



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARCH 10, 2014**

**Present:** David L. Ferguson, Sr., R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Shryll Brown, Clerk to Council

**Absent:** Kamau Marcharia

**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-six other individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**3. INVOCATION**

Prior to the Invocation, Council Member Kinley asked for silent prayers for Council Member Kamau Marcharia, who was hospitalized last week, but is home now.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2014. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the minutes of the Work Session of February 27, 2014. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 6, 2014. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED**

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Mr. Jeff Schaffer – S<sup>2</sup>
- Mr. Tim Schroll – Minutes
- Mr. Randy Bright – Recreation

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (Ordinance No. 596), To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From R-1 (Single- Family Residential District), To B-1 (Limited Business District) Of Two And Thirty-Seven Hundredths (2.37) Acres, Owned By Harry M. Parker, Jr., Applicant Harry M. Parker, Jr., Portion Of Tax Map No.095-02-02-001, Located At 4361 River Road, Winnsboro, SC. *The Chairman opened public hearing at 6:12 P.M.*

Mr. John J. Fantry, Jr. signed to speak during public hearing.

Council Member Robinson, Council Member Brown and Council Member Kinley addressed the public hearing matter.

*Hearing no further comments, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:18 P.M.*

Mr. Pope gave a chronology of the rezoning request and directed Council to the ancillary material placed at their desks.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS:**

**A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 626** – An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (Ordinance No. 596), To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From R-1 (Single-Family Residential District), To B-1 (Limited Business District ) Of Two And Thirty-Seven Hundredths (2.37) Acres, Owned By Harry M. Parker, Jr., Applicant Harry M. Parker, Jr., Portion Of Tax Map No.095-02-02-001, Located At 4361 River Road, Winnsboro, SC. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 626. The motion carried unanimously.*

**B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 624** – 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; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 624. Mr. Pope was asked to expound on the concept of Multi-County Industrial Park Agreements. The motion carried unanimously.*

**9. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Appointment Ratification as presented for the Fairfield County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs. The motion carried unanimously.*

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Appointment Ratification as presented for the Fairfield County Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.*

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Appointment Ratification as presented for the Fairfield County Rural Fire Commission. The motion carried unanimously.*

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the Appointment Ratification as presented for the Fairfield County Zoning Board of Appeals. **The motion carried unanimously.***

The Clerk announced the following appointments and reappointments: Rural Fire Commission: Mr. Herb Rentz (At-Large Seat), Mr. Mike Good (Mitford VFD); Planning Commission: Ms. Marcia Bonds (representing District 1); Zoning Board of Appeals: Mr. Robert W. Davis (representing District 3); Mr. Willie Burrell (representing District 4); Disabilities and Special Needs Board: Mrs. Carlline Hughes (representing District 1).

## **11. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Naming Of Industrial Park Road**

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to name the Industrial Park Road "Commerce Parkway". **The motion carried unanimously.***

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Request For Public Hearing For The Purpose Of Approving A Bond Financing For The Midlands S.T.E.M. Institute Charter School**

Mr. Pope asked that this matter be referred to the County Administrator's Report.

## **13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

### **A. 2014 Community Needs Assessment – Mr. Steven Gaither**

Prior to Mr. Gaither coming forward, Mr. Pope set forth that at several meetings, there was citizen input regarding different demographic information this is affecting the County from a recreational, health, and other standpoints. He added that one of the things staff plans to do is to provide information to the Council and to the citizens regarding the investment in different areas already made to impact things that the County can have some effect on and the agencies the County works with.

At this point, Mr. Gaither gave an overview of the 2014 Community Needs Assessment. He introduced representatives from the Central Midlands Council of Government, who assisted him in gathering data. Some of the information that is compiled for the needs assessment is done through census data, some through local agencies and community input.

Ms. Cindy Gawronski, Central Midlands Council of Governments, came forward and addressed the following information: community development block grants and cycles, scoring criteria, citizen participation and the needs assessment. She gave an overview of the 2014 Community Needs Assessment, covering topics such as an introduction of the County, public outreach, population and housing, community needs (asking for input on the surveys), public facilities needs, public safety, economic development, priorities and planned actions. Ms. Gawronski outlined the top three priority needs of the County being: Interoperability Centers throughout Fairfield County, a need to build a new fire station in the Town of Ridgeway, and Middle Six neighborhood needs sewer lines. The priority LMI needs, based by income, shifted some. There is a need for medical/dental service in the more rural areas of the County. The last part that the Department of Commerce will fund is Revitalization—not on an individual home basis, but on neighborhood and business districts. Two neighborhoods that have come up in the past are Ward One and Zion Hill, and are listed as potential projects. Another component is Actions that would potentially undertaken to meet these would be public hearings for citizen input and working with planners that are available in the County and with the COG to develop sustainable plans of action and Ongoing Communication as the plans progress.

Mr. Gaither and Ms. Gawronski pointed out that surveys were available in the back of the room for individuals to complete.

**B. County Spotlight: Fairfield County Detention Center – Ms. Teresa Lawson**

**C. Recommendations From Administration And Finance Committee Regarding Purchase Of Sheriff's Office Public Safety Vehicles**

Mr. Pope set forth that the Finance Committee met to review the request for replacement of vehicles. Staff is recommending replacement of six (6) vehicles, all of which have high mileage or have had blown engines, etc. The grand total was \$188,511.58. These were budgeted dollars; however, the budget had to be adjusted by \$8,511.58, which was recommended from the committee. Mr. Pope pointed out that all of these vehicles are under State contract and have been procured and bid out. The committee is forwarding its unanimous recommendation to Council for the replacement of the Sheriff's Office vehicles at a total cost of \$188,511.58. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Kinley that Council approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the replacement of vehicles in the Sheriff's Office. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**D. Detention Center Control Panel Update**

Mr. Pope stated that Council had previously approved approximately \$200,000.00 for the replacement of the Control Panel at the Fairfield County Detention Center. Procurement has sent out bid information on this project. The bids came back that exceeded the budget; therefore, the situation needs to be re-bid and brought back through the committee process.

**E. S.T.E.M. Charter School Update**

Mr. Pope pointed out that the Charter School had made a previous presentation and had submitted a request for a public hearing to be held by County Council so that they could garner approval for bonds to be issued for the renovation and construction of the Charter School. The committee reviewed all of the information regarding the presentation, and at that time, the Charter School Attorney was made aware there were other options that they had. Mr. Pope read from the email from the Charter School Attorney, citing they have confirmed that they will be able to move forward with a State level hearing, so they will not need to ask the County Council for a hearing and asked that the request be removed from Council's agenda tonight.

**F. Flood Plain Resource Approval**

Mr. Pope addressed the fact that he has had meetings with Ms. Brenda Worthington, who is very familiar with the flood regulation process. He mentioned the legislation that could impact flood insurance premiums. He stated the County needs to look at its infrastructure and how it approves building plans in the County to ensure the County is protecting the County in general, but also giving citizens the best information they need before they move forward with development. He stated he had mentioned he would seek a resource for the County to look at the County's internal process and to be able to provide a resource to the citizens in the community regarding federal legislation. He mentioned he would contact a resource that he believed to be one of the best in the State, and asked Ms. Lisa Jones to be acknowledged. Mr. Pope indicated he would disseminate her scope of services and addressed and requested Council's approval to allow staff to move forward under the scope of services, not to exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to engage the services of Ms. Lisa Jones, up to ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars. **The motion carried unanimously.***

### **G. County Transportation Committee Paving Update**

Mr. Bill Coleman gave an update of the 2014 Road Paving Program. He stated bids were advertised on March 6; received them back on March 26. Thirty-five roads were advertised. Two were carried over from last year (Chinook Road and Devils Racetrack), and a third road that was done by a developer and is bad need of repairs. The remaining 32 roads are in order based on the new priority system. He stated Council has received the new 2014 Road Paving Program book and the document is also on the County's website. Mr. Coleman also reported that the new system ways heavily on houses per mile. Last year, 15 roads were done—servicing 80 or 90 families. This year, 32 roads will be done, which services 230-240 families.

