



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 11, 2016**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, Dan W. Ruff, Billy Smith, Council Members; Jason C. Taylor, 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 Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle, Winnsboro Cablevision and one hundred twelve other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the Invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2016 and Special Meeting of July 5, 2016. **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.

- Mr. Randy Bright - Budgetary Update

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Second Reading - Ordinance No. 668 - Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Agreement Between Fairfield County And The South Carolina Department Of Commerce; Authorizing The Acquisition Of Certain Real Property Located In Fairfield County; And Other Matters Related Thereto. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 668. {Council Member Ruff recused himself from the discussion, and stepped away from the dais. He also signed a Statement of Potential Conflict of Interest Form, which is on file in the Clerk to Council's office}.* Mr. Taylor set forth there has been a slight difference between the First and Second Readings; primarily to differentiate between Option properties and Key properties, and with

the two variations, tax map numbers were added to clarify what properties are being discussed. In doing so, Council Member Ruff did vote at the First Reading; however, the First Reading was primarily talking about the Key properties, which did not include his property, and now, the agreement is including the potential to purchase all properties at one clip possibly. Fairfield County is committing to \$3,000,000.00 to leverage potentially \$9,000,000.00, and possibly more, to purchase properties and improve those properties to encourage large economic development in the County. ***The motion carried 5-1, with Council Member Ruff not voting on this matter.***

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

A. Budgetary Update. Mr. Taylor reported that Council is in the new budget year, with a few things associated with that: (1) Looking to hire another person in the Economic Development Department to work with Mr. Davenport. \$45,000.00 was approved to accomplish this; (2) Adding a Food Service Supervisor at the Detention Center, which has been approved; (3) A K-9 Handler at the Sheriff's Department; (4) Recreation Temps for the new parks; (5) Recycling Centers will be open on Wednesdays now for the public to use, from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

B. Courthouse Approvals/Grants. Looking at a change in direction. Previously looking to use an existing (old HON) building. Looking now at using a 1.5 acre parcel that the County owns near the existing Courthouse in downtown. Received approvals from the Clerk of Court, met with Judge Mr. Gibbons, who has given his approval and working on obtaining the State Supreme Court Chief Justice's approval on that also. Once all of this done, will get the engineers to look into the feasibility of the site.

C. Salkehatchie Group. Doing work on six houses in the County to help people who need assistance with roofing and other upgrades to their homes.

D. T.Y. Lin Study. Should have the final report to the County today. PAC meeting held last Wednesday night, and was informed that it will be 3 or 4 more weeks before the final version is complete.

E. Motion Period Process. None.

Vice Chairman Marcharia inquired if the County has applied for any grants for the current Courthouse or construction of the new Courthouse.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

Reported that Council's next Regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, rather than Monday, July 25, 2016, as previously voted on by Council. The Clerk was also asked to delineate the additional dates as it relates to Ordinance 668, which were as follows: Public Hearing: July 26, 2016; Third and Final Reading: July 28, 2016.