



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

**Present:** Billy Smith, Doug Pauley, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Dan W. Ruff, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Tommy Morgan, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, 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 Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle, and one hundred twenty seven other individuals.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the Agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Douglas led the invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

- 6. 1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items on the agenda for which no Public Hearing is scheduled. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Jerry Nealy – Wateree Sedimentation

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A.** An Ordinance Authorizing Fairfield County to Purchase 0.29 Acre, More or Less, Situated on the Western Side of Highway 215, Near Jenkinsville, South Carolina in the County of Fairfield, Tax Map No. 176-01-01-077-000; to be Used for

Public Safety or Other Uses Deemed Fit by the Council, and Other Related Matters. Chairman Smith opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, Vice Chair Goins made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Ruff. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.*** Chairman Smith closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

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

**A. Third and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 687** - An Ordinance 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 (209 Stoneridge, LLC); and Other Related Matters. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 687. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

**B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 688** - An Ordinance Authorizing Fairfield County to Purchase 0.29 Acre, More or Less, Situated on the Western Side of Highway 215, Near Jenkinsville, South Carolina in the County of Fairfield, Tax Map No. 176-01-01-077-000; to be Used for Public Safety or Other Uses Deemed Fit by the Council, and Other Related Matters. It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 688. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

## **9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Chamber of Commerce and Behavioral Health:** It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Pauley to accept the minutes from Chamber of Commerce and Behavioral Health. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

## **10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **11. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Proclamation Recognizing October 1-7, 2017, as National 4-H Week.** It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the Proclamation as written. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

**B. Midlands Workforce Area SC Words System Memorandum of Understanding - Pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and**

**Opportunity Act (WIOA).** It was moved by Council Member Pauley and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Vice Chair Goins asked for further information, and Mr. Taylor explained that this is a standard memorandum of understanding that is passed entering our local Workforce Investment Opportunity Group in with the SC Works delivery system, which meshes the two together. Mr. Taylor introduced Ms. Jennifer Leaphart, the Director of our local office. Ms. Leaphart explained that this is basically a standard memorandum of how the centers are to operate and how the partners are to work together. Previous agreements did not show a contribution to the operating expenses; however, now there is a 25% contribution because there is an employee present five days a week versus one day a week to help with unemployment claims and SC Works questions. This is done in an attempt to bring more resources to Fairfield County. Chairman Smith thanked Ms. Leaphart for her comments. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

### 13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**A.** Laura Johnson, Fairfield County Comptroller General - Update and Department Overview. Mr. Taylor introduced Mrs. Laura Johnson who then gave a power point presentation of which highlights included:

- Mission Statement of the Finance Department
- Employees of the Finance Department
- Year at a glance
- Routine duties
- Current main activities in Finance
  - IRS Field Audit for 2015
  - Annual Year End Audit
- Quarterly Report fiscal year to date through June 30, 2017
- Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds
  - Purchase and Use Agreement
  - Update on Bonds – Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (IPRB)
  - Description of Bond Projects
  - General Obligation Bonds (GOB Bonds)
  - Can IPRB Bonds be paid off early

During the presentation, Council Member Douglas voiced questions concerning repayment of the bonds. Mrs. Johnson replied there is an amortization schedule which outlines the payments. Mr. Taylor also stated that further explanation concerning this will be addressed later in the presentation. Bond payments are always due March 1 and September 1. A defeasance is to pay the bond back early, and in order to do this, the principal and interest would have to be paid up to 2023. Principal only would be paid on remaining bonds. Chairman Smith asked what amount is remaining of the IPRB bond, to which Mrs. Johnson replied approximately \$10 million remains.

**B.** Request of Action: Fire Alarm System for Fairfield County Detention Center - Administration and Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Mr. Taylor stated the system is 19 years old and during the last budget cycle, \$100,000 was budgeted for the replacement of this system. Mead and Hunt assisted the

County in designing a new system and verifying the bids. The county received two bids for this project, to include Control Management, Inc. in the amount of \$131,860 and Technology Solutions of Charleston in the amount of \$79,000. The bids, again, were verified by Mead and Hunt and Technology Solutions was recommended, which is the lower bid and under budget. It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the request as stated. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

- C. Request of Action: Fairfield County Airport Transition to Airport Director under Administration - Administration and Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Per Mr. Taylor, currently the airport is under the management of an FBO (Fixed Base Operator) with all management contracted out. The FBO collects rent on hangars, gas fees, etc. and he is paid a fee to manage the airport. Suggestion is made to have a manager in-house and rent space to the current FBO as a vendor to use space for mechanic services, etc. It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the recommendation as stated. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- D. Reorganization of Planning and Zoning to Planning and Community Development - Administration and Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Per Mr. Taylor, currently there is one person serving as our Planning Director and Certified Building Official, which is an unusual situation. Most counties have a Planning Director geared more toward a proactive approach to planning projects and securing funding for projects to revitalize communities and/or provide things such as sidewalks, water/sewer lines, etc. The Certified Building Official tends to be more reactive, making sure structures are built to code, code enforcement on structures, etc. Therefore, these duties would be split with the hiring of a true Planning Director, which has been included in the current budget, and have our current Planning Director concentrate on building codes and enforcements. It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the recommendation as stated. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- E. Hydrology Study for Wateree Homeowner's Association. The Council did assist with the study to try to determine contributing causes for the infill in Lake Wateree in certain areas. The study reports that Carolina Adventure World does contribute to the run-off and the infill. Mr. Taylor will be following up to find possible recommendations to fix the problem and hopefully reverse some of what has occurred.
- F. Introduction of New County Attorney. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. H. Thomas Morgan, Jr. of Dubose-Robinson as the new County Attorney. Mr. Morgan thanked the Council for allowing him this opportunity and looks forward to working with the County. He also would like to give recognition to Mr. Jack James for the service he has provided stating Mr. James did an excellent job and left the County in good standing with a good efficient transfer of information and knowledge and stands ready to assist in this process. Also, Mr. James is not retiring, only stepping back from this particular position and focusing on his private practice.

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

None.

- 15. 2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items not on the agenda or under Council's consideration. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Shirley Greene - Praise

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Goins: Offered thanks again to Fairfield County and the west side for an awesome recreation opening last Sunday. This is made possible by everyone contributing their time and just being there. Also, the recreation centers are for all Fairfield County residents, not just the citizens in that area. She urged the residents to take advantage of these opportunities. Last Sunday, she presented Davis Anderson a Certificate of Appreciation and wanted to read this to those present tonight:

Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator, Fairfield County, South Carolina, for 17 years of extraordinary service to the citizens of Fairfield County. Presented this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Vice Chair Goins also stated that there was no time for the Council to vote on this presentation; however, she would like for each Council member to sign. In addition, a certificate had also been prepared for Mr. Taylor and presented tonight as follows:

Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Jason C. Taylor, County Administrator, Fairfield County, South Carolina, for extraordinary service to the citizens of Fairfield County. Presented this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Vice Chair Goins continued by stating that our team is huge and everyone plays a unique part, but Mr. Taylor and Mr. Anderson get more phone calls than anyone else in the County. These certificates are done as a way of saying thank you for their role in the success of the County.

Ruff: Also thanked Mr. Taylor and Mr. Anderson and all of the County employees for doing such a great job. Also, he was scheduled to miss a meeting last month which had to be postponed; however, he will miss the next meeting, October 9.

Smith: By way of information, an invitation has been received from Fairfield Alumni Association Zion Hill for an Open House at the old Fairfield High School October 1, Sunday, at 3 p.m.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)**

At 6:40 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff, seconded by Vice Chair Goins to go into executive session for (a) Receipt of Legal Advice - Review of potential litigation and other legal options regarding SCANA's planned abandonment of the proposed V.C. Summer New Nuclear Units in Jenkinsville. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

At 7:25 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Douglas to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

There was no action taken in executive session.

**18. ADJOURN**

At 7:26 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff, properly seconded by Vice Chair Goins to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

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PATTI L. DAVIS  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.  
CHAIRMAN