### **H. Drawdy Park/Dutchman's Creek Pedestrian Bridge Update**

Mr. Pope stated that solicitations have gone out, and the Procurement Department has selected a firm of Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood to work with the County regarding the inspections of the entire process of Drawdy Park. Further, Mr. Pope said the scope of services is being extended with this company in order to fulfill the other portion of the motion that Council made regarding the inspections of the other buildings that the County had an interest in. Additionally, it was brought to the attention of staff of maintenance issues with the pedestrian bridge at Dutchman's Creek, and because of the emergency situation, a scope of service will be procured to look at this immediately.

### **I. Recreation Consultant Update**

Mr. Pope reported Council had several work sessions regarding the recreation process. Subsequently, each Council Member provided information to staff to create a master list of recreational projects. Staff has recommended to have a firm who had experience in this area to work with us to come up with all of the costs and those things associated with the maintenance and staffing. A solicitation was sent out in January. There were two respondents to the solicitation: Kenneth Simmons and Associates and Arbor Engineering. Staff evaluated those solicitations and is recommending, by a pretty large margin, Kenneth Simmons and Associates. The firm will be interviewing each Council Member for further input, and then decide how to move forward with the projects.

### **J. Sale And Purchase Of County Property**

Mr. Pope indicated that Council publicly approved staff's recommendation to engage with Ms. Beverly Frost, who had been working with and for the County in the past. Staff will be meeting with her on Wednesday to give her the move forward to provide information and a marketing package to ensure that any party who is interested in submitting information on that piece of property, that she would be the conduit for developing that information for the County. Requesting that the purchase of County property be discussed as contractual information in executive session.

Mr. Pope stated he would be getting with Ms. Morgan Harrell to receive an update on the status of the SCE&G agreement for the fire department in Jenkinsville.

### **K. Town of Winnsboro Water Agreement**

Mr. Pope gave details of this agreement, citing when Council approved the go ahead regarding the water and sewer to the Industrial Park, some concessions or additional incentives were approved to the Town of Winnsboro regarding the offset and rental charges for temporary water pumps from Carolina Tap and Bore Incorporated. Also, the County had agreed to continue the reimbursement donation to the Town, up to charges of \$10,600.00 per month on that item.

**L. Courthouse Temporary Relocation Project Update**

Mr. Pope reported that when the committee met and received information about the Courthouse Relocation Project. The committee asked staff to come back with additional information. Staff has obtained all information, with the exception of one piece from the federal representatives who share the HON building with the County. Will be meeting with them by the end of the week, and hopefully will receive an answer regarding whether the County can use the facility for relocation purposes. Once information is received, will reconvene the committee with a forthcoming recommendation.

**M. Highway 34 @ Highway 21 Interchange**

This matter was referred to Chairman Ferguson and to Council Member Brown for an update. Council Member Brown set forth that the COG Transportation Committee met and unanimously agreed to allow the Interchange to be placed on hold (or stopped) at this time; however, the Committee is looking into widening Peach Road from the Interstate into Ridgeway. He added that the Highway Department did not think the Interchange was needed, especially with the cost associated with it.

**N. Bridge Replacement Over Rocky Creek**

Mr. Pope brought forward information received from SCDOT regarding a bridge replacement over Rocky Creek (S-20-12/Old Blair Road). SCDOT recently awarded a contract for the replacement of the bridge due to its structural condition.

**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 following individuals signed to speak:

- Ms. Kerry Matthews - Apology
- Mr. Tim Schroll - Code of Conduct
- Mr. Randy Bright - Health First

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**Kinley:

> Asked for a report on the status of the water study with the Corps of Engineers.

Trapp:

> Addressed Mr. Schroll regarding his (Schroll's) comments about the code of conduct and opined that Mr. Schroll should concentrate on matters dealing with District 6.

Robinson:

> Commented on information that was distributed to Council regarding surplus vehicles. Chairman Ferguson asked the Clerk to place this item on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting.

Perry:

> Commented on a session he attended in Washington regarding how to measure, improve and develop trust with your constituents, and talked about respect, and being kind and considerate.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*At 7:49 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to go in executive session to receive legal advice, discuss a personnel matter and for the purpose of discussing the sale and purchase of property. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:50 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*In open session, Chairman Ferguson reported that Council received information and there was nothing to bring forward.*

**18. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.  
CHAIRMAN