



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013**

**Present:** David L. Ferguson, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Shryll 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 ninety-four other individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2013. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals signed to speak to Council during public comment:

Mr. Kevin Thomas – Money Payback

Mr. Randy Bright – Recruitment and Nuggets from last meeting

Mr. Jeff Morris – Recreation Decision making

Mr. Bob Carrison – Repayment of Improper Funds

Ms. Beth Jenkins – Spending

Mr. Tommy Wright – Negative comments

Ms. Carol Turner – Decision making

Mr. Bruce Wadsworth – Dawkins Community Association recreation

Mrs. Kerry Matthews – Recreation spending

**6. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Angela L. Jones gave a 4-H and Youth Development Update

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS:**

**A. Third And Final Reading - Ordinance No. 619** - Authorizing Fairfield County, South Carolina To Purchase And Develop Approximately One Acre, Of Real Property, To Be Used As A Recreational Mini-Park; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 619. **By show of hands, the vote was as follows:***

**In favor of the motion****Ferguson****Trapp****Marcharia****Kinley****Opposed to the motion****Robinson****Brown****Perry**

**B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 620** - Authorizing Fairfield County, South Carolina To Enter Into An Agreement To Transact, Convey Or Sell County Owned Property Located At 117 East Washington Street, Winnsboro, South Carolina (Tax Map Number 126-01-43-004-000) For A Nominal Price To Fairfield Community Development Corporation, Inc., A 501-C-3 Entity As Designated By The Internal Revenue Service, For The Purpose Of Using The Facility Located On The Property For Community Uses And Activities, Subject To The Terms And Conditions To Be Agreed Upon Between The Parties, And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 620. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**9. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:****A. EMS Presentation** – Mr. Mike Tanner.

**B. Fairfield County Vendor Forum.** Mrs. Shelia Pickett addressed the Fairfield County Vendor Forum, which is scheduled October 22, 2013, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Midlands Tech QJC, Fairfield Hall.

**C. Chester County Development Association Full Board Appointments.** Mr. Pope gave the following overview: Chester, Fairfield, and York Counties share a significant regional asset: the 1-77 corridor. The location along the corridor creates a unique opportunity to leverage one of the most well-known eastern transportation routes. Realizing that this shared asset has historically been under-marketed, in 2013, Chester, Fairfield, and York Counties - with the support of the statewide legislative delegation and the SC Department of Commerce - formed the South Carolina 1-77 Alliance. The South Carolina 1-77 Alliance positions and markets Chester, Fairfield, and York Counties as a world-class business location to attract investment, high-quality jobs, entrepreneurs and professional talent. The Alliance allows these three counties to pool their resources and leverage those resources with state and private sector funds to recruit new companies and

create jobs. The position of County Administrator and Economic Development Director are currently one of the four (4) slots on the Board. The Alliance is requesting that there be an appointment of two (2) additional Council members to serve on the Board. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Trapp to appoint Chairman David Ferguson and Council Member David Brown to serve on the Board to represent Fairfield County. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**D. Fairfield County Expense Reimbursement Policy Recommendation.** Mr. Pope set forth the following recommendation: "Pursuant to the existing administrative policy regarding expense allocations, based upon several weeks of research I recommend that the Council end the expense allocation policy as implemented by the former administration. Staff has a new draft policy that we will propose at the next County Council meeting." Mr. Pope emphasized that what this will do is those allocation expenses that were previously implemented, it is the recommendation to terminate that policy and implement a new policy, which is strictly based upon actual reimbursement. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to accept the recommendation from Mr. Pope as outlined above. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**E. Request Of Action – Fairfield County Courthouse Relocation Assessment Proposal.** Mr. Davis Anderson brought forward the Request of Action, requesting that Council give approval for Mead and Hunt professional services to perform a study of the old Food Lion building as well as the Elite building. The reason for this request, Mr. Anderson said, is that the air conditioning system at the Courthouse is fifty years old; is not working properly and is causing environmental issues within the Courthouse. He continued saying that in order to replace this system, it would be necessary for the employees to move out for a period of time. Staff would like to look at these two locations to ascertain which one would be more feasible. He mentioned that the third option, which was the Ruff and Tuff on Highway 321, had environmental issues that were quite extensive and would be too costly to recommend to Council.

Questions:

What is the timeline on this recommendation?

The twelve months—does that include once we get the building approved as to which one will be occupied?

Were all of the funds for this improvement included in the bond issue?

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve Mead and Hunt to perform the professional services to assess the old Food Lion and Elite buildings for the purpose of the Fairfield County Courthouse Relocation. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**F. Request Of Action – Fairfield County Detention Center Shower Exhaust Repair.**

Mr. Davis Anderson brought forward this Request of Action, stating this is a safety issue with the showers, where water condensation is getting into the light fixtures, which could cause an electrical problem. Staff is asking Council to approve moving forward with this repair request, to be performed by Davis and Floyd. He stated the approximate cost of the work will be \$22,276.00, in addition to their engineering services of \$8,175.00—for a total cost of \$31,451.00. Mr. Anderson explained that this is the estimated budgeted cost, and once this goes out for bid, it could come in lower.

Questions:

What is the time span on this repair?

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the estimated proposed budget submitted by Davis and Floyd and to move forward with the bidding out of the services. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**G. Request of Action – Jenkinsville Recycling Center.** Mr. Pope brought forward this Request of Action, stating the Jenkinsville Recycling Center is in need of upgrades to accommodate the increased use of this site. He stated the original bid was \$511,423.97; however, the specifications for this project have been reviewed and it was agreed to cut out some added amenities in the original solicitation. Mr. Pope reported that the upgrades to the Jenkinsville Recycling Center will bring the center up to the same standards as other centers throughout the County. He stated the revised budget came in at \$449,141.27; therefore, staff is requesting Council’s approval to move forward. The time frame is six months. *It was moved by Council Member Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the revised budget for the Jenkinsville Recycling Center and proceed to award the contractor to begin the renovation upgrades. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**14. CLERK TO COUNCIL’S REPORT**

None.

**15. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Robinson: Responded to Mr. Jeff Morris’ comments. She cited that he was exactly right, in that one Council member cannot vote to spend money. She added that was a question put before the Council last week to be thinking about it, and that any money that is spent in this County has to be approved by four members of Council.

Kinley: Responded to a comment made by Ms. Turner as it relates to a lot of talent. Ms. Kinley set forth that there are boards and commissions that the Council is looking for people to serve on. She asked that anyone who is interested in doing a good job for the County to let their district representative know that they would like to volunteer to serve on one of the boards and commissions. Ms. Kinley also responded directly to Mr. Kevin Thomas concerning his question to her about paying back funds. She asked for his patience for another week or two.

Chairman Ferguson asked for an update on the status of Chinook Road. Mr. Pope and Mr. Bill Coleman provided the update.

Vice Chairman Perry reminded everyone that the Local Option Sales Tax meeting has been scheduled for September 30, 2013, 7:00 PM, at the High School Auditorium.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**17. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 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