

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

Present: R. David Brown, David L. Ferguson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; 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 forty-nine individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M.

Immediately following call to order, Council acknowledged the Clerk to Council's birthday and presented her with a birthday cake, song and card.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation. After the invocation, Mrs. Kinley announced that she has been blessed with a second granddaughter today.

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session to discuss a contractual matter. It was moved by Vice Chairman Trapp; seconded by Council Member Kinley and unanimously approved by Council to amend the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From R-D (Rural Development) To B-2 (General Business) Of One And Twelve Hundredths (1.12) Acres, Owned By Jack Robertson, Tax Map No. 162-00-03-004. Property Is Located At 2810 Reservoir Road, Winnsboro, SC, 29180. *Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:13 p.m. Hearing no comments, Chairman Brown closed public hearing at 6:14 p.m.*

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, Including The Estimated Amount Proposed To Be Used For Activities That Will Benefit Persons Of Low And Moderate Income. *Chairman Brown opened public hearing at 6:14 p.m.* Ms. Cyndi Gawronski's comments were as follows:

"One of the things the COG likes to do is assist the county is preparing a document called the Needs Assessment. It is done over several factors. There is a form that Calvin is going to pass out around the room, which is a ticky box survey, where we ask everyone to just give their input—good, bad or indifferent about several areas in the county. This data is compiled and added into the Needs Assessment document. We look at recent trends with employment, recent trends with activity and we put together this whole package that we give to the Department of Commerce when we ask for community development block grant funds. It is the foundation document before we ask for any federal funding for the county. In the recent past, the QuickJobs building going up just up the road was funded through community development block grant funds. Just this past round, the Town of Winnsboro received a sewer project and they used the county's assessment for that. That is just an example of what the document is used for. We are asking everyone here to fill it out; just give us your opinion and we will collect them at the end of the night. All of the data will be compiled and go into community response."

PRESENTATION

Lease Agreement By And Between Fairfield County And SCEMD: Mr. Kim Stenson, S. C. Emergency Management Division

- Warehouse on Tidewater Road. Expended approximately \$2 million dollars in the facility. Approximately 185,000 square feet with office space. Annual recurring cost, in terms of maintenance, utilities, gas, etc., is approximately \$40,000-\$50,000 per year.
- Since SCEMD purchased the building three years ago, the state budget has been cut fifty percent (50%). Warehouse Director was relieved of his duties in June.
- Conversations between Mr. Black, SCEMD and Mrs. Watkins, Fairfield County Emergency Management Director, have resulted in a cooperative effort in which SCEMD can work something out in terms of not being able to afford the building any longer and Fairfield County's desire to have additional office space.
- Have worked out a lease between SCEMD and the State Budget and Control Board (who has statutory authority) where Fairfield County would rent approximately 5,000 square feet of office space, with some shared use of some of the warehouse space. This would be a no-cost lease, except for paying for recurring utility and repair costs. Fairfield County would have to insure the contents of the building; however, SCEMD would maintain the overall building insurance. There would also be a requirement for the County to do a not less than \$1 million dollars liability insurance.
- SCEMD would retain shared use of some of the warehouse space. When the warehouse space was purchased, it was stocked with logistical supplies for emergencies. Two years ago, it was also stocked with enough food and water for 50,000 people for three days; however, since then, some of the water has been sold to Kentucky during their flood. Some water is still left and about 520 pallets of military-style ready-to-eat meals are left.
- If the event of a large-scale emergency, SCEMD would possibly want to regain control of the entire building again.

EMS/Fire Needs Assessment: Mr. Wayne Shuler, Central Midlands COGGOALS

- Catalogue existing conditions of each facility
- Identify needs
- Make recommendations of changes

PROCESS

- Visit each station
- Take photographs
- Make notes
- Talk to staff

NO. STATIONS

- 11 Fire Stations
- 2 Sub-stations
- 6 EMS Stations

MAPS

- Driving Distance From Fire Stations
- EMS Service Areas
- Gaps In Service

PICTURES SHOWING CONDITIONS OF FIRE STATIONSGAPS IN SERVICERECOMMENDATIONS

- Maintenance
- Expansion
- Capital
- Operational

QUESTIONS

- We have 11 fire stations in a 750 square mile area? Is the Fire District Special Purpose District? We give them a few hundred thousand dollars a year? In just five years, and we have had a lot of fires in this county, how many homes have been saved? When the two nuclear power plans come on line, are we open to hire someone to man those fire stations, who could respond almost immediately and get to these sites or is the money used to continually build industrial areas?

Human Service Coordination: Mr. Reginald Simmons, Central Midlands COG

- Job Access and Reverse Commute
- New Freedom (5317)
- Elderly And Persons With Disabilities
- Closing The Gaps
- Transit Providers (Transit: 12; Council on Aging: 2)

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Administration And Finance**

Committee Chairman Robinson reported the committee met and asked the staff several questions. Further, she indicated some reports will be gathered and submitted to the committee for further review and subsequent recommendation to full Council.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 571 - An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From R-D (Rural Development) To B-2 (General Business) Of One And Twelve Hundredths (1.12) Acres, Owned By Jack Robertson, Tax Map No. 162-00-03-004. Property Is Located At 2810 Reservoir Road, Winnsboro, SC, 29180. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 571. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**a. Deputy Administrator's Report:**

1. Update on Wood Chipping Facility.
2. Update on Rochelle Creek.
3. Jake Gaston gave a powerpoint presentation showing the transition from the old public works facility to the new one.
4. Mr. Hinely asked Council to mark their calendars for the following: October 6, Industry Appreciation event @ Mt. Hope; October 19, QuickJobs Center, MTC/Fairfield Campus Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Thanked Council for acknowledging her birthday.
- b. Gave Council a report of activities and events planned for November; specifically, Veterans Day on Thursday, November 11, at the Recreation Center at 11:00 a.m.

Representative Boyd Brown gave an update on the following initiatives: Tax Study proposed for 2011; Gasoline Tax and CTC.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Marcharia: Reported that he was informed today from the Council on Aging that the senior meal program is scheduled to be cancelled. One of the reasons, as he understood it, is that the church members have not been able to pay the electric bill. He inquired how much on an annual basis does it cost for lighting and heating.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contractual Matter

At 7:42 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Council Member Perry to go in executive session to discuss a contractual matter. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:25 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp 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 no action to report out in regular session}.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

RUSSELL DAVID BROWN
CHAIRMAN