



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 28, 2016**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, Dan W. Ruff, Billy Smith, Walter Larry Stewart, 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 Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, Winnsboro Cablevision and one hundred fourteen other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Stewart led in the Invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2016 and Special Meeting of March 21, 2016. **The motion carried unanimously.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. 1ST 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.

No one signed to speak.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 663 - An Ordinance To Regulate Excessive Noise In The Unincorporated Areas Of Fairfield County And To Repeal Ordinance Number 520. *It was moved by Council Member Ruff; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 663. **The motion carried unanimously.***

B. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 662 - Authorizing Fairfield County, South Carolina To Purchase And Develop Approximately 5.04 Acres Of Real Property Located On Camp Welfare and Wateree Roads (In The Amount Of \$45,000.00), Tax Map Parcel Number 042-00-00-044-000, To Be Used For Recreational Purposes. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 662. The motion carried unanimously.*

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Presentation Of Economic Development Plan - Ms. Crystal Morphis

- Strategic Plan Overview
 - I-77 Alliance Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan
 - Economic Trends
 - SWOT Analysis
 - Product Assessment
 - Target Industry Validation and Update
 - Organizational Review
 - Benchmarking
- Economic and Demographic Trends Overview
- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Threats
- Product Summary
- Product Summary
- Target Sectors
 - Advanced Materials
 - Transportation Equipment
 - Chemicals
 - Food Products
 - Energy
 - Business/Financial Services
 - Life Sciences
- 2010 Strategic Plan
 - Organizational Development
 - Compatible Industries and Business Development
 - Physical Infrastructure
 - Education and Workforce
 - Community Coordination and Cultural Relations
- Strategic Plan Update
- Organizational Development
 - Assistant Director Position
 - Funding

- Marketing \$60,000
 - Business Retention and Expansion \$10,000
 - Product Development \$15,000
- Economic Development Committee Expanded
- Economic Development Office
- Annual planning workshops for implementation
- Marketing
 - Branding
 - Website upgrade/updates
 - Target sector marketing brochures
 - Video for website
 - Regional alliances for external marketing
 - Internal marketing
- Business Retention and Expansion
 - Visit companies
 - BRE Team
 - Data tracking
 - Resource guide
 - Economic development policy
- Product Development
 - Dedicated funding for product development
 - Complete due diligence on remaining 66 acres in Walter B. Brown II Park
 - Re-certify Fairfield Commerce Center, Grade pad
 - Create a virtual spec building for sites in Fairfield Commerce Center.
 - Identify the next site for the next spec building.
 - Create a long-term product development strategy that:
 - Identifies large, mega sites if available.
 - Prioritizes sites for development.
 - Control property through public-private partnerships with landowners where available and through public investment where needed.
- Small Business Development
 - Resource Guide
 - Starter-kits on website
 - Certified Entrepreneurial Community®
- Education and Workforce Development
 - Work Ethics Certification
 - 2010 Strategic Plan Recommendations
 - Establish a Curriculum Advisory Committee
 - Long-term concerted effort of school board and faculty to change culture to expect and demand better performance from all students.
 - Implement corollary programs aligned with rigorous but realistic "baseline" expectations
 - Establish/enhance close alliance among school board and C&T Center with MTC, MWIB, MEBA, and MREC
 - Implement programs specifically targeted to attract/recruit and retain highly qualified and motivated K-12 faculty
- Municipal Partnerships
 - Future site development
 - Quality of life amenities
 - Gateways
 - Historic preservation
- Community Coordination and Cultural Relations
 - From 2010 Strategic Plan
 - Implement a Community Improvement Council to Address Key Issues Head On
 - Formal Initiative by County Council to Develop and Adopt a "Vision Statement" for the County
 - Dovetail a "Strategic Planning Effort" Covering Wide Range of Government/Community Planning
 - Concerted Effort to Publicize/Communicate Schedules and Key Issues Under Consideration by County Council and School Board
- Next Steps
 - Adoption by County Council
 - Implementation
 - Economic Development Committee
 - Staffing
 - Budget Allocation

B. New Development Project At Greenbrier/Mossydale Road. Mr. Pope pointed out that Mr. Cameron Tea, his partners and his company are planning to reestablish, renovate and expand a business in Fairfield County to locate at 1403 Greenbrier/Mossydale Road, with an expected opening date of mid to late August. He then asked Mr. Tea to come forward to give an overview of his program. He stated his company has received the proper zoning and permits from the Building and Zoning Department. Mr. Tea was asked to provide, in writing, a brief synopsis of the program. An executive summary was provided to Mr. Pope.

