



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 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 6:03 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

Council Member Ruff led in the Invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2015; Budget Work Session of May 26, 2015 and Budget Work Session of June 1, 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. William Coleman - Budget
- Ms. Beth Jenkins - Budget/Units 2 & 3
- Mr. Jeff Schaffer - Budget
- Ms. Wanda Carnes - Budget
- Ms. Debra Matthews - Budget

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Third And Final Reading - 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 Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 650. **The motion carried unanimously.***

B. Third And Final 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.

Kinley: I move that we amend Ordinance No. 649 to include a two (2%) percent cost of living for Fairfield County's Elected Officials (this does not include County Council) in the amount of \$8,603.29, and give Third and Final Reading to the FY 2015-2016 Fairfield County budget. This Council has spent numerous hours reviewing line by line for no-tax-increase budget, which we have had for the second year straight that was prepared and recommended to us based on our directive to the County Administrator at our retreat back in February.

M. Robinson: Second.

Smith: Motion to amend Ms. Kinley's motion by striking "give Third and Final Reading to the fiscal year 2015-2016 Fairfield County budget."

Stewart: Second.

<u>IN FAVOR</u>	<u>NOT IN FAVOR</u>
Ruff	Marcharia
Stewart	M. Robinson
Smith	Kinley
	C. Robinson

Smith: Motion to amend Third and Final Reading of the Budget by reducing the County Council's cell phone line item by \$3,150.00.

Ruff: Second.

Ruff: Can we amend the amendment to increase that number? I would like to suggest that we reduce that amount for five Council Members.

Smith: Second.

Pope: The amended motion before Council, as far as the reduction; instead of the reduction of \$3,150.00, it's \$5,250.00.

<u>IN FAVOR</u>	<u>NOT IN FAVOR</u>
Ruff	Marcharia
Stewart	
M. Robinson	
Kinley	
Smith	
C. Robinson	

Smith: I would like to make a motion to amend Third and Final Reading of the budget by reducing line items for County Council Catered and Prepared Meals, County Attorney Meals and Lodging, County Administrator Dues And Memberships, County Administrator Meals and Lodging by \$500.00 each, for a total of \$2,000.00.

Ruff: Second.

<u>IN FAVOR</u>	<u>NOT IN FAVOR</u>
Ruff	Marcharia
Stewart	M. Robinson
Smith	Kinley
	C. Robinson

Pope: The \$5,000.00 for Sanitary Supplies was removed from the {Detention Center} budget. Presently, all janitorial supplies are funded by Building Maintenance. Any sanitary supplies required for detainees are budgeted in the medical account.

Smith: Motion to amend the budget by reducing the Recreation Promotional Supplies line item by \$1,350.00.

Ruff: Second.

FOUR (4) NAYS DECLARED BY THE CHAIRMAN

Smith: Motion to amend the budget by reducing the line items for the Good Samaritan House (\$2,500.00), Transitions (\$2,500.00), American Red Cross (\$1,250.00), Chameleon Inspirations (\$1,250.00), Eau Claire Health Cooperative (\$5,000.00), Harvest Hope (\$5,000.00) and the Boys and Girls Club (\$5,000.00) to current fiscal year funding levels.

Ruff: Second.

<u>IN FAVOR</u>	<u>NOT IN FAVOR</u>
Ruff	Marcharia
Stewart	Kinley
M. Robinson	
Smith	
C. Robinson	

Pope: May I have a chance to get my numbers correct. Mr. Smith, just to make sure that, from a staff standpoint, because we will have to change the number for the voting on Third Reading, it's the \$1,350.00--Promotional Supplies, Good Samaritan House, Transitions, American Red Cross, Chameleon, Eau Claire, Boys and Girls Club and Harvest Hope. That's correct? Just to clarify, for your General Fund number in Ordinance No. 649, just to be clear for the record regarding the motions that were made and approved by Council:

- The first adjustment was to County cell phones. That reduction amount was \$5,250.00
- On Promotional Supplies for Recreation, the reduction of \$1,350.00 was adopted.
- Good Samaritan House - \$2,500.00
- Transitions - \$2,500.00
- American Red Cross - \$1,250.00
- Chameleon Inspirations - \$1,250.00
- Eau Claire Cooperative Health - Reduction of \$5,000.00
- Boys and Girls Club - Reduction of \$5,000.00
- Harvest Hope Food Bank - Reduction of \$5,000.00
- Total of \$29,100.00

- *Two of those are total eliminations. The others are reductions or back to last year's funding. Boys and Girls Club and Harvest Hope Food Bank are zeroed out.*
- *Based upon that, in the Budget Ordinance for the Clerk's record, under the Total General Fund Amount, which was \$27,023,565.00; then the addition of the \$8,603.29, which is the Elected Officials' Statutory Offices, the 2% cost of living, that would adjust the General Fund figure to \$27,003,068.29.*

Kinley: May I go back and please change that motion to include these figure changes; so that we add the 2% cost of living and also deduct \$29,100.00 for the budget and have the final reading on this budget.

Stewart: Before we do that, I have an additional motion.

Chairman: I've got to have a second.

Marcharia: We have a motion on the floor.

Robinson: Second.

Chairman: Do you have another motion?

Kinley: Could I call for the question on that motion?

Stewart: My motion is to....

Marcharia: Her motion is on the floor already.

Chairman: She has a motion on the floor.

Stewart: You need to understand what I am getting ready to do.

Marcharia: But, you can't do that. It's called for the question.

Stewart: It appears that she is trying to approve something that I am not prepared to approve, and she is trying to close out the discussion.

Kinley: We have had enough discussion.

Chairman: She had called for the question--is on the floor. All in favor for call of the question, say aye. Opposed? How many oppose? 4-3 for call for the question. The question is now to amend the budget so that the General Fund is \$27,003,068.29, and give it Third Reading. All in favor, say aye. Opposed? 4-3 for.

Stewart: My motion was going to be to remove the \$123,570.00 for the Road Maintenance Fee--just take it totally out of the budget.

Chairman: It's already closed.

{Mr. Pope asked for an opportunity to explain what just transpired as it relates to call for the question and subsequent adoption of the budget}.

C. Resolution No. 2015-06: Stepping Up Initiative To Reduce The Number Of People With Mental Illness In Jails. Mr. Pope set forth that this Resolution was initiated by the National Association of Counties and counties across the Nation are participating in this. Local governments have been required to pick up more costs associated with treatment of people with mental illnesses, and have been asked to support this National initiative. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the Resolution as presented. **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. Mr. Pope announced the passing of County employee, Mr. Jeremy Harrison, who was employed as a Shop Maintenance Specialist at the Transit Department.

B. Request Of Action: Purchase County Vehicles For Sheriff's Department. This is an exception to the normal process because staff is asking for this to be expedited. This is for budgeted dollars for FY 2014-2015 budget. There was a request for replacement of four (4) vehicles. There has been transition in the Sheriff's Department, where the new Sheriff has decided on a different type of vehicles. The unanimous recommendation from the committee to purchase four (4) Chevrolet Tahoes. Council Member Smith inquired if the County checked with a local vendor on these, and if this would ensure there was one four-wheel drive vehicle on shift at every rotation. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Request of Action for Purchase of County Vehicles for Sheriff's Department. **The motion carried unanimously.***

C. Request To Negotiate Fairfield County Strategic Plan. Staff sent proposal and Executive Summary of this matter, highlighting the part of the Strategic Plan that was adopted and partnered with through a Memorandum of Understanding with Central Midlands Council of Governments. Based upon submittals, this has been narrowed down to one company, T. Y. Lin, who is a large firm out of Atlanta, to perform the duties of the Strategic Plan. Before the total package can be brought and approved publicly, the County is in the process of negotiating pricing. If Council gives Administration authority to move forward with that, a recommended price will be brought back to Council so that it can be publicly released. In the Executive Summary and in the actual document, there is a significant component as the public element of the Strategic Plan. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to give the Administrator authority to negotiate to bring back a pricing for the Council to consider. **The motion carried unanimously.***

D. VC Summer Units 2 And 3 Update. A video update of Units 2 and 3 was presented.

E. 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:

- Ms. Beth Jenkins - Future of Fairfield County
- Ms. Irene Mattox - Sidewalk
- Mr. Jeff Schaffer - Performance

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Stewart - Asked to point out an irregularity, citing the Chairman failed to recognize him or Mr. Ruff on motions to amend, and questioned whether what the Council did subsequent to that is illegal because of the procedure used. Stated citizens in District 3 want spending cut or kept, and opined the budget that was passed increases the amount being spent. He added that the original budget guidance that was given with no increases was an increase, and the basic guidance that was given to Mr. Pope and staff was violated. Stated there is some excess that could have been looked at instead of putting an additional levy on the citizens. Opined if the Council desires to go to a fee system and a pay-as-you-go system, that a referendum needs to be put before the citizens to pass a referendum instead of Council coming up with the recommendation.

Ruff - Agreed with Council Member Stewart, citing Mr. Pope came back with the same amount to avoid the road fee. Stated he was disappointed Council did not do this; however, he appreciated the efforts to find the money in the budget to reduce it to try to avoid the road fee.

Smith - Stated what Council Member Kinley did was a procedural thing and that is part of the process. He also cited reasons why he voted no on the budget tonight. Thanked the public for attending and for their time.

Marcharia - Thanked Council Member Smith for his presentation. Opined that it is important to invest taxpayers' money back in taxpayers and programs. Gave an overview of the origin of Memorial Day.

C. Robinson - Stated the Council spent over 20 hours on the budget. Gave points regarding the road fee, unfunded mandates and the Local Government Fund.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 7:35 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to go in executive session to receive a legal update, a contractual matter and an economic development matter. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:45 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Ruff to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Robinson reported Council received information in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN