



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 10, 2017**

Present: Billy Smith, 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.

Absent: Douglas Pauley

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

Vice-Chair Goins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Chairman Smith's absence. Chairman Smith arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order, and Council Member Pauley had a previous engagement and was not in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Ruff led the invocation.

Chairman Smith arrived at 6:02 p.m. and Vice Chair Goins turned the meeting over to Chairman Smith.

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 June 26, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

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.

- Ms. Dorothy Brandenburg – Zoning
- Ms. Donna Glenn Holley – Zoning
- Ms. Linda Haslett – Introduction of International Exchange Students from Hungary, Austria and Lithuania
- Ms. Mary Anne Oliver – Zoning

- Ms. Judy Ramsey - Zoning
- Mr. Randy Bright – Intergovernmental Meetings

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. Third and Final Reading: 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 Council Member Ruff to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 680. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***
- B. Third and Final Reading: 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 Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 681. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***
- C. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 682** – 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 Five (5) Acres Owned by Alex Ferrell, Applicant is Alex Ferrell, Tax Map No. 138-00-02-040-000, Property is located at 501 Frees Creek Road, Jenkinsville, SC 29065. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 682. ***The motion failed by vote of 5-1 {Council Member Trapp voted aye}.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

- A. Hospital Board:** It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Robinson to accept the minutes from the Hospital Board. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on C Fund Road Paving Program: This Ad Hoc Committee is being appointed by Chairman Smith to discuss the matter of possibly changing the County Ordinance pertaining to road paving that is administered by the local CTC and funded by the State C Fund gas tax revenues. The Committee is being formed as a result of a Council Member who is interested in changing the priority formulation for road paving. Districts 2, 3 and 4 would be the most affected by this change. Therefore, Chairman Smith appointed Vice Chair Goins as the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee with members to include Council Member Douglas and Council Member Trapp. The Committee is charged with developing a plan to pass onto full Council. Chairman Smith instructed Vice Chair Goins to involve the CTC in this process as they do have sole authority of how the money is spent.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Mr. Rich Fletcher, President & CEO South Carolina I-77 Alliance: In an effort to have updates from the various organizations funded by the County, Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Rich Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher prepared a slide show for Council to give background of the organization. The Alliance was formed by the Economic Development Directors of Fairfield, Chester and York Counties in October 2013. Richland County was added in 2014 making a 4-member organization stretching along the entire I-77 corridor in South Carolina. The Alliance is comprised of 33 board members which includes 20 public members and 12 private members. The County Economic Development Directors are members of the board of directors as well as the executive committee which makes this organization unique. Domestic and international companies are being targeted for marketing and lead generation, including automotive, aviation and advanced manufacturing. A new data website has recently been launched which will assist Mr. Davenport and Mr. Weathers in performing their duties. In the past 12 months, the organization has forwarded 18 leads to the County, had 4 site visits resulting from the leads, assisted with 12 requests for information as well as other data requests. The Board has also recently approved up to \$30,000 to market specifically the Fairfield County MegaSite, which is felt to be a regional game changer to help the economy of Fairfield County and everyone along the I-77 corridor. With Fairfield County having the foresight to make this purchase, the Alliance plans to work with the State Department of Commerce to locate the right client for the site. Mr. Fletcher also thanked Council Member Douglas for his service on the Alliance board. Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Fletcher for the presentation and appreciates the work the Alliance does for the County.

B. Request of Action: Fairfield County Detention Center HVAC Replacement – Administration and Finance Committee Recommends Approval – Mr. Taylor reported this request is to replace 11 air conditioning units at the Fairfield County Detention Center that are 18 years old. Four bids were received with Cudd Heating and Air being the lowest at \$91,000. This is a budgeted item. Motion made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the Request of Action. Council Member Ruff

commented that he definitely agrees with replacing these units and asked if the ratings were compared. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

C. Other Announcements: In the budget were positions for two full-time firefighters and these positions have been filled. Mr. Tony Hill thanked the Council for acknowledging this need reporting that 65% of the fire calls come in from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. when 95% of the volunteers are at work and this problem is worse western Fairfield. Mr. Hill introduced Mr. Jay Joyner and Jamie Gattis to Council. Mr. Gattis has been in fire service for 10 years and a County volunteer for four years with the Lebanon Fire Department. Mr. Joyner has been with the County for 6 years as a volunteer. Both young men come from families of law enforcement and fire service background. Mr. Gattis and Mr. Joyner both spoke to Council and thanked Council for the consideration and approval of these positions. Vice Chair Goins also thanked Council for these much needed positions and thanked Mr. Joyner and Mr. Gattis for accepting and for their desire to help others. Chairman Smith shared his appreciation also for their years of volunteerism.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Clerk reminded the Council that Fairfield County Council will host the next Intergovernmental Meeting, which will be held at the Midlands Tech Fairfield Campus on Wednesday, July 19, at 6 p.m.

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.

- Randy Bright – Communication

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas: Agrees with the decision to not change the property zoning as he is in the process of trying to help a family in a similar situation.

Goins: Welcomed the exchange students to Fairfield County. Also, water and sewer are necessities for an excellent quality of life. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Davenport have performed extensive studies which have yielded the best quality of water service. The County and the Town are coming together on this issue. There has been a deficiency on the western side of the County in the water service. In the future, Vice Chair Goins would like to schedule meetings in District 4 to explain to the citizens the direction the County is headed, what is needed to get there and what to do about the present system.

Ruff: Great to have the two new firemen on board and also greeted the exchange students.

Robinson: At the last meeting, mention was made of the Salkehatchie group. Council Member Robinson suggested asking the group or a representative to attend an upcoming Council meeting to be recognized and congratulated for their efforts and also to glean information as far as pre-requisites of the program. There are citizens who are curious about the program and would like to have more information. Possibly the County could assist this organization in the future.

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

At 6:46 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff, seconded by Vice Chair Goins to go into executive session for (a) Contractual Matter – MegaSite Update and (b) Proposed Acquisition of Property – Parcel Number 176-01-01-077-000. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

At 8:15 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Douglas to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

There was no action taken in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

At 8:16 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff, properly seconded by Council Member Douglas to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

PATTI LOCKLAIR
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN