



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 24, 2014**

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

Absent: Mikel R. Trapp

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 6:05 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry 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 Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2014. **The motion carried unanimously.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Fairfield County Council recognized the Fairfield Central High School Robotics Team 5327, and presented them with a Proclamation.

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

Vice Chairman Perry appealed to the public to remain for the 2nd Public Comment Segment, as he would be making a few comments.

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Mr. Bob Carrison – Old Business
- Mr. Jeff Schaffer – Old Business
- Ms. Darlene Johnson – Old Business
- Ms. Pat Williams – Old Business
- Ms. Diana Wood - Old Business
- Ms. Selwyn Turner – Old Business
- Mr. Randy Bright – Drawdy Park

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (Ordinance No. 596) To Correct Zoning Map Deficiencies. The Map Correction Will Apply The Same Zoning As Originally Intended.

Chairman Ferguson opened public hearing at 6:40 P.M.

No one signed to speak.

Ordinance To Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (Ordinance No. 596) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From B-2 (General Business District) To RD-1 (Rural Residential District), Of 0.4 Acre, Owned By Frank Johnson. Applicant: Frank Jonson. Portion Of Tax Map No. 144-02-02-028-000, Located At 63 Sandy Lane, Winnsboro, SC, 29180.

No one signed to speak.

Hearing no comments, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:42 P.M.

At this time, Mr. Pope gave an overview of the two ordinances that were posted as public hearings, and asked, at the appropriate time, if Mr. Roseborough come could forward to demonstrate the zoning map and where the changes occurred.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS:

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 627 – An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (Ordinance No. 596) To Correct Zoning Map Deficiencies. The Map Correction Will Apply The Same Zoning As Originally Intended. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 627. **The motion carried unanimously.***

{At this point, Mr. Roseborough gave a PowerPoint presentation, demonstrating and showing the parcels and the changes, and gave an overview of the zoning map corrections. Mr. Pope added that staff will also place a link on the County website, allowing the citizens to see where the changes occur.}

Council Member Robinson inquired if all property owners have been notified. Mr. Roseborough responded that the notice was placed in the Winnsboro paper. Mr. Pope set forth that State law requires that for changes such as these that property owners are notified in a paper of general circulation. He added that the way the maps were adopted was through three readings and a public hearing, and corrections to the map would follow the same procedure.

B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 628 - An Ordinance To Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (Ordinance No. 596) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From B-2 (General Business District) To RD-1 (Rural Residential District), Of 0.4 Acre, Owned By Frank Johnson. Applicant: Frank Johnson. Portion Of Tax Map No. 144-02-02-028-000, Located At 63 Sandy Lane, Winnsboro, SC, 29180. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 628. **The motion carried unanimously.***

C. Second Reading: 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 Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 626. **The motion carried unanimously.***

D. Third 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 Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 624. **The motion carried unanimously.***

9. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Disposition Of Surplus Vehicles

Mr. Pope stated this item was actually a question or information that came up regarding Council's policy regarding disposition of surplus vehicles. He set forth that when vehicles are purchased, there is a one-for-one policy, so if a vehicle is purchased, the other one would be for replacement that would be provided at the public auction; however, Mr. Pope verbalized that if Council decided it wants to move that vehicle for another purpose, i.e., having the vehicle used at the Career Center for youth to be able to train on, Council would have to dispense of that property as it would any other surplus piece of property.

Chairman Ferguson commented that Council has, in the past, given vehicles to the Hospital, the Town of Winnsboro, the Town of Ridgeway and to the Career Center so the young people can learn how to do mechanic work and body and fender work, and so moved, with a second from Council Member Kinley, that Council continues the policy.

Council Member Robinson voiced that the way she read it, it was a motion from 2002 for that year for the Administrator to do as he saw fit, and some of the recommendations was to give some to the Town of Winnsboro, the Hospital, etc. She reiterated that it was only a motion; not a policy per se, and therefore, motions are only good for two years and not like ordinances. She concluded saying it should be a new motion every year a budget is done, rather than holding the Council to the fire.