C. Lake Wateree Flood Study Update. Has been going on for the past two years. Council gave Administration authority to move forward, per its recommendation, to do this. Fairfield County has partnered with Kershaw County to do a flood study on Lake Wateree. The purpose of the flood study was to look at the documentation or data related to the Base Flood Elevation on Lake Wateree. Several years ago, legislation passed that had a significant impact on flood insurance premiums that affected people who live around water. Fairfield entered into a partnership with Kershaw; have gone through two phases of study regarding the BFE of Lake Wateree. Based upon the preliminary information gathered, there is going to be a significant reduction in the BFE based upon the data put together through the consulting firm. All of this will be facilitation through the federal government by year's end, when it becomes official. Based upon those reductions, there will be significant reductions to the flood insurance premiums that homeowners have to pay who live around the lake and those tributaries around the lake. Once this matures to receive more financial information or the economic impact on what those savings will be, this is positive for the citizens.

D. Strategic Plan Update. There will be several focus group meetings planned for the month of April. That calendar and agenda was sent out to Council. The Strategic Plan is scheduled to be completed by sometime in July or August. Once the Economic Development piece of that is adopted, it will be forwarded on to T.Y.Lin for that to be incorporated into the county-wide Strategic Plan.

E. Local Government Fund. Does not appear that the County will receive any increase at this particular point, let alone being funded the statutory amount that the General Assembly is required to fund. More than likely what will happen is there will be a proviso passed that allows the General Assembly to bypass the statutory requirement. There was some legislative maneuvering last week to possibly get an increase in dollars; however, the best to hope for this year is to be able to retain the amount received last year.

F. Budget Calendar. Scheduled for April 11, 2016 for First Reading By Title Only, which jump starts the budget process. First budget work session scheduled for April 12, 2016. Staff will forward an agenda as well as budget packets.

G. Request Of Action: E911 - Recording System. Used for audio documentation of all radio transmissions and telephone conversations. This was brought before the Administration and Finance committee, where it was recommended unanimously to fund this. The cost of \$35,021.55 comes from the tariff monies, which can only be used for capital items for E911. Staff requests Council's favorable approval. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Request of Action for the purchase of the E911 Recording System. The motion carried unanimously.*

H. Request Of Action: Sheriff's Office - Purchase New Vehicle For Recycled Position. 2016 Ford Police Interceptor All-Wheel Drive Pursuit Package: State contract price of \$27,423.00; with equipment, total is \$42,879.74, which is actually over the budgeted amount for that vehicle; however, the County saved over \$13,000.00 with the purchase of a previous vehicle. Still not exceeding the capital amount budgeted. The committee recommended this unanimously. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Request of Action for the Purchase of New Vehicle for Position in Sheriff's Office. **The motion carried unanimously.***

I. Request Of Action: Sheriff's Office - Purchase One 2015 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab Truck. Council had approved \$39,000.00 for this purchase. Base price of this particular vehicle is \$28,388.00; cost of equipment, including lights and siren is additional \$8,207.80, bringing total cost to \$36,595.80, which is under the budgeted price. The committee recommended this unanimously. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Request of Action to Purchase One 2015 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab Truck for the Sheriff's Department. Council Member Stewart if this vehicle going to be local purchase or State contract? **The motion carried unanimously.***

J. Request Of Action: Information Technology - SQL Server Upgrades And Operating System Upgrades. The County has been advised by the financial package provider that the SQL server needs to be changed to the newest and latest version of Microsoft. Information was disseminated to the committee about this. The cost of upgrading the software is \$26,677.77, which is State contract pricing, and was recommended unanimously by the Committee. This is taken from existing budgeted dollars to provide this software upgrade. *It was moved by Council Member Smith and Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Request of Action for Information Technology SQL Server Upgrades And Operating System Upgrades. **The motion carried unanimously.***

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

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

- Mr. Jeff Schaffer - Recreation
- Mr. Bruce Wadsworth - Recreation
- Ms. Annie McDaniel - Recreation

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

- Council Member Kinley - School District Facilities For Recreation.
- Council Member Smith - Vehicle For Sheriff's Office; Dialogue With Intergovernmental Bodies/Recreation; Posting Ordinances On County Website Before Council Vote.
- Council Member Ruff - School District Facilities For Recreation.
- Chairman Robinson - First Reading (By Title Only) Guidelines.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to go in executive session to discuss a contractual matter regarding Fairfield Memorial Hospital and a personnel matter regarding the County Administrator. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:45 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ruff; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

There was no action taken in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN