



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 10, 2015**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley (arrived 6:25 p.m.), 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 two 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 Robinson; seconded by Council Member Smith 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 July 27, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Recognition Of Fairfield County Recreation Commission Girls, Age 12-16 - Senior Girls Softball League Runner Up and Recognition Of Fairfield County Recreation Commission Boys, Age 13-16 - Junior Boys Tournament Champions by Mr. Terry Killian

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:

- Ms. Beth Jenkins - Sheriff's Vehicles/Project USA I-77 Corridor
- Mr. Randy Bright - Plan

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement By And Between Fairfield County And Project USA; The Inclusion Of Certain Real Property Located In Fairfield County In The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park; And Other Matters Related Thereto. *Chairman Robinson opened public hearing at 6:20 P.M. No one signed to speak; therefore, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:21 P.M.*

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 652 - Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement By And Between Fairfield County And Project USA; The Inclusion Of Certain Real Property Located In Fairfield County In The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park; And Other Matters Related Thereto. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 652.* During discussion, Council Member Smith inquired that since it was asked about in the first public comment portion by a member of the audience, if Mr. Pope could give an overview of the project. Mr. Pope set forth the following information:

- Asked Council at the last meeting to add an item to the agenda in order to get this matter on track. Mentioned at that time that there would be a public hearing and second reading. A third reading will be at the next Council meeting.
- The first part adds the project to the Multi-County Park Agreement. Fairfield has a Multi-County Agreement with Richland County, where projects that come to Richland, Fairfield gets a benefit from them, by Fairfield being an underdeveloped County, and also when Fairfield adds economic development projects, those projects also benefit Richland County because of the partnership agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 651 - Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. 599, To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD-1 (Rural Residential District) To RC (Rural Community District) Of Seventy Five (.75) Hundredth Of An Acre Owned By Leroy E. Cohen Jr., Applicant Is Leroy E. Cohen Jr., Tax Map No. 165-00-02-007-000. Property Is Located At 67 Rocky 1 Road, Winnsboro SC 29180. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 651.* During discussion, Council Member Smith provided more information, saying the requested rezone is in District 7, the Rockton Thruway area, for the rezoning of a certain parcel so that someone can open up a home daycare. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**A. Zoning Board of Appeals**

It was moved by Chairman Robinson; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Re-Appointment Ratification as presented for the Zoning Board of Appeals. During discussion, Vice Chairman Marcharia asked to make a recommendation as it relates to all boards and commissions, as there are so many questions and some people happen to think there are some secret things going on with how Council nominate people to boards, that everyone who is a board member or commissioner, that their picture be printed and placed in an appropriate place if the public wishes to see their names and faces. Chairman Robinson indicated that would necessitate a change in the rules of Council and will be placed in committee for discussion. ***The motion carried unanimously.*** The Clerk announced the following appointments and re-appointment: Mr. Mike Watson (representing District 2).

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS**A. Strategic Community And Economic Development Master Plan**

Prior to the review of the Strategic Plan and making a recommendation to Council for consideration, Mr. Pope pointed out the following key points:

- Fairfield County is not the official provider of water and sewer in this County. The Town of Winnsboro is the major provider.
- Had a Corps of Engineers study was performed, which was a partnership between Fairfield County and the Town of Winnsboro. The study was extensive, and if anyone from the public cares for a copy, they can request it.

Mr. Pope continued, giving a brief chronology of the process for the Strategic Plan as follows:

- Council approved for Administration to enter into an MOU with the Central Midlands Council of Governments to act on the County's behalf and serve as a procurement agent to procure firms for a strategic planning process for the County.
- The COG did abide by the Agreement. The procured the process for the County and T.Y. Lin International was the firm recommended. Information has been provided publicly to the Council on the process. Some of the items provided: (1) What Is The Project Vision Of The Strategic Plan (2) Economic Development and Education (3) Programs and Policies (4) Community Planning and Land Use (5) Physical Plans And Infrastructure (6) Public Involvement Process
- The process will take over a year to complete, which is the scheduled timeline; however, Council may find that during that process, it may want to expedite the process or have additional meetings other than the ones placed in the timeline.
- A Development Agreement is in place that, if Council gives authority for staff to move forward and finalize that documentation, a particular start date would be in place to move forward.
- The last component to this was to bring this publicly. Two public presentations have been held on the final document and to announce publicly what the cost of the Strategic Plan would be.
- The not to exceed amount for this Plan is \$303,163.00. One of the questions asked was did the Council actually budget this amount. This amount was not budgeted, because at the time, Council did not know what the cost would be. Staff has come up with a funding strategy if Council desires to move forward, which would be to use the sale of property that was purchased years back in looking at a residential community program, which did not materialize. Staff's recommendation is to earmark those proceeds to encumber the funds to move forward with the Strategic Plan--keeping in mind that these costs would not be paid immediately, but paid based on invoices as the work actually occurs.

Questions and Comments

- Is there some way that you could condense this down to a one-pager and put it on the website so that the citizens can read this; so that we won't have to go through all of the process that you've talked about (something that is more condense that they can understand what we are getting ready to do). Make sure that you don't forget other population centers in the data collection process (Mitford and the 321 Corridor that includes White Oak, Woodard, Blackstock) and that you produce a product that is implementable--that is phased with a time schedule; something that is simple, basic and to the point--not something that is going to be put on a shelf and gets lost.
- The email that was distributed to Council that changed the number of people on the committee--was it 7-10?

- Can we have Mr. Gjertson come up if Council Members have questions? The only remaining question, after looking at the last round of documentation received, is the component of the plan that will be looking at some of the other plans that have been conducted and done in the past. Give me a little bit of an idea about how you plan to draw from those (what use that is going to be). How long do you think this plan will last Fairfield County?
- One of the important things is public input. The next thing is Council has to understand it and be willing to implement it and make a plan to go forward with it. Water is a big issue.
- Do you see the timeline changing at all on this? Can you give a little history of how timelines have changed on other plans done.

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to approve the Strategic Community and Economic Development Master Plan. **The motion carried unanimously.*** Mr. Pope added that, from a staff perspective, it gives authority for staff to work with legal representation on the contract itself, which will be reported back to Council at the next meeting.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Request Of Action: Sheriff's Office Replacement Vehicle. This vehicle was involved in a accident where some farm animals were hit. The claim was submitted to the insurance company and the county received compensation for the light bars, radio system, etc. The difference in replacing the vehicle was \$19,784.00, which, as discussed with the committee, those additional funds could be taken from the Vehicle Replacement Fund for the purchase of those vehicles. This is a mission critical matter for the Sheriff's Department to be able to replace this particular vehicle. The committee recommended unanimously approval of this item. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia and Council Member Kinley to approve the Request of Action to replace the vehicle in the Sheriff's Office. **The motion carried unanimously.***

B. Phase II Commerce Center Industrial Park. Associated with water and sewer situation. BOMAG is the anchor tenant there. The work that has been done looks wonderful. A lot of construction work has been done and lines cut and repaired. Due diligence with all of the additional infrastructure to be able to attract industries to the community. There is continued interest in our community from potential companies.

C. CTC Solicitation Update. In the procurement process, there was a situation where everything was evaluation, but did not offer some of the companies an interview. The process was re-bid according to the procurement policy. The four companies that had submitted previously did not have to resubmit. Some additional companies submitted solicitations from the second round. The internal committee is evaluating those solicitations and staff expects to have a recommendation to the Administration and Finance Committee by next meeting.

D. Transit System Bus Cameras And Equipment. Received funds through a grant to make the transit buses safer. When the equipment is received and installed, will give an update.

E. Detention Center Roof Contract. Staff needs to provide a contractual update in Executive Session.

F. Recreation Procurement Contract. Staff needs to provide a contractual update in Executive Session.

Mr. Pope stated that one of the local papers published an article and listed the specific incentive items as related to Project USA; however, if anyone from the audience or citizen who wanted additional information to please contact him.

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. Bertha Goins - Community Concern
- Mr. David Brandenburg - Council Meeting
- Ms. Nocola Hemphill - Announcement
- Ms. Darlene Johnson - Personal Privilege vs. Citizen Necessity
- Ms. Beth Jenkins - Meeting Being Kept
- Mr. Jeff Schaffer - Next To The Final Word
- Mr. Randy Bright - Final Word

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

M. ROBINSON:

- Announced his 47th Anniversary.

KINLEY:

- Commented on one of the classes about cameras that was held at the SCAC Annual Conference, stating one of the expenses will be the storage and handling of it.
- Announced she has an opening on the Behavioral Health Services Board.

MARCHARIA:

- Announced he has three positions on various boards and commissions.
- Opined that when individuals have ideas they wish to present to Council that a structural analysis of what it means by moving forward and attach a budget to it for Council's review.
- Reported he has not had a chance to speak with many of the churches in his district regarding the Community Enhancement Grant Application. Asked Council and Administration to extend that deadline for an additional month

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to extend the Community Enhancement Grant Application deadline for one month, which will be September 10, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

C. ROBINSON:

- Announced that Fairfield County was nominated for the Golden Palmetto Award at the South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Conference; however, because Fairfield had been the recipient numerous times in past years, the award was given to Laurens County. She thanked everyone who provide assistance and guidance to that organization.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 7:29 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith Kinley to go in executive session to discuss the Detention Center Roof Contract and Recreation Procurement Contract. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:20 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Robinson reported no action was taken in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

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

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN