



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

Present: David L. Ferguson, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, 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

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-five individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Robinson led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2011 and special meeting of August 29, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ferguson asked for an amendment to the agenda to add, under Item 5, a report from the Welfare and Community Relations Committee. So moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Robinson and unanimously approved by Council.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Destined To Win Ministries – Rev. Wayne Williams

Questions:

~What is the timeline? When do you expect to get started?

~Do you actually accept these folks through a screening committee or something?

~Have you seen any other groups do what you would like to do, and maybe the success rate. Will it be open to just Fairfield County folks, or open statewide or nationwide?

~Would you be working with our local Veterans Administration, by chance?

~Is there any other type of assistance that you may be looking for, whereas the county can help?

~If I understood you, you were saying it is not a rehabilitation area? The folks that will be coming, are they veterans in the sense that they have been in the war zone; been into battles?

~Are you saying that the military will refer these veterans to you; and if a classified group of people (not amputees) or people in that way; or just people that need counseling?

~Would that require a collaboration between various agencies here already in Fairfield, such as the Sheriff's Department, EMS, other referral services that you will be interacting with?

- 4-H Update – Ms. Allison Coleman

- Capital Sales Tax – Mr. Kent Lesesne, SC Association of Counties

Questions:

~Do you have to go back to the Justice Department if you extend it past eight (8) years?
 ~The main thing is that it is strictly for capital projects?
 ~These tax dollars are not allocated like the other sales tax, i.e., so much goes to the Town; so much to Ridgeway and so much goes to Jenkinsville. This is completely determined and administered by a committee of six that goes back to County Council for approval.
 ~I understand that under the property tax that Mr. Hinely said, that we get money that we don't even put in to it to come to us; but that would not obviate us, if this come into play, would not stop that process? However far the Council would take this, regardless of what Council does and how we go through the process, the bottom line is that whatever we propose, we have to give to the citizens and the citizens can tell us to whether or not to fly a kite or go forward? And the final decision, if we put it forth for a referendum or anything, you have to educate the public and say, this is what it brings in; this is how it operates; what say you? And the public may say, no, we don't want that tax; we don't want to be bothered with it, then it is not up to Council at that point, but do you give the public an opportunity to address that and look at it and say, give us an option of whether or not to make the decision of whether we want this or don't want it?

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James V. Stamm addressed Council on the matter of Pastor Williams' proposal. Mr. Vincenzo Torae also spoke to Council on concerns about the Pastor's proposal. Mr. Bill Haslett addressed Council on the matter of quality of life.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Welfare and Community Relations Committee

Committee Chairman Robinson reported the committee met to discuss plans for the Veterans' Day event, which will be held at the Recreation Center on 11/11/11 at 11.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Third And Final 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 Chairman Ferguson to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 589.* During discussion, Council Member Brown pointed out that he was under the impression that the people in this vicinity had been met with; that they were pretty happy with this rezone; and they way he perceives it – it was a grandfather type issue and needs to be moved forward. Council Member Trapp set forth that he did meet with the people who live on Cason Road and that Mr. Peterson and his father also met with them. He stated that the meeting went pretty well and initially there was a lot of tension; however, once Mr. Peterson explained his intentions, everyone left with the feeling that he was sincere in what he was saying and what he was trying to do. He mentioned he has not spoken with anyone on Cason Road since Second Reading, but believes everyone left pretty satisfied—as well as could be expected. *The motion carried 4-2. {Council Member Marcharia and Council Member Trapp voted nay; Council Member Robinson did not vote}.*

B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 591 - An Ordinance Adopting A Redistricting Plan For Fairfield County, South Carolina Utilizing The 2010 U.S. Census Results. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp and Vice Chairman Perry to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 591. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to approve the Appointment/Reappointment Listing of September 12, 2011, as presented by the Clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution: To Approve The Memorandum Of Understanding And Agreement Between Fairfield County Magistrate's Office And The South Carolina Association Of Counties Relating To The South Carolina Association Of Counties Being Authorized And Designated As The Claimant Agent For The County Pursuant To The Setoff Debt Collection Act Of 2003, As Amended. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the Resolution as referenced above. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. Resolution: Establishing The Millages For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year 2011-2012. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the Resolution as referenced above. The motion carried unanimously.*

D. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 592 - Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Agreement Governing The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park By And Between Richland County, South Carolina, And Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Real Property Located In Richland County; And Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 592. The motion carried unanimously.*

E. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 593 - An Ordinance Granting The Fairfield County Administrator To Refund Overpaid Ad Valorem County Taxes For A Period Of Up To Five Years. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 593. The motion carried unanimously.*

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Informed Council that the Planning Commission is working toward scheduling a meeting with Mr. Vismor for the purpose of the Planning Commission approving the Land Management Ordinance and submitting the approval recommendation to Council. Chairman Ferguson asked that the Council be notified of the date the Planning Commission meeting is scheduled. Vice Chairman Perry commented that he would like to sit in on that meeting, as constituents in his area have made requests to the Planning Commission for naming of roads and were informed that the road names were approved; however, no further action has been taken. Council Member Kinley commented that she attended the last Commission meeting and inquired of the status of the process being heard at a hearing at the Planning Commission level; not waiting until it gets to Council. Council Member Kinley inquired of the status of the identification required for voting.

b. Reported the County received approximately three million dollars in a federal grant to upgrade the airport.

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**A. Review of District Maps/Plans For The 2010 Redistricting Process**

Mr. Hinely gave the following overview of the district maps/plans, using an overlay:

- The map behind the overlay are the proposed district lines; the {plastic} overlay is what we have now {old lines}.
- This is Plan 2.
- Council has gone through this. The districts in the southern part of the County added population. The districts in the northern part either stayed the same or lost population.
- Every 10 years, the County is required to adjust this.
- District 1 grew the fastest and had to shrink the most.
- District 1 and District 7 changed the most. District 1 had to lose a lot; District 7 had to gain a lot.
- District 3 did not change a whole lot.
- Districts 4 and 5 swapped in {this} area. District 3 came down in here and took some of this area (pointing to the map).
- Every time a change is made in this district, it actually affects this district (pointing to the map). A couple of people from the audience asked a few questions; however, they were not using the microphone; therefore, the Clerk was not able to get a clear recording of their questions. One question was about the color code of District 6 (which she couldn't see well because of the plastic overlay). Another question about if this map could be assessed on the website.
- That district is almost the same. It changed a little bit because some of this changed (pointing to the map).

Another question was relating to an area which was carved out between district 4 and 5 and inquired about how many people were carved out between Jackson Creek Road and New Hope Road. Asked if there were any way to get a copy of the new map.

- Will get a copy from the Office of Research. Come to the office tomorrow afternoon to pick it up.
- Encourage everyone to come to the next meeting, as the gentleman from ORS will be here to go through each district on the computer. They have everything by census tracks, etc.

Question: Does the School District have to follow those lines there, or can they use different lines? Do you know where I can find that language?

- County Council made concerted effort to make sure every Council member and every School Board member stayed in their existing district.
- A School Board Member thanked the Council for providing the district maps to each School Board member.
- Comment: Trying to figure out the Mitford area. If I had a problem with my child and my child goes to Chester, even though I vote, I really don't have a representative.
- Have given up from District 2, a big block of Mitford people that are now in District 3, so it is closer to having Mitford as a community than it has ever been. Had to give up on the north side in order to pick up on the south side in order to make District 1 work.
- This redistricting process will be discussed again at the September 26, 2011 meeting.
- With the majority of the Mitford people, the children attend Chester County Schools (by choice); however, they get to vote, but when it comes to problems with their children, Council does not represent Chester.
- Spent approximately four hours with this process. When Council was first introduced to this, it took away half of Ridgeway, which was unacceptable as a representative. When the lines are changed around, it impacts every other territory. Ended up giving away the eastern side to make the numbers work. Thought it was important enough to keep the Town of Ridgeway in the Ridgeway district.

B. Council will receive additional information from Mr. Hinely relative to the sales tax and will schedule a worksession subsequent to that.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.
CHAIRMAN