



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
MAY 11, 2015**

**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 Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and one hundred other individuals.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Carolyn Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson 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 Kinley to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session of April 14, 2015 and Regular Meeting of April 27, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.**

The following individual signed to speak:

- Mrs. Lisa Brandenburg - Education And The Quarry
- Mr. Moses Bell - Budget
- Mr. Randy Bright - Strategic Planning

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

**A. First Reading (By Title Only) - Ordinance No. 650** - 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 Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 650.* Mr. Pope gave a brief overview of the Industrial Park Agreement. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 649** - To Establish Operating And Capital Budgets 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; And Other Matters Related Thereto. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 649.* **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. Strategic Plan.** Contractual matter that needs to be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Pope asked to provide a clarification regarding the Plan, which he did by citing several months back, the County embarked upon an MOU with Central Midlands Council of Governments to enter into an agreement so that the COG could assist the County with its strategic planning process. The County publicly approved the MOU with the COG; then embarked upon a process of developing an RFQ regarding the plan--looking at most planning areas of Fairfield County long term, with the exclusion of the Economic Development piece. This piece was included primarily because the I-77 Alliance is actually going through a regional strategic plan, and the County wanted to be able to piggyback off that regional data and also to be able to save some cost on our plan. Each of the four members of the I-77 Alliance (York, Chester, Fairfield, Richland) are also in the process of updating their local Economic Development Plan. The COG took the information from Fairfield County; included it in an RFQ and then it was procured and solicited. There were numerous companies that responded to that work. Before any company can work for the County, the Council has to approve that company to be able to perform those services in the RFQ. There are some contractual matters to discuss, but will come back to the County publicly before that is approved. Is there a step in this process for the citizens to give input? Is there a reason why we are using four outfits?

**B. Phase II Commerce Park.** This was on the last agenda. Council gave authority to continue. The County has given the Notice to Proceed, and is a due diligence regarding engineering and other services at the Park. Staff has agreed to provide regular updates to the Council regarding the progress with this work. The construction part that would need to occur would come back to committee and to Council to be bid out.

**C. Intent To Mine Applications.** It was asked at the last meeting for the County to publish any type of information that the County had received. Administration agreed to do that. There has not been any applications or any inquires made to the County from Winnsboro regarding everything else. The actual appeal period has now closed. There was a 15-day appeal period; however, the County has not received any official information for any type of site development plans or anything else. Have we done everything that we were supposed to do according to the letter of the law involving this mining process? Have our inspectors done what they are supposed to do; our legal people? Has everyone done everything that they are supposed to do--following the exact letter of the law up to this time?

**D. Budget Update.** Council will address this via motion later in the meeting.

**E. Meeting With Congressional Delegation.** Several items were discussed with the Delegation Liaisons. The County requested any and all assistance from members of the Delegation. The first item on the agenda was Fairfield Memorial Hospital. Gave the Delegation staff an update on how the County is trying to keep it viable and sustainable. Provided the Delegation staff with the latest information from our water and sewer consultants. Gave the staff a report on Inoperability, which is the communications system in the County and how we need to better communicate with Inter-county public agency jurisdictions to be on the same type of technology and being able to communicate with the State of South Carolina. Also discussion regarding the Fairfield County Library and construction capital costs that they are wanting to upgrade. Also mentioned Housing initiatives. The last item was a discussion regarding our postal service here in the Town of Winnsboro, where there are several ADA concerns with that facility and with the hours of operation. Will have some follow up information to be able to provide to their staff.

**F. Motion Period Process.** None.

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

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Mr. Jeff Schaffer - The Facts
- Mrs. Selwyn Turner - Recreation
- Ms. Betty Gutschlag - Recreation
- Mr. William Turner - Recreation
- Mr. Moses Bell - Recreation
- Mr. Randy Bright - What Matters

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

- Council Member Stewart - Strategic Plan. Local Businesses.
- Chairman Robinson - Strategic Plan. Recreation Study.
- Council Member Kinley - *So moved; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to schedule a Budget Work Session for May 28, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Thanked Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Clowney for their work on the well organized Volunteer Appreciation Program.

- Council Member Smith - *So moved; seconded by Council Member Ruff to move the Third Reading of the budget (Ordinance No. 649) to June 8, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***
- Vice Chairman Marcharia - Asked the Clerk to set a Public Services and Development Committee meeting for May 28, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss matters regarding Plantation Pointe.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*At 6:48 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to go in executive session to discuss a hospital matter, a contractual matter with the Strategic Plan and a legal contract. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 7:59 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Smith to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*Chairman Robinson reported no action was taken in executive session.*

**18. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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CAROLYN B. ROBINSON  
CHAIRMAN