

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL AUGUST 10, 2009

Present: R. David Brown, David L. Ferguson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn B. Robinson, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

Absent: Mikel R. Trapp

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-eight other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley wished Chairman Brown a happy birthday and expressed condolences to Vice Chairman Trapp at the loss of his step-father. Afterwards, she led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2009; budget worksession of May 18, 2009; special meeting of June 29, 2009 and regular meeting of July 13, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Tangee Jacobs addressed Council on resurfacing Coleman Road and a safety issue at Ashford Ferry Road.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Economic Development and Land Planning

Committee Chairman Brown reported the following:

- (1). Recommended to the Administration and Finance Committee that Council participate in a ten (10%) percent match for an economic development study being financed by Santee Cooper.
- 2). The Committee took no action on the remaining matters that were discussed.

B. Administration and Finance

Committee Chairman Robinson reported the following:

- (1). Took action on the ten (10%) percent match with the Santee Cooper grant to do a strategic plan for economic development. It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Chairman Brown to approve the ten (10%) percent match for that fund and grant. Chairman Brown was asked to elaborate on this matter, which he did saying this is an economic development strategic plan, which is not like the one done a few years ago that covered everything. He stressed that this is strictly a strategic plan to study economic development—what the county needs to be doing in order to move forward, what recommendations would be offered, what the weaknesses and strengths are, etc. He added that Santee Cooper has done this in a number of counties at a 90/10 match to prepare the county for the next generation with economic development. After comments from the Council, the motion carried unanimously.
- (2). Middle College Funding. Had several students attend this past year and the county had provided transportation for the students. It was the Council's understanding that it is not being funded at this time. The committee recommended that the Council fund up to \$18,000 for this program. So moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Ferguson and unanimously approved by Council.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- **a.** Mr. Walter Kellogg and Ms. Karen Kee, representing Carolina Community Action, gave an update of the program as follows:
- Existed since 1965.
- 14 community action agencies. All 46 counties are covered by the community action agencies. Each operates primarily 5 federally-funded programs.
- Primary federal program (Head start) is not operated in Fairfield County. Second federal program (Workforce Investment Act) is not operated in Fairfield County.
- Energy audit in done to see where clients are losing energy.
- With stimulus (DOE) money, guidelines are strict. It does allow the agency to look at repairing holes in roofs. Basic aesthetics are done. With base program, receive money from LIHEAP to help clients with their utility bills and weatherization.

Ouestions:

	What is the maximum income?
	Do citizens have to own their home?
	Have you had good response from the Winnsboro office?
	Clients were treated rudely in the past.
	If you have five counties and out of 300 homes from stimulus funds, Fairfield County
wc	ould receive 27. Explain the ratio.

	Is there a way to identify the homes that have already been weatherized or fixed in
th	e County?
	If these are federal funds being utilized, why is there a privacy issue?
	Are there any expectations of changing some of the criteria of the needs of senior
cit	izens (who primarily needs this help)?
	How many staff do you have in the five county area? And they get paid from the same
fec	deral money?
	How many staff people are in Fairfield County?
	Concerned about the number 27 and the poverty level percentage in the county.
	Would like to know where the referrals are coming from and what homes are being
se	rviced.
h	Mr. Hipply was asked the status of the consus program

- b. Mr. Hinely was asked the status of the census program.
- c. Ms. Heather Mitchell, President of the Boudreaux Group, gave the schematic design review of the Quick Jobs Center. {A draft of the site plan (Exhibit A), colored floor plan rendering (Exhibit B), modified floor plan (Exhibit C) and exterior rendering of the building (Exhibit D) is attached hereto and by this reference is made a part hereof}.
- **d.** Disseminated copy of the letter to the water purveyors that was reformatted. It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to allow the Administrator to go forward with distributing the letters to the water companies. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Found the South Carolina Association of Counties conference to be very productive.

CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: 9.

a. Continuing to look for date to schedule Intergovernmental Council Meeting.

10. **BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Provided as information.

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. Meeting with CTC scheduled Monday, August 17, 2009, 6:00 P.M.

12. **COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Ferguson: Commented on the opening of Palmetto Training, Inc.

Marcharia: Commented on the issues brought forward by Ms. Jacobs as it relates to resurfacing and safety. Also commented on the correspondence that he received from a board member.

Inquired if the weatherization program guidelines could be advertised on the Kinley: county's website. Mentioned that it was emphasized at the SCAC conference that county officials talk with their legislators and asked if Council could meet with Senator Coleman and Representative Boyd sometime in November.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:49 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to go in executive session to discuss economic development matters. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:20 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to come out of executive session and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brown reported that no action was taken in executive session and there is nothing to report out in regular session.

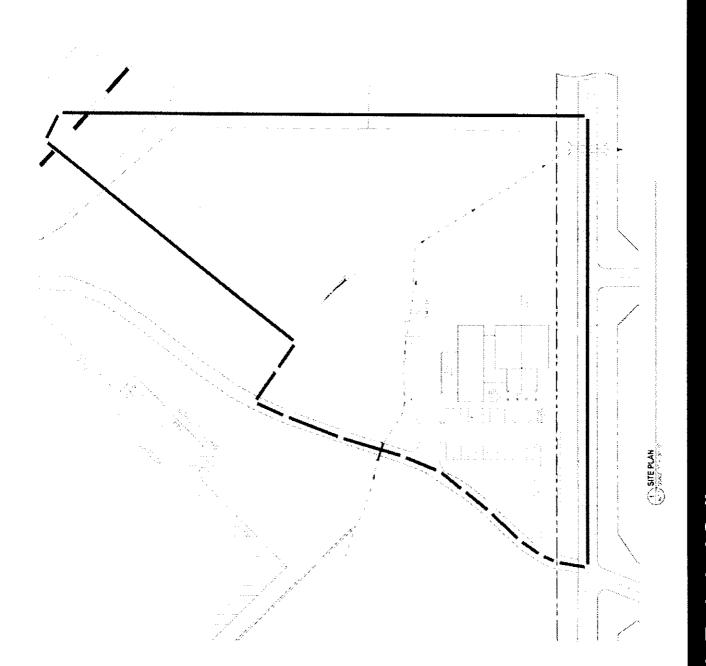
14. ADJOURN:

	The meeting	was adjourned	at 8:20 P.M.	. upon unanimous	approval of Council.
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SHRYLL M. BROWN

CLERK TO COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN



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Fairfield Campus, Quick Jobs Center

Schematic Design

Midlands Technical College

