



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 11, 2016**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, 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

Absent: Dan W. Ruff

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 fifteen 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 Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley 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 Council Member Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2016; Special Meeting of April 4, 2016; Special Meeting of April 5, 2016 and Special Meeting of April 6, 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.

- ☐ Mr. Jimmy Ray Douglas - Budget
- ☐ Mr. Bob Carrison - Ordinance No. 661
- ☐ Ms. Beth Jenkins - Ordinance No. 661
- ☐ Ms. Kerry Matthews - Strategic Plan
- ☐ Mr. Moses Bell - County Administrator

7. PUBLIC HEARING

To Establish An Amended Operating And Capital Budget (In The Amount Of \$200,000.00 To Fairfield Memorial Hospital) For The Operation Of The County Government Of Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2015; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2015; To Provide For The Expenditure Of Tax Revenues And Other County Funds; To Provide For Other County Purposes; To Provide For Certain Fiscal And Other Matters Relating To County Government. *Chairman Robinson opened public hearing at 6:16 P.M. The following individuals signed to speak:*

- ☐ Ms. Suzanne Doscher, Ms. Darlene Hines, Mr. Harry Palmer, Mr. Victor Taylor, Ms. Deborah Craig, Mr. James McGraw, Ms. Roxanne Williams, Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Mr. Tim Mitchell, Ms. Terry Schaffer

Having heard from all individuals named above, Chairman Robinson closed public hearing at 6:40 P.M.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 664 - To Establish Operating And Capital Budgets For The Operation Of The County Government Of Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016; To Provide For The Expenditure Of Tax Revenues And Other County Funds; To Provide For Other County Purposes; To Provide For Certain Fiscal And Other Matters Relating To County Government; And Other Matters Related Thereto. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 664. **The motion carried unanimously.***

B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 665 - Disposal of Surplus Property (Real): Parcel 161-00-02-017-000, 4459 Jackson Creek Road Winnsboro, SC 29180, (House & Land). *It was moved by Council Member Smith and Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 665. **The motion carried unanimously.***

C. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 666 - Disposal of Surplus Property (Real): Parcel 145-02-02-012-000, 128 Sixth Street Winnsboro, SC 29180. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson and Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 666. **The motion carried unanimously.***

D. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 667 - Disposal of Surplus Property (Real): Parcel 126-03-23-002-000, 550 Fourth Street Winnsboro, SC 29180. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia and Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 667. **The motion carried unanimously.***

E. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 663 - An Ordinance To Regulate Excessive Noise In The Unincorporated Areas Of Fairfield County And To Repeal Ordinance No. 520. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 663. During discussion, Council Member Robinson set forth that this is not the Ordinance that was worked on so diligently by the committee--that this goes back to the original Ordinance which has been in existence since 2006. What was done was to take all of the decibel levels and matters to be able to enforce that Ordinance*

and put it into this Ordinance. So, it is the same Ordinance that the County always had, but with the decibel levels in it. **The motion carried unanimously.**

F. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 661 - To Establish An Amended Operating And Capital Budget (In The Amount Of \$200,000.00 To Fairfield Memorial Hospital) For The Operation Of The County Government Of Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2015; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2015; To Provide For The Expenditure Of Tax Revenues And Other County Funds; To Provide For Other County Purposes; To Provide For Certain Fiscal And Other Matters Relating To County Government. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley and Council Member Stewart to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 661. During discussion, it was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Robinson and Vice Chairman Marcharia to amend the ordinance to an amount of \$423,092.38 for the immediate funding of a loan to Fairfield Memorial Hospital; and that the following language and contingences be placed on the loan and be met prior to the consideration of future funding requests from Fairfield Memorial Hospital by Fairfield County Council:*

- 1. This funding shall be based upon a two month period beginning May 1 and ending June 30, 2016. At the end of this period, Fairfield County (all Council members) shall be provided a written "term sheet" of contractual expectations by Fairfield Memorial Hospital and any potential real affiliate(s) or partner(s).*
- 2. Fairfield County (all Council members) shall receive a copy of Fairfield Memorial Hospital's application for SC DHHS "Transformation" Funding.*
- 3. Fairfield County (all Council members) shall receive a copy of the regulatory requirement guidelines which must be met for an applicant to be granted SC DHHS "Transformation" Funding.*
- 4. The Fairfield County Council Chairperson or its Council member designee(s) shall be invited to attend all Executive Session or Merger/Acquisition Meetings of Fairfield Memorial Hospital.*
- 5. Fairfield County (all Council members) shall be granted direct access to any potential or real affiliate(s), partner(s), consulting firm(s) or legal representative(s) of Fairfield Memorial Hospital to gather information regarding any potential requests to or financial commitments of Fairfield County (Council).*
- 6. Fairfield County (all Council members) shall be provided written monthly updates on the financial and operational status of Fairfield Memorial Hospital.*
- 7. Fairfield County (all Council members) shall be provided a written plan of action on any potential improvements or discontinuations regarding any Fairfield Memorial Hospital departments or services continually operating at a loss for the past three months or longer. **The amendment to the motion carried unanimously.***

Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 661, with the amendment, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pope set forth that since the Hospital Board was present, along with staff and employees, by the motion and action of Council, he would contact Ms. Doscher tomorrow to review the details and to facilitate the agreement based upon Council's motion to forward those funds and those contingencies.

G. Resolution No. 2016-01: A Resolution Affirming Fairfield County's Commitment To Fair Housing. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Resolution No. 2016-01 as presented. **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

A. Request Of Action: Detention Center Roof Construction - This is a matter that has been before the Council previously. A potential contractor was recommended to facilitate that work. The contractor actually withdrew his bid information, and staff had to resolicit for this. It has gone through the appropriate processes and to committee. The committee unanimously agreed to forward this on to the full council for construction services for the Detention Center roof, in the amount of \$342, 000.00. This is a recommendation for Council to approve R.W. Nunnery Roofing to perform the construction repairs for the Detention Center roof. Those funds were budgeted. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley and Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the Request of Action for the Detention Center Roof Construction. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Request Of Action: Fire Service Equipment - The local Legislative Delegation was able to secure \$100,000.00 for the use of fire suppression equipment in Fairfield County. The request that came before the committee totaled \$112,846.86. The additional \$12,846.86 was additional pieces of equipment that the Fire Marshal wanted to piggyback on the bidding process that was had. Those were budgeted funds already in the budget--just wanted to leverage the bidding process. The committee unanimously recommended favorable approval for the total amount of \$112,846.86. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Request of Action for Fire Service Equipment.* During discussion, Council Member Smith offered more appreciation to the local Legislative Delegation, citing the money came out of the State budget this past year, and it was passed to send this \$100,000.00 to Fairfield County for the purchased of fire service equipment. He stated the Governor actually vetoed the line item in the budget; however, the Delegation actually fought for it. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

C. Development Project At Greenbrier/Mossydale Road. Council had a presentation at the last Council meeting by a principal that are actually going through renovation plans now at that facility. Staff had forwarded out information to the Council regarding that. If there are any further questions or if there are members of the public who have questions about that, contact the County office, and this information on the company can be forwarded and publicly shared. *Vice Chairman Marcharia voiced that he has met with citizens in that district and that area, and they are very much concerned about it, and believe there may be some requests to secure that information.*

D. Strategic Plan Update. There are four (4) additional strategic planning workshops coming in the next week or so: April 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lake Wateree Baptist Church; April 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fairfield Central High School; April 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m., McCrorey-Liston School of Technology; April 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,

Geiger Elementary School. Have completed the updated information on the Economic Development Plan. Ms. Crystal Morphis of Creative Incorporated, LLC came and presented that information before the Council at the last meeting. That documentation has been passed on to T.Y.Lin in the county-wide strategic planning process and will be incorporated into all the final recommendations, which will come back before the Council.

E. Local Government Fund Update. This is one of the lynchpins of funding for counties and municipalities across the State of South Carolina. There has been a long-standing rub between the General Assembly and local governments with regard to fully funding the Local Government Fund. These are monies that come to counties from the State years ago. It used to be called Aid to Subdivision. There were different taxes that were levied, and the counties and cities used to get at least 5 percent of the general fund revenue that came from the State. It would be distributed among the local governments based on a population formula. Over time, the General Assembly passes a proviso in the budget where they don't have to fully fund the Local Government Fund. What it means to Fairfield County is probably in the neighborhood of \$700,000.00 just for this year. The hope is to get the State to fully fund the Local Government Fund, which helps the County to take care of expenses in the County and to keep and reduce taxes.

F. Budget Calendar. First budget work session is tomorrow evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All citizens are invited and welcomed to attend. Will be going through budget information in all of the Counties' funds. It is an in-depth process, and is the third year of the budget process where staff will recommend to the Council a no-tax-increase budget.

G. New Retail Leases In Fairfield County. Announced two new retail leases in Fairfield. When Walmart closed, Council pledged up to \$100,000.00 of marketing money to try to gain new retail tenants in our County. The County used some of those dollars in a very creative way. Counties do not normally invest or provide incentives to initiatives like this; however, Council thought it was important enough to pledge up to that amount of money. Leases have been signed in the old Food Lion Shopping Center of an IGA that will be coming to our community. Also, four or five days after that announcement, received word from the owners that there is a lease for a Roses coming to the old Goody's building. This is very positive for our community, and there is some other activity going on with some other spaces in that location. Continuing to talk with the owner regarding the Walmart spot itself. One of the challenges with that spot is that it is a huge retail amount of space; however, the County will continue to work on that to develop avenues to be able to bring tenants into our community. Thanked the Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Winnsboro and Senator Coleman for their endeavors in this community effort.

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

A. Reminded Council of vacancies that exist on various Boards and Commissions. *Vice Chairman Marcharia announced the vacancies that exist in his district, and asked that anyone interested in serving to contact him.*

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.**

- ☐ Ms. Suzanne Doscher - Fairfield Memorial Hospital
- ☐ Ms. Bertha Goins - We Need To Do Better
- ☐ Mr. Bruce Wadsworth - Recreation
- ☐ Ms. Beth Jenkins - Executive Session
- ☐ Ms. Kerry Matthews - Reading Of Ordinances
- ☐ Ms. Starr Connor - Fairfield Memorial Hospital

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIMECouncil Member Smith

- Thanked the citizens for coming out
- Urged citizens to come out and be part of the budget work sessions to see what really goes on
- Copies available of the Hospital amending motion
- Information on the agendas

Council Member Kinley

- Thanked the citizens for being involved
- Public Affairs and Policy Committee meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 2016, @ 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Animal Control Ordinance
- Industry, Large Businesses, Retail

Chairman Robinson

- Way Ordinances Are Written
- Introduced new Park Service Ranger

Vice Chairman Marcharia

- Thanked Fairfield Memorial Hospital for coming out

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 7:26 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to go in executive session to discuss a contractual matter regarding Fairfield Memorial Hospital, water and sewer contractual matter for Grand Central area; personnel matters regarding County Administrator and Economic Development Director and economic development update. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Robinson to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

No action was taken in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned, upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN