



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 2016**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, 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

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 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 6:01 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Robinson requested Council's approval to add the item of Georgetown County vs. Repko to tonight's agenda. The S. C. Association of Counties has requested that Fairfield County, as well as other counties, to add their name in an Amicus Brief to support Georgetown County in their efforts to prevent taxpayers from having the obligation of being bound to pay developer costs. The County has to respond to this by Friday this week, and is something that if not stopped, it will go on in all counties all over the State. He asked that this be added under the County Administrator's Report as Item F. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kinley, and unanimously approved by Council.

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the agenda, with the addition of the Georgetown vs. Repko matter, as set forth above. **The motion carried unanimously.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Smith led in the Invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Stewart to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2016; Budget Work Session of April 12, 2016 and Special Meeting of April 16, 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.

- Mrs. Wanda Carnes - Budget
- Mr. Jimmy Ray Douglas - Budget
- Mrs. Shirley Greene - Strategic Plan

7. PUBLIC HEARING

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. *Chairman Robinson opened public hearing at 6:14 P.M. No one signed to speak; therefore, Chairman Robinson closed public hearing at 6:15 P.M.*

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Second Reading: 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.

Mr. Pope prefaced the discussion of Second Reading by mentioning information that was provided to the Council previously. From the budget work session, staff followed up with all of the requested information and those changes that staff was asked to come back with. As an overview in total, except for the last item in the "Total Changes In Revenue", with the Workforce Liaison Department, **(attached hereto as Exhibit A)**, all of the others staff has accomplished those things within the recommended budget, as presented by the County Administrator. Those items that have been addressed were kept within the same budget dollars, and did not change the budget dollars. Depending on what action or if Council takes an action on the last item, then that would be a further reduction to the numbers. Staff has accomplished those items that Council asked staff to adjust and were addressed within the dollars that existed.

Additionally, Mr. Pope stated in 2013, a previous Council provided an audit on the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. There were several questions surrounding the LOST Fund, which was an independent and separate audit that was provided. This year, one of the recommendations that came out of that audit was that each and every year that the County proposed the budget, the County had to list in the budget how the formula was come up with to provide the LOST estimate. This year the amount of revenue projected is \$1,391,792.00. One of the adjustments discussed in the work session, which was done so fiscally responsible, based upon the closing of Walmart, which was the largest retailer, was actually flowed into the budget estimate. When the auditors come in and look at the calculation, that will be documented. The Council, based upon the adopted Ordinance, did require that 100% of revenue for the Local Option Sales Tax go back toward the credit of Local Option Sales Tax for property tax reduction. Municipalities had to choose by