



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2017**

Present: Billy Smith, Douglas Pauley, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Dan W. Ruff, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Patti Locklair, 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 twenty seven 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 Ruff and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Pauley led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

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. Randy Bright – Recreation sites

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 680** - 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 R-2 (Inclusive Residential District) of Two (2) Acres Owned by King Family Management c/o Cynthia K. Berley, Tax Map No. 126-04-14-004-000 Portion of, Property is

Located at 1224 Old Camden Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 680. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

- B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 681** - 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 RC (Rural Community District) of Two (2) Acres Owned by Frank Kelly, Tax Map No. 192-00-00-028-000, Property is Located at 758 Jenkinsville Road, Jenkinsville, SC 29065. It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 681. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Behavioral Health and Hospital Board: It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ruff to accept the minutes from Behavioral Health and Hospital Board. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- A. Aeronautics Commission** – Appointment of Daniel Heath, District 3. It was moved by Vice Chair Goins and seconded by Council Member Trapp to appoint Mr. Daniel Heath, representing District 3, to the Aeronautics Commission.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Use of MegaSite for Recreation** – Public Services and Development Committee Recommends Approval. It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the use of the MegaSite for Recreation. Chairman Smith asked for further clarification of the type of recreation. Council Member Ruff responded the County Administrator was to check into the legal aspects to ensure the County would be legally covered. Per Mr. Taylor, it was originally discussed to work with the Department of Natural Resources established program which includes what is to be done on the site as far as insurance, liability, rules and regulations. It was decided not to go with the DNR program and to put this out to bid essentially, but the DNR program rules and regulations for leasing will still be followed to ensure the County is legally covered. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- B. Request for Road Name Change:** From Unnamed Road off of Old Airport Road to Bunny Lane – Public Services and Development Committee Recommends Approval. It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Request for Road Name Change from Unnamed

Road off of Old Airport Road to Bunny Lane. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

- C.** Request for Road Name Change: From Enor Drive to Pro Pallet Drive – Public Services and Development Committee Recommends Approval. It was moved by Council Member Pauley and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Request for Road Name Change from Enor Drive to Pro Pallet Drive. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- D.** Request for Road Name Change: From Unnamed Road to Boykin Road – Public Services and Development Committee Recommends Approval. It was moved by Vice Chair Goins and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the Request for Road Name Change from Unnamed Road to Boykin Road. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Update on Jenkinsville and Mitford Recreation/Community Center Sites:**
The contractors have completed their work and the sites have been turned over to the County. The Clerk will be contacting Council in the near future to discuss the timing of the dedications for both sites in order to begin programs and public use.

One other item on recreation which is not listed on the agenda, however, Mr. Taylor wanted to update Council on the Dutchman Creek Bridge. The bridge will be closed temporarily, hopefully for a short period, in order to repair the decking of the bridge. It has been inspected by the engineer with recommendations forthcoming on how best to repair to ensure safety for the citizens.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

- 15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT WILL BE FOR ITEMS NOT CURRENTLY ON COUNCIL'S AGENDA OR UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. THE SUBJECT MATTER SHALL BE RELATED TO AND LIMITED TO ITEMS, ISSUES AND TOPICS REGARDING FAIRFIELD COUNTY. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.**

- Shirley Greene – Bridge and Invitation
- Moses W. Bell – Water study in Ridgeway area
- Jeff Shaffer – Life saving
- John Jones – Local issue
- Randy Bright – News you can use

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas: Supplying water and sewer to everyone is one of the most important issues facing the future of Fairfield County. Having services in place for industries is needed. A plan will be discussed at the next meeting. Another issue, people have been misinformed about Fairfield Memorial Hospital. Council Member Douglas

is on the hospital board and there has been no mention of closing the hospital. Providence Hospital is going to build a free-standing emergency room. When the emergency room is finished, Providence has offered to lease x-ray, MRI and CT scan equipment to help the hospital survive and prosper.

