



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 29, 2018**

Present: Billy Smith, Doug Pauley, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Dan W. Ruff, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Tommy Morgan, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

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, The Country Chronicle, and one hundred thirty four other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the Agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Robinson led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2018. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation - 100th Birthday Congratulations - Mr. Sidney Squirewell.

Council Member Ruff presented Mr. Squirewell with the congratulations letter and shared some personal stories. Council thanked Mr. Squirewell and his family for attending.

6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): All public comments made during this session must pertain to items on the agenda for which no Public Hearing is scheduled. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Randy Bright - Chamber
- Jeff Schaffer - Hospital

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A.** An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance No. 599 to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from RD-1 (Rural Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District) of 150.32 Acres Owned by Sharpe Recreational Properties, Applicant is Fairfield County Council, Tax Map No. 203-00-01-157-000, Property is Located at 3248 US Hwy 21 South, Ridgeway, SC. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. Mr. Greg Wicker signed to speak in reference to the public hearing. After these comments, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. by motion of Council Member Robinson and second by Council Member Douglas. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- B.** An Ordinance to Regulate Construction and Development of Flood Hazard Areas in the Unincorporated Areas of Fairfield County and to Repeal Ordinance No. 586. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, by motion of Council Member Pauley and second by Council Member Robinson, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 698** - An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance No. 599 to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from RD-1 (Rural Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District) of 150.32 Acres Owned by Sharpe Recreational Properties, Applicant is Fairfield County Council, Tax Map No. 203-00-01-157-000, Property is Located at 3248 US Hwy 21 South, Ridgeway, SC. It was moved by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 698. Council Member Pauley requested an explanation for the zoning change. He is aware the area in question has been operating as a wedding/party venue for a period of time and inquired of the reason for the change. Mr. Taylor commented that the request is coming from the County and not the owner, which is unusual. The County found that the property has been allowed to be used in a nonconforming way and attempts are now being made to bring the zoning to where it should have been. This was brought to the County's attention based on another zoning request for a similar use and, therefore, the error was revealed and is being corrected. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 699** - An Ordinance to Regulate Construction and Development of Flood Hazard Areas in the Unincorporated Areas of Fairfield County and to Repeal Ordinance No. 586. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 699. Chairman Smith requested further information concerning this ordinance. Mr. Taylor deferred to Mr. Clauson for

details. Per Mr. Clauson, the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance regulates development in the flood hazard areas. Any development must be in compliance with these regulations. The existing ordinance has been on the books for a number of years. FEMA has prepared a revised Flood Insurance Study, including updating the roads as well as the municipalities. The actual base flood elevation has been updated in many areas with much more detail in the Lake Wateree area. This predominantly regulates development in those areas thereby allowing citizens to obtain a flood insurance policy. If this is not passed and regulated, flood insurance could not be purchased. This is a protective measure for the County along with the residents. The study and maps have been updated, and the County must now update the ordinance referencing the new maps and date of adoption. Vice Chair Goins inquired if the Jenkinsville area will be captured in this process. Per Mr. Clauson, the data will be present, but the municipal boundaries are not included at this time. However, even though the municipality is not recognized at this time, this will not affect insurance. Chairman Smith inquired who prepared the new maps, and per Mr. Clauson, the new maps were prepared by FEMA. He also reported there are original maps in the Clerk to Council's office which are not very user friendly in paper form. There is a digital map view available online. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

C. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 701 - An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance No. 599 to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to RD-1 (Rural Residential District) of 4 Acres Owned by Edward and Bonnie Sanders, Applicant is Edward and Bonnie Sanders, Tax Map No. 093-00-00-026-000, Property is Located at 1783 Durham Place Road. It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 701. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

D. Resolution No. 2018-04 - A Resolution Amending, Restating and Ratifying the Organizational Rules and By-Laws of the Fairfield County Council. It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve Resolution No. 2018-04. Council Member Trapp inquired of the change to the document. Chairman Smith requested the staff to give a brief explanation of the change. Per Mr. Taylor, the By-Laws are being amended to include the Chamber of Commerce to the Boards and Commissions to which Council appoints members. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

The following Board and Commission minutes were provided: Chamber of Commerce, Library Commission, Hospital Board, Disabilities and Special Needs Board and Aeronautics Commission. It was moved by Council Member Ruff and

seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes as presented. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- A.** Hospital Board - Reappointment of Clarence Gilbert, District 6. Motion made by Council Member Pauley and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the reappointment of Mr. Clarence Gilbert to the Hospital Board representing District 6. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A.** Quarterly Finance Report. Per Mr. Taylor, this report has been distributed to Council beforehand. Council can forward any questions to Mr. Taylor.
- B.** Request from Town of Ridgeway Pursuant to Ordinance No. 691: Ridgeway Sidewalk Enhancement and Safety Improvement Plan - Administration and Finance Committee Recommends Approval. The Town has made a request under the municipal assistance program the County now has for a sidewalk project. The total project amount is \$500,000. The Town has received a TAP (Transportation Alternative Project) grant from DOT in the amount of \$400,000. However, the Town has to provide a 20% match. Therefore, the Town has put forth \$11,400 with an additional \$43,000 from the CTC. The remaining balance of \$45,600 is being requested from the County. This would cover the cost of 1.7 miles of sidewalk in Ridgeway. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the request as stated. Chairman Smith inquired of the target date of the sidewalk plan being implemented. Per Mr. Taylor, TAP grants have changed in that in the past DOT would award the grant and allow the entity to move forward with the bidding process. Now, the money is awarded and goes through the DOT bidding process. This means it will take approximately two years for the project to be done. Chairman Smith also asked to clarify if this funding would be awarded out of the current fiscal year budget, and per Mr. Taylor, this is correct. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

- 15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items not on the agenda or under Council's consideration. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-

up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Jeff Schaffer - Just an Opinion
- Randy Bright - Spaghetti Western

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Goins: Remarks concerning District 4 and reflecting on the people who started the area and invested in it. Blacks and whites worked together to build the community. There were many attractions in Jenkinsville, and merchants and people worked together for the community. No one tried to overpower or take over but understood the meaning of community and working together. Because of these early relationships, many people had food and homes and generations now benefit from this. However, some want to take over instead of allowing the good work to continue. The community is full of good people. She also feels that racism does not cause the problem, but instead the mindset is the cause. Mr. Yarborough and Mr. Silas McMeekin, among others, were instrumental in vouching for citizens, caring for and having concern for citizens which allowed them to gain employment, etc. It was a struggle to get the water company into the community, but a struggle and sacrifice for people who cared and understood what community was about. She feels that the majority mindset is not the same as the small percentage trying to cause damage. The mindset should be that if you cannot accomplish something, move aside and let someone else try to do it. To every season there is purpose, one generation builds and accomplishes things and then others come who are supposed to build onto this to help those behind them and those to come. This is community building and what Fairfield County is about. She also does not understand the purpose of the annexation and stands against the annexation.

Robinson: Agrees recreation is not where it should be, but it is much better than before and will continue to get better. On May 30 the second Small Town Rural Multi-Model Network Guide Workshop will be held in the Council Chambers from 3 to 5. The public is invited to attend and give their input for Walkable Winnsboro.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)

At 6:42 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Trapp to go into executive session for (a) Legal Matter - Update on Litigation Against SCANA/SCE&G in Reference to the Abandoned V.C. Summer New Nuclear Project, (b) Proposed Contractual Matter - Discussion Regarding the Potential Purchase of Real Property Identified as Fairfield County TMS #126-03-01-001-000, (c) Legal Matter - Receive Information Regarding Pending Litigation from Former Employee and (d) Economic Development - Update and Discussion of Potential Contracts. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

At 8:19 p.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Goins and seconded by Council Member Ruff to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Council Member Ruff made a motion to authorize the Fairfield County Administrator and County Attorney to enter into negotiations with the Fairfield County Hospital Board, also known as Fairfield Memorial Hospital, for the purchase of some of the hospital property contingent upon various conditions, including conveyance of a clean title and other conditions, and prepare a contract for Council's review. Motion seconded by Council Member Pauley. ***The motion carried 6-1 with Council Member Trapp voting nay.***

18. ADJOURN

At 8:22 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp, properly seconded by Council Member Ruff to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN