



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 27, 2012**

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

**Absent:** R. David Brown; 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 sixty-two individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. INVOCATION**

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 23, 2012; worksession of August 15, 2012 and worksession of August 21, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2012 Community Development Needs Assessment For Fairfield County To Solicit Input On Community Needs And Priorities For Housing, Public Facilities And Economic Development. At This Public Hearing, Fairfield County Will Provide The Results Of Its Needs Assessment And The Activities Which Might Be Undertaken To Meet Identified Needs. *Chairman Ferguson opened the public hearing at 6:07 P.M.*

Mr. Steven Gaither's opening remarks were that every year, the County is required to do a needs assessment in order to apply for potential grants and one of the things that must be addressed is what changed from year to year. Though, he said the 2012 needs assessment was available on line, the document was also mailed to approximately 650 people across the districts.

**Questions:**

- Did anything new show up this year that the county normally has not been looking at?
- Council would like to have a synopsis of the survey once the data is collected and finalized.
- Did the citizens have access to the form?
- Out of the 600+ needs assessments that were mailed out, what kind of response have you received thus far? Would the response be better if it were put on line as a live document, giving the citizens an opportunity to complete and submit it on line?
- Community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities and economic development seems to be the top three issues. Does the county take it upon themselves to coordinate and collaborate by looking at the number received and determine what the needs are?

- If it has something to do with the census and population--regardless of what you receive from the public--are we still accountable to the federal government criteria? I am not clear as to how people define economic development.
- The comment I had on what was mailed out is a few people have said why would I do that because they are afraid it is coded and you will know who submitted the comments.
- When is the drop dead date?
- If you extend the deadline for another week or two, I would like to receive additional applications to get people in my community to fill them out.

*Hearing no further comments, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:29 P.M.*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Terry Vickers spoke to the Council on the matter of "The Big Grab", which is a 25-mile yard sale, September 7-8, 2012.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Appointments/Reappointments To Fairfield County Boards And Commissions**

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the nomination to the Aeronautics Commission, as reflected on the application that was circulated by the Clerk. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

**a.** Mr. Tony Hill gave a report of the following matters:

1. Long term lease of the tract on Highway 321 north of Winnsboro for the volunteer fire station and training center. Owner cannot extend more than fifteen (15) years; however, at the end of the fifteen years, he would be glad to renew it, or should something come up where they need to sell the property, he would give the county right of first refusal.

2. Firefighters' Incentive Program. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Kinley to accept the revised Firefighters' Incentive Program, effective September, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.*

**b.** South Carolina WorkReady Communities Initiative. South Carolina is one of four pilot states in the country to partner with ACT in the roll out of the Certified Work Ready Communities Initiative. The intent of this initiative is to match job seekers with job openings and provide an inventory of the skill sets of individuals in the community to drive economic development efforts in the recruitment and expansion of businesses. The State Workforce Investment Board is asking the county to identify a "champion" to take the lead in this initiative and assist in creating a WorkReady Community Steering Committee. The COG has requested that the county designate it as the "champion". Mr. Hinley would like to have a staff member at the next meeting to explain this program.

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

No formal report.

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Provided as information.

**12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

**a.** Council Member Marcharia informed everyone of the passing of Mr. Robert Taylor Martin, and asked for continued prayers for the family.

**b.** Chairman Ferguson commented on a letter from a constituent who is distressed about the break-ins occurring in her community, and her subsequent inquiry about the possibility of adding more road deputies. Mr. Hinely was instructed to ask the Sheriff to compile a report that shows the manpower and activities in the Sheriff's Office.

**c.** Vice Chairman Perry shared a compliment he received from a constituent about the entrance to the Fairfield Commerce Center. Also inquired if the county has heard any more information about the meeting regarding the water authority.

**d.** Council Member Kinley commented on the new Winnsboro signs, Coach Spurrier's visit, a visitor who had concerns about available homes for sale, and also inquired if the wood chipping facility was operational.

**e.** Council Member Robinson thanked the Public Works Department, who works daily with the road engineers in getting the roads sprayed.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Receive Legal Advice**

*At 7:10 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Robinson to go in executive session to receive legal advice regarding a contractual matter. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

*In open session, Chairman Ferguson reported that the Council received legal advice in executive session and nothing to bring forward from that 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

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DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.  
CHAIRMAN