



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 22, 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 one other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carolyn Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.***

3. INVOCATION

Just prior to the Invocation, Council Member Robinson voiced that is has been a pretty sad week in the State of South Carolina since last Wednesday with the needless and useless murders that were committed in Charleston. He stated those murders touched everywhere in the State, because there was a State Senator who was murdered. Council Member Robinson added that one always wonders, when something like this is heard, if it touched anyone in Winnsboro, and it did. Rev. Daniel L. Simmons was one of the victims, and was a Pastor here in Winnsboro at Wayman A.M.E. Church (now known as Wayman Chapel Church. He served from 1982 through 1988. He also spoke of the death of Coach Jerry Wolff, and stated the memorial service will be tomorrow morning at 11:00 A.M.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2015. **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.

The following individual signed to speak:

- Mr. Randy Bright - Strategic Plan

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

None.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

*It was moved by Council Member Stewart; seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Re-Appointment Ratification as presented for the Board of Assessment Appeals. **The motion carried unanimously.*** The Clerk announced the following re-appointment: Ms. Beverly Henderson.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Mr. Pope thanked the Council and staff for the well wishes for his family

B. Personnel Matter (Economic Development Director). Mr. Pope announced Mrs. Tiffany Harrison has tendered her resignation to the County about a week ago. He stated she has worked diligently for the County for the past nine years, and wanted to say, from his assessment, that she has done a tremendous job in bringing progress to Fairfield County with the initiative and guidance of County Council. Mr. Pope stated the position has already been posted internally and there will also be a statewide posting in the South Carolina Economic Development Directors' publications, and the position will be open until filled. Through the County's partnership with Central SC Alliance, project managers are actually working on the County's behalf until that transition is complete and can bring another person on board.

C. Road Maintenance Fee. Mr. Pope pointed out that there has been some discussion about the Road Maintenance Fee that was adopted in the FY 2015-2016 budget, and some suggestions that Council had mentioned that it went through its process of approval by the insistence of the CTC or because they required the County to do that. There was an article in *The Voice* that stated the talk of the fee first surfaced on May 7, 2015 in a budget work session and it came as a suggestion of the CTC. Mr. Pope clarified that the CTC has never requested that the County enact a Road Maintenance Fee, but rather, the CTC, in an open forum discussion, discussed with County Council of the need to provide maintenance funds for County-improved roads due to the number of growing County-improved roads in the County. Administration took that information from that particular meeting to the County retreat in February, and it appeared there was a consensus that the fee should be included in the recommended budget. The main point staff wishes to convey is the CTC did not ask the County to implement a Road Maintenance Fee, and based on that, no one should conclude that the CTC is "to blame", but rather, by Council's vote at Third Reading, believe this fee can be used to partner with the CTC to maintain and extend the life of County-maintained roads.

D. Motion Period Process. None.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

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.

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Mrs. Terry Vickers - Ag + Art Farm Tour
- Mr. Dan Dennis - County Procurement
- Mr. Val Green - Paving Consultant
- Mr. Bruce Wadsworth - Recreation
- Mr. Jeff Schaffer - Change
- Mr. Randy Bright - Bloat

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Marcharia - Commented on the status of the recreation projects. Announced a prayer vigil will be held in honor of the nine victims who were murdered in Charleston on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., at Fortune Springs Park. The public is invited.

Smith - Expressed thanks to those who reached out to him and his family the past week and a half during the time of his mother's untimely passing last Saturday. He voiced his sincere appreciation for the many calls and emails and for those who attended his mother's memorial service. Also spoke about the tragedy in Charleston and commented on the improvements that are being witnessed as recent as 4:00 today.

C. Robinson - Recognized the past accomplishments of the Clerk to Council as President of the S. C. Clerks to Council Association from 2006-2008 and recently, she has been leading the Certification Committee of the South Carolina Clerks to Council since that time. Clarified that she wished it to be heard that she never once said that the CTC told the County how to put a fee together, but rather she did say the CTC told the County it needed to have something sitting aside, which the County equated to approximately \$123,000.00. Also spoke about the surfacing guidelines and addressed the purpose and criteria for the road maintenance fee. Further, she addressed the comment that was made about she had not treated everyone on Council equally.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 6:43 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith to go in executive session to receive a legal update, a contractual matter regarding the strategic plan and an economic development matter. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:55 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; 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 and no motions to be made.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN