointed out that funds have been used for those type projects before in the County and that the County Ordinance outlines those kinds of projects. In correspondence from a staff member of CTC, it indicated that Council should at some point meet with the CTC to review the policy again and talk about priorities within the County.

It was consensus of Council to allow the CTC an opportunity to meet again and to ask Mr. Pope to put together a package which delineates the working relationship Council has had with CTC in the past.

Council Member Ruff inquired if there were any possibility of taking any of the recreation money in the future from District Four funds in lieu of that.

*Subsequently, Vice Chairman Marcharia withdrew the motion; Council Member Trapp withdrew the second to the motion, pending CTC's meeting tomorrow.*

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to accept the motion as it originally came forth from the Committee. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Taking into consideration Mr. Bright's comments about the Council retreat, Council Member Kinley inquired of the Chairman if she would consider holding the retreat at the Midlands Tech/Fairfield Campus. Chairman Robinson responded that other alternatives in the County were looked at.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

**A. Local Government Fund Update**

Mr. Pope stated the Local Government Fund is probably one of the most important funding sources for counties in the State, and has been under attack for the last ten to fifteen years. It appears there is some legislative surfacing now to address certain aspects; however, counties want to ascertain they are receiving their rightful portion as required by State law. The Association of Counties is representing counties' interest in that.

**B. Fairfield County Budget Process**

The county budgets from County departments are due this week. Will have some idea and information available at the retreat. Staff will be requesting from Council budget direction on what type of budget the it desires the Administrator to bring forward; based upon that decision from Council, that is the way the Administrator will craft customize to present to Council.

**C. Guidelines For County Dumpsters**

Mr. Pope reported that Council has asked staff to do a refocusing on code enforcement in the unincorporated areas of the County, which deals with how clean ups are handled. Wanted to make Council aware of some of the administrative policies that are being amended. These will be sent out to Council electronically to determine if Council has any concerns before final sign off on.

**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:

- Ms. Beth Jenkins - S2/Personnel Matter
- Ms. Bertha Goins - Jenkinsville Water Company Concerns
- Mr. D. Melton - Jenkinsville Community Center
- Mr. Randy Bright - Everything Old Is New Again

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Trapp: Addressed the questions and comments made by Ms. Beth Jenkins.

Kinley: Gave an update on the event planned for Sheriff Herman Young. She reported that Council had previously made its Council meeting to begin at 7:00 P.M. that night; however, the Governor's Office is on program to make the presentation at 6:30 P.M. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Trapp that Council move its Council meeting to begin at 7:30 P.M.*

Council Member Smith inquired if Council would be amenable to rescinding that motion and moving the meeting to Tuesday, February 24, 2015. ***The motion carried unanimously for Council to meet at 7:30 P.M. on February 23, 2015.***

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Ruff to request that the Clerk to Council prepare a Resolution to present to Sheriff Young. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Marcharia: Commented on the opposition that is received toward recreation and some of the programs that are available, but voiced he has never seen all races of people involved in those programs.

Ruff: Expressed that he has not dealt with the kinds of issues that Mr. Marcharia raised in his area.

Smith: Voiced that this is a broad conversation that Fairfield County needs to have about everyone working together. He suggested a diversity/cultural program that he would be willing to assist with.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council did not need the executive session.

**18. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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