Vice Chairman offered that maybe Council can get some feedback on this process where vehicles have been taken out of circulation and taken to the auction. He asked what was the process like and what was the financial return, and if this information can be brought back to Council before Council makes a decision tonight.

Council Member Brown opined that notices should be sent to the Town of Ridgeway, etc., to ascertain if they might need a vehicle, and to reevaluate the need yearly.

Chairman Ferguson stated a motion was received; with a second that Council offer those vehicles to the School or to the municipalities or to the Hospital (or any municipality) that comes in and would come before Council, and asked that the motion be sustained for this year.

Council Member Brown asked if the original motion is being amended to include what was just stated, i.e., "for this year" {for the vehicles that will come in this cycle}.

Council Member Robinson reminded Council that there will be several other vehicles that the committee discussed today in the Finance Committee, and *amended the motion to include the letters out to the entities to see if they actually need something*. She asked for more information, just as Vice Chairman Perry was asking for tonight, to allow the Council to know the status.

Council Member Kinley inquired if there have been any requests for vehicles this year.

Council Member Brown and Vice Chairman Perry both asked that this matter be tabled until Council receives further information.

Council Member Kinley withdrew the second to the motion {contingent upon having the information available at the next meeting}. Chairman Ferguson withdrew the motion.

Council Member Robinson asked for a recommendation from the Administrator on the various vehicles as to which ones have a value, and those that do not, before Council actually votes at the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request For Road Name Change: From High Hill Lane To Wylie Lane

Mr. Pope stated this request was submitted by recommendation of the Planning Commission. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the request for the Road Name Change: from High Hill Lane to Wylie Lane.* Council Member Marcharia inquired if 75% of the landowners agreed with the change. Council Member Robinson noted that on the list, the first three names were different, but were signed by the same person; and the first two have different addresses but same name. Mr. Roseborough was asked if these were counted as authentic signatures. Council Member Robinson then voiced, that while she does not have a problem with it, she would suggest that the commission check this out more thoroughly next time. Council Member Marcharia opined that this needs to be authenticated. Mr. Pope was asked to see that this information is verified.

Having received the above information, Council Member Kinley withdrew the second to the motion; Council Member Brown withdrew the motion.

The Clerk was asked to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A. County Spotlight: Fairfield County Tax Assessor – Mr. Randy Roberts

B. Courthouse Renovations Update

Mr. Pope set forth that the Council has reviewed information pertaining to the Courthouse relocation. He stated the move to the HON Building appears to be the most efficient and effective manner.

C. Procurement Recommendations

Mr. Pope stated that staff is planning to bring this item to the appropriate committee next month. Internal changes have been made and procurement code is being followed. Staff is recommending changes to the procurement policy. The independent auditing firm has had an opportunity to look at the code as well as make some policy recommendations. The purpose is to streamline the process and to give Council an opportunity to revisit and become familiar with the procurement and purchasing policy.

D. Drawdy Park Update

Mr. Pope pointed out that staff has presented a lot of information publicly about the Park, and has received numerous FOIA requests. Based upon public discussions from Council and recommendation from staff, bids have been solicited from engineering firms (with structural engineering experience) to review the failure situation that occurred. Staff has met with the engineering firm of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, and gave the Notice to Proceed last week to review the scope of services. All of the information regarding the construction of the wall that was provided by S² Engineering was looked at, the determining reason for the failure and also a remedy for the problem was reviewed. The scope was amended to include all of the work that was done by S². A public report will be provided once that scope of work is done. County staff has been directed to erect a fencing (barrier) because the children have already started playing ball there.

E. & F. County Building Inspections - Pedestrian Bridge Inspection

Mr. Pope addressed the fact that there was also question about the pedestrian bridge where individuals had vandalized it, taking out nuts and bolts on the bridge. Staff visited the site and walked the entire bridge. The scope of work that the engineers are looking at is a different type of locking mechanism to make it as tamper-proof as possible. Did not see any type of eminent safety threat there. Staff has done some work there also.

G. Recreation Update

Mr. Pope revisited the recreation process, citing staff brought a recommendation to Council regarding moving forward in the process, i.e., receiving information from each Council Member and for Council to provide information to create a master list of potential projects that Council would like to see. The list was compiled and publicly voted on the list. The information was used to send out solicitations in order to hire consultants to: take the list and work with the staff to come up with actual cost estimates of what those items would cost, along with any continual maintenance and upkeep of those items. Ken Simmons and Associates has been brought on board as the successful bidding company for the recreational consultant. Staff met with them last week and they have been given the Notice to Proceed to schedule interviews with each Member of Council to review the master list that was voted on. From that, the consultant will look at all the information combined regarding recreation in Fairfield County. Mrs. Lori Schaeffer is going to be the project manager of the initial process. A public process to bring this information back to the Council will be scheduled.

H. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Open House

Mr. Pope brought forward information about the NRC newsletter which mentioned the NRC open house on March 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., McCrorey-Liston School of Technology, to discuss the safety performance of 2013 of SCE&G's nuclear station in Jenkinsville. A separate meeting will follow to explain the inspection and oversight for the two new units that are under construction.

I. Workforce Investment Monitoring

Mr. Pope gave an update of the Workforce Investment Monitoring, citing the review was a broad test of WIA grant accounting and financial reporting system. The review was not intended to be an audit of the system, nor should it be considered an examination; however, no material weaknesses in complying with the financial system requirements of the WIA grants, federal financial standards, state requirements or compliance with the respective local grant requirements were found. Based on the review, no findings of material financial weakness were noted and therefore, no response is required. Mr. Pope concluded that the funds that come into the WIA office, the review has been completed and successful.

J. Budget Update

Staff has been working very diligently in the budget process. Met with every funding agency of the County, departments and outside agencies. These agencies were very appreciative of the meetings, going through their budget requests. Staff is looking forward in providing an extensive recommendation to Council. First budget work session scheduled.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Clerk to Council reported that Council is scheduled to hold First Reading (By Title Only) of the Budget for FY 2014-2015 at the regular meeting of April 14, 2014.

15. 2ND 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. Irene Mattox – Conduct
- Mrs. Margaret Richardson – Disappointment with Council Members
- Mr. Bruce Wadsworth – Recreation
- Mr. Bob Carrison – Watchdogs
- Mr. Jeff Schaffer – Last Meeting
- Mrs. Selwyn Turner – Dialogue
- Mr. Randy Bright – What?

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Perry:

> Commented on the challenges and frustrations that both the Council and citizens are facing. Also commented on the sessions he attended in Washington and addressed such topics as: when you find yourself in a crisis, using the "3-bucket rule", communication, building relationships, listening skills, leadership, trust, behavior, discrimination, diversity and transparency. He asked Mr. Pope to delineate some of the changes Council has made, and commented how pleased he is with Mr. Pope's performance. He asked that if the citizens have questions to continue to submit them to the Clerk or to the Administrator, and proper research and responses will be provided to the citizens. He allowed questions from some citizens and responded accordingly.

> Commented that Mr. Sergio Hudson from Ridgeway won the "Style to Rock" award. Asked that Council recognize him at the appropriate time.

Marcharia:

> Commented on the purpose and process of County Council Time.

> Thanked everyone who called, sent cards and sent prayers up for his health.

> Commented on the issues and cultural divide in western Fairfield/Blair area.

Brown:

- > Commented on the need and importance of bringing the committee structure back.
- > Asked that staff research the concept of buses being available to transport people who lack transportation to work.

The Clerk was asked to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Kinley:

- > Asked that the records be researched that addresses not having more than three (3) animals in a densely populated area.
- > Opined that the best way to get information is for citizens to talk with their respective Council Member.
- > Commented on the new industries that have located in the County and that the County is working hard on economic development.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 8:52 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to go in executive session to receive a legal update on pending litigation regarding potential easements. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 9:45 P.M., it was moved by Council Members Kinley and Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Robinson 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 9:45 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.
CHAIRMAN