



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
JULY 11, 2011**

**Present:** Dwayne Perry, R. David Brown, Kamau Marcharia, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

**Absent:** David L. Ferguson, Mary Lynn Kinley

**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 fifty-one individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**2. INVOCATION**

Council Member Robinson led in the invocation.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the minutes of the worksession of June 22, 2011 and regular meeting of June 27, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Hinely's opening remarks (prior to public hearing):

"The JAG grant is for the Sheriff's Office. What that does is it buys some equipment under a grant; that otherwise the county would have to pay for. That's why we like to see those. Chief Deputy Keith Lewis asked me this afternoon if I would mention that to you."

"This Wednesday night, Sheriff Young is being installed as President of the State Sheriff's Association."

"On this ordinance rezoning some property that the county owns, I would like for Mrs. Harrison to come up and give a brief overview of that before we actually get into the public hearing."

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Application And Expenditure For The 2011 JAG Grant Funds**

*Vice Chairman Perry opened public hearing at 6:13 P.M. No one signed to speak; however, the Clerk stated that Mr. Hinely had already given an overview of Mr. Lewis' request. Vice Chairman Perry closed public hearing at 6:14 P.M.*

**Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 498), To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial District) For Three Parcels: (1) Forty (40.0) Acres Property (TMS No. 184-00-00-060) Zoned RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial District); (2) Three (3.0) Acre Property (Portion Of TMS No. 184-00-00-091) Zoned RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial District); (3) Six Hundred Forty One And Seventy Three Hundredths (641.73) Acres Property (TMS No. 184-00-00-096) Zoned RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial District). Owner Is Fairfield County. Property Is Located Near Intersection Of Cook Rd. And Peach Rd., Ridgeway, SC, 29130.**

*Vice Chairman Perry opened public hearing at 6:14 P.M. The following individuals spoke, supporting the rezoning request: Mr. Deepal Eliatamby, Mr. Mike Briggs and Mr. Vann Gunter. The following individuals spoke, opposing the rezoning request: Mr. Gene Schofield, Ms. Ruth Mary Medlin, Mr. Peter Hayes and Mr. Bill Ressegmie. Ms. Beth Gaddy and Ms. Julie Fowler signed to speak; however, they declined when their names were called. Hearing no further comments, Vice Chairman Perry closed the public hearing at 6:32 P.M.*

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Jan Boylston spoke to Council on the subject of FEMA notice.

#### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 589** - Request For A Zoning Reclassification To The Fairfield County Zoning Map (Rezone) For Two Parcels: (1) Ten (10.0) Acre Property (TMS No. 071-00-00-027) Zoned RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial); (2) Five (5.0) Acre Property (TMS No. 071-00-00-028) Zoned RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial). Property Is Located At 183 Ibis Lane, Winnsboro, South Carolina, 29180. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 589.*

*During discussion, Council Member Trapp made the following comments and inquiries: (1) It was a lot of concern from the citizens on Cason Road pertaining to the traffic and some environmental concerns, i.e., contamination, who would be liable if well water would get contaminated? (2) Would the site have to be licensed or governed by DHEC? (3) What was the recommendation of the zoning board? Is this a different recommendation from the one on the application, as the summary states it should be denied until the Comprehensive Plan allows such rezoning?*

*Council Member Marcharia made the following comments: (1) The last time the Council had a discussion on this, either the Chairman or someone on Council had recommended that the parties involved would sit down and talk with the people from the community, and we didn't get a report back on that in terms of how did that conversation go; where did it lead to? Most of the people from that community showed up. I didn't see but one or two people to show up from the other side. It was still an RD district even though they work there. What we are asking for now—even though they work there, it has not been grandfathered in, they are asking for it to be from a rural development to I-1. The community had some real concern about that. I thought it would be helpful if the community had this conversation with all parties. I have no sense that the community's concerns have been recognized, unless someone can demonstrate that. I am not hearing the conversation going on with people in rural areas around these issues.*

*Council Member Robinson asked the following questions: (1) How long have you been in business? (2) To get to your business from the handout that has just been given to us, do you enter off 321; go down Cason Road and go to Ibis Lane? (3) What is your projection if we approve the 15 acres to enter your property then? (4) If you entered in 1977, the Catawba Wood Yard was already in business at that time? (5) What kind of activity occurred on that wood yard? (6) What hours are your operation? (7) How long and what hours did Catawba Wood Yard operate? (8) If you come in and enter the same place they did, it is not going to affect the people down the road that live on Cason Road. Is it fair to say that you would be using that entrance rather than Ibis for the majority of your business? (9) The land that was there for all these years still was not zoned I-1? Now they are asking 10 acres of land plus an additional five to be rezoned. I don't have any*

*problem with the grandfather, but this is asking for additional acreage. Any additional land, I think the citizens have a right to negotiate with that.*

*The motion carried 3-2. {Council Members Trapp and Marcharia voted nay}.*

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 590** – Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 498), To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial District) For Three Parcels: (1) Forty (40.0) Acres Property (TMS No. 184-00-00-060) Zoned RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial District); (2) Three (3.0) Acre Property (Portion Of TMS No. 184-00-00-091) Zoned RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial District); (3) Six Hundred Forty One And Seventy Three Hundredths (641.73) Acres Property (TMS No. 184-00-00-096) Zoned RD (Rural Development District) To I-1 (Industrial District). Owner Is Fairfield County. Property Is Located Near Intersection Of Cook Rd. And Peach Rd., Ridgeway, SC, 29130. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 590. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**a.** Responded to the FEMA flood plain notice. *Mr. Hinely was asked to do research this information and report back to Council.*

**b.** Mr. Steven Gaither gave an overview of the amendment to the Waste Stream Management Plan. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the amendment to the Waste Stream Management Plan. The motion carried unanimously.*

**c.** Fairfield County 2010-2011 Road Inventory distributed to Council. Mr. Hinely referenced the Table of Contents, Item E, citing this is the listing of roads which were allowed to be considered, based on Council's authorization to reduce the width of roads to 12 feet. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to accept the 2010-2011 Road Inventory. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT**

None

## **10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Provided as information.

## **11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Provided as information.

## **12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

**Robinson:** Reported that the annual WHOA meeting was held Saturday and that the fire department is trying to raise money to match funds to add the existing building for a substation. WHOA donated \$5000.00 to the local fire department in that area.

**Perry:** Reported he had an opportunity, on behalf of Council, to present commendations to three (3) new Eagle Scouts: William "Mac" Renwick, Thomas J. Mills and Samuel P. Joyner. Council Member Kinley and Sheriff Herman Young were also in attendance at the Eagle Scout ceremony.

**Brown:** Commented on the active boy scout troop in the county.

**Trapp:** Commented on the WLTX Channel 19 e-waste article.

Marcharia: {Verbatim transcription, at the request of Council Member Marcharia}: "I just want to comment on the fact that again, I state here--a lot of times people in the rural communities don't get the proper information. I have been saying that on Council for a long time; however, it happens. But people in rural areas get the "boot" many times, and they are taxpayers like everybody else and I live in the very rural area. I know Mr. Brown and them tried to have a business over there. When that failed, we rezoned a whole...almost a residential community to a B2 area and things in that B2 the nuclear power plant don't even want around them. Now we have all that acreage over there that was supposed to be an economic development site rezoned—that's not going to be no economic development, and people can come there and put...you just name the kind of chemical stuff that can go under a B2, and I don't want to see that happening to any other community. We change these to industrial; we change it, and then all of a sudden it's supposed to be jobs and work and employment. These things dry up; we don't get the jobs. But when you raise something like that, politically, you become an arrow; people take shots at you and they do things to you, and the public cannot wait until the ninth hour to come and see about what's going on in their community—because by the time you get here and say something about it, the vote is on the table and most people don't even know what is really going on, so I am just saying tonight, that zoning passed 3 to 2. Zoning passed in my area and now we don't know what to do with it. People wanted to come in a district area and put up these batch plants right in the heart of a community. When that didn't go through, you get political consequences. People call you all kind of names—you're trying to stop economic development. I am just saying there has to be some fairness in Fairfield County. I don't want to go around saying there is no fairness in Fairfield, but again, the rural communities, when it comes down to issues...I am in Jenkinsville; I read the newspaper; every week, somebody is...\$48,000 is missing; ah la la la. Every week, attack Jenkinsville. But, we had issues here with the hospital—over \$400,000 for years; just explained that away. Wasn't no every day article in the paper. We have, over five years ago, voted—voted or paid for, voted to put a community center in western Fairfield. \$48,000 missing in Jenkinsville. We have a building that's \$480,000 been sitting on the ground. Your tax dollars. \$480 something thousand dollars—nearly \$500,000 sitting on the ground rusting because they don't want to put it in western Fairfield, for whatever reason. That's the majority of Council, because it takes a majority vote. But \$500,000 of your money sitting on the ground, and they are arguing about \$48,000 that hadn't been proven one way or the other whether something has happened to it. So, people in the rural areas, to me, gets the "boot". You are going to have to step up and be boisterous about what's going on in this county. You have to participate. Now that you have access, people fight for access. When people get access, then they don't participate. You have to participate in your local government; come here and ask these questions, and I hope people don't leave mad and uptight and, you know, that I've massively run off at the mouth. But, I am saying to you, you need to participate. These things have gone on in the county and I just hope to God that you be conscious of what is going on, because in the rural areas, our kids are killing one another; no kind of recreation. We had a grant right here that the Behavioral Health applied for—no bonding on the County Council, but the Council...we need community centers; Council didn't put in no grant; didn't even mention it; didn't even have a conversation about hey...don't cost up nothing, why don't we try it. So, there are some things that we really need to be concerned about. I am really upset about how the rural areas are treated, so step up to it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

### 13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. upon the unanimous approval of Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.  
CHAIRMAN