Goins: A packet from Goodwill was distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. Vice Chair Goins was contacted by Ms. Gwen Johnson from Goodwill in mid May 2017, and an appointment was scheduled to meet with Goodwill representatives, Mr. Michael Adams, Vice President of Business Development and Government Relations and Ms. SaTonya Bryant, Employment Specialist. On June 1, a meeting was held at the Goodwill facility on Farrow Road. The organization would like to work in collaboration with Fairfield County and its agencies to help extend and create employment opportunities thereby enhancing a better quality of life for those who want assistance. Vice Chair Goins was shown their training prep program, went through a tour and met with people who shared their life-changing experiences. Ms. Bryant gave a detailed explanation of the process from application, training and many difference areas of the work force. Also included is the SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program) for individuals 55 and older. Vice Chair Goins did further research through a Richland County School District employment source and confirmed Goodwill is frequently used for referrals and subsequent hiring. Goodwill has a good track record for service in communities. The possibility of placing a store in Fairfield County was discussed, hopefully by the time school opens in the fall of 2017. This could benefit many families in our community. Vice Chair Goins has mentioned this to the Administration staff, and Mr. Adams has reached out to Deputy Administrator Davis Anderson to visit the County for a tour of possible sites, properties and buildings for use. Vice Chair Goins placed strong emphasis on the County team, which includes Administrative Staff, Clerk to Council, agencies and citizens who are in this together. She will be working closely with the Goodwill team to move this project forward but will need much prayer and support of all the team members to make this happen. Vice Chair Goins is also asking Council to permit Mr. Adams and members of his team to be placed on the agenda on June 26 for approximately 30 minutes to do a presentation of the benefits and opportunities of the organization. This date has been confirmed with Mr. Adams if acceptable with Council.

Ruff: Recreation is very much needed and has been approved for District 1. Meetings have been taking place and hopefully, in the near future, these plans will be moving forward. Council Member Ruff also asked Mr. Taylor to keep Council updated on the specifics for the MegaSite before moving forward.

Robinson: Suggested Council put on future agendas a monthly economic report. Knowing everything cannot be disclosed, perhaps the citizens can be informed of some potential prospects. Also, to address law enforcement, he suggested the speakers tonight consult with the Sheriff and inquire concerning the circumstances of each respective occurrence. Coming from a law enforcement background, he feels there are a number of things that could prohibit response time, such as living in a rural community, not being able to place multiple substations due to manpower and definitely needing more deputies. Council Member Robinson feels we have a top notch Sheriff's Department, Fire and EMS. He asked that citizens take all of this into consideration. Council Member Robinson asked Mr. Taylor to give an

explanation of how dispatch operates for the citizens. Mr. Taylor will schedule Phyllis Watkins for a future Council meeting to give a full presentation on how dispatch works. Dispatch has been improved over the last year, two new firemen were added with the upcoming budget and salaries were increased for our EMT/Emergency Medical staff to ensure competent staff and attract more staff. So, actions have been taken to improve our services and grants will be applied for in the future in an effort to continue to improve our services. Council Member Ruff added that salaries for our emergency personnel were raised and hopefully this should improve the situation also.

Pauley: There was a house fire recently where two children lost their lives. Many phone calls came through complaining that it took 30 minutes for Fire/EMS to arrive. These dispatchers received negative feedback on Facebook concerning the manner in which the call was handled. Council Member Pauley did an investigation during which he requested the report of the incident from the Deputy Administrator. This report evidenced the fact that the officials were on the scene 10 minutes after the call was received. Many times when citizens make these complaints and give criticism to the dispatchers, in most instances, this information is incorrect. The dispatchers did everything possible to save the children. Council Member Pauley also has a background in law enforcement, and he feels arrival of these units was as quickly as possible. He asked to please have consideration for the Fire units and 911 because they are doing everything possible to save your life and everyone else's life.

Smith: Agrees with the Council members concerning the emergency services personnel. Since being on Council, Chairman Smith has had numerous complaints about response times, etc., and there is always room for improvement. However, every specific account that has been given to him, he has investigated and found not to be accurate. He stands by the County employees. When these complaints are made, citizens must have the understanding that these occurrences by law are heavily audited, tracked and there are records of every aspect of the occurrence. We do live in a rural County and have a lot more challenges as opposed to living in a larger county, and every possible effort is made to respond in a timely manner. Chairman Smith echoed also that salaries have been increased, positions added and our police force is larger than most counties our size. He urged citizens to take all this into consideration before publicly chastising, make sure your information is accurate. Chairman Smith will be glad to respond to a citizen in reference to any incident to be sure accurate information is received and when needed, people are held accountable.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION).

At 6:40 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Pauley, seconded by Council Member Robinson to go into executive session for a personnel matter regarding County Administrator and Clerk to Council. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

At 7:10 p.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Goins and seconded by Council Member Pauley to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

There was no action taken in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

At 7:11 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff, properly seconded by Council Member Pauley to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

PATTI LOCKLAIR
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN