



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, Dan W. Ruff, Billy Smith. J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council; Jack James, County Attorney

Council Member Walter Larry Stewart was recovering from surgery and was physically absent from the meeting; however, he was linked in to the meeting via conference call.

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 one hundred four other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia 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 Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bill Haslett gave an update of the World War II Memorial Project.

6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Mr. Val Green - Engineer Selection
- Mr. Randy Bright - Recreation

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 653 - Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. 599, To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD-1 (Rural Residential District) To RC (Rural Community District) Of Three (3) Acres Owned By Ann F. Melton. Applicant Is D. Melton. Tax Map No. 223-00-01-050-000. Property Is Located At 16842 State Hwy 215 South, Winnsboro, SC, 29180. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 653. **The motion carried unanimously.***

B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 654 - Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. 599, To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD-1 (Rural Residential District) To RC (Rural Community District) Of Three (3) Acres Owned By Tom Brice Hall. Applicant Is Tom Brice Hall. Tax Map No. 168-03-02-017-000. Property Is Located At 631 Longtown Road, Ridgeway, SC, 29130. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 654. **The motion carried unanimously.***

C. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 655 - An Ordinance To Regulate Excessive Noise In the Unincorporated Areas Of Fairfield County, To Provide For Penalties Thereof, And To Repeal Ordinance No. 520. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 655. **The motion carried unanimously.***

D. Resolution No. 2015-10: A Resolution Establishing The Millages For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year 2015-2016. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Resolution No. 2015-10 as posted above. {Mr. Pope asked to point out the document that was placed at each Council Member's desk, which outlined the comparison between last year's and this year's Millage Resolution. He stated that, for the second consecutive year, the County has lowered its millage rate and reduced the mills by 4.8 mills for what is proposed in this year's millage. He reminded Council that this year, the Fire operations and capital was folded into the overall general fund number}. **The motion carried unanimously.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Believers And Achievers Report. Mr. Darrell Davis gave a brief report from the Believers and Achievers organization and presented Mrs. Lori Schaeffer with an appreciation plaque for her department's partnership with the Believers and Achievers.

B. Request Of Action: CTC Engineer Resolicitation Selection. This item was held at the last Administration and Finance Committee meeting, per a recommendation of the County's Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee was made up of three members which included 2 members appointed by the Chairman of the CTC and 1 staff member appointed by the County Administrator. That staff member, along with the other committee members, formed the Evaluation Committee. The County solicited the first time, but in that process, the committee did not see a need to actually interview the top three candidates; however, they should have, and the County stopped the process and readvertised. Additional companies sent in proposals to the County and the committee was reconvened to reevaluate the proposals. The top 3 proposals were then interviewed by the committee. They forwarded their recommendation on to the Administration and Finance Committee. For public record, those companies were: Davis and Floyd, Inc., Dennis Corporation, HDR ICA Engineering, Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering, Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Weston and Sampson, Mead and Hunt, Inc. and Parrish and Partners. The top 3 companies were: Dennis Corporation, Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering and Mead and Hunt. Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering was recommended to the Administration and Finance Committee. When that committee met, there were two members present of that committee and the committee voted unanimously to forward on to the full Council for consideration the award to Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Smith, to support the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee; however, would like to recommend that Fairfield County remove itself from the procurement process of the CTC, as it relates to the additional funding of State roads as recently passed by the South Carolina General Assembly. This recommendation that is being passed only applies to CTC funds that are used for County dirt roads.* During discussion, Council Member Smith voiced that he was told that was something the County could do--was to remove itself from the process and turn over procurement for this to the SCDOT or to the State, who may be more qualified to do it; and was also told that it was not possible. He asked for clarification on this before the County decided to take a step back from that process. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

C. Public Works Motor Grader Update. In budget year 2014-2015, Council approved the purchase of a motor grader for the County. The type of motor grader agreed to be purchased was a Volvo motor grader; however, based upon the State contract process, that contract ended and the County was able to purchase a Caterpillar motor grader for the same budget dollars. Since the Council had approved a particular brand, wanted to bring this to Council's attention. This amount was \$160,000.00, which was at the same pricing, but a better piece of equipment.

D. Emergency Management Training Update. Last Wednesday, participated in a training with V. C. Summer on a potential threat, which is done annually to have staff and multi-county agencies collaborate on how to handle a threat at the V. C. Summer Nuclear Plant. This was an all-day event and the Chairman was there to assist in this situation. At the end of the session, received a debriefing from NRC that all policies were carried out well, and County will receive a detailed, written report on the event.

E. Special Called Meeting Reminder. As a part of one of our economic development successes, Project USA, that company is requesting a rezoning process which has already been initiated through our Planning Department. The Planning Commission will be having a special called meeting on October 1. The company has requested an expedited process, as they would like to close on the purchase of property, hopefully by the end of October if

everything goes well. In order to do that, the rezoning would have to take place, and a special called meeting would have to be incorporated in order to get three readings and a public hearing completed before Halloween. The date of October 5 is the recommended date for the special called meeting, and with Council's consent, staff is recommending this be the only item on the agenda. If we have approval from Council, the Clerk will schedule the timing so the meeting can be publicized. *It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Ruff to schedule a special called meeting on October 5, 2015. **The motion carried unanimously.***

(F) Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Approval and (G) Strategic Plan Update.

As a part of the strategic planning process, in the scope of services was the request for Fairfield County to appoint a Project Advisory Committee (PAC). This committee will be a steering committee for the strategic planning process. It was recommended from our consultants that the County have anywhere from 7 to 15 members that could possibly be on the committee. This Council decided to appoint 7 members of the community to be the steering committee of the strategic planning process. Each member has submitted names to the Administrator and to the Clerk for those persons to comprise the committee. If Council approves the committee, a meeting of the group will be held where they will help to structure the process for the County moving forward on the strategic planning process. The selection of these individuals are to be a steering committee. The process is to be inclusive with public input from various sources throughout the community, which will include the Town of Winnsboro, the Town of Ridgeway, the Town of Jenkinsville, the School District and other partners within the community. Council may wish to consider officially approving the committee. *It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Kinley and Council Member Ruff to approve the Project Advisory Committee for the Strategic Plan, as provided on the appointment listing.* The Clerk was asked to announce the following appointments: Mr. Moses Bell, Mr. Randy Kelley, Ms. Wanda Carnes, Mr. Jonathan Bell, Mr. Donald Quick, Ms. Sonya Kennedy and Mr. Sam Arnette, Jr.

H. Economic Development Plan Update. The County is piggybacking off the I-77 Alliance's Regional Economic Development Plan, and utilizing Crystal Morphis' company. Her group completed the regional plan for I-77 and actually partnered with York County, Chester County and Richland County to do their Strategic Plan. Met with Economic Development Committee where Ms. Morphis came in and went through a vetting process of how the County is to move forward. One of the things she provided was a county-wide survey to all citizen. The Chamber of Commerce has one of the best distribution lists in the County that have a lot of people associate with it, and the staff will utilizing that as well as publicizing that information in our local papers for input. Would like to have this completed by the end of the calendar year, or no later than January. This economic development piece will be rolled up into the overall Strategic Plan.

I. Eau Claire JEDA Bond Update. The Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center and JEDA are requesting that Fairfield County hold a public hearing relating to the issuance of a bond on behalf of Eau Claire and adopt a Resolution in support of the issuance of a bond. The County's sole role is to hold a public hearing and to adopt a support Resolution. There is no impact on the County's General Obligation debt capacity and no liability for the County. The reason why they are coming to the County is that the County is the only political subdivision that is within the jurisdiction. Eau Claire and JEDA will be reissuing \$6,265,000.00 original principal amount of its Variable Rate Demand Healthcare Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A outstanding in the approximate principal of \$4,262,536.00, which is being refinanced to a lower rate. Unless there is some opposition to this, it will

be on the County Council agenda for October 12, 2015. Council Member Smith inquired when they plan to actually close on that to get that signed and done?

J. Intergovernmental Council Meeting Update. The local political subdivisions met several weeks ago. A number of topics was discussed, including some on the Council's agenda tonight, i.e., Strategic Plan and Economic Development Plan. Another item that came up was the technology question that was an initiative that kicked off by the School District.

K. Dioramas Update. Several months ago, Mr. Haslett had asked to use one of the large dioramas that the County has. Staff worked with the County Attorney to draft an agreement that allowed him to use one of those for his place of business. One of the challenges was getting insurance on the dioramas.

L. Legal Update (Board of Assessment Appeals). Matter for Executive Session.

M. Recreation Procurement Contract Update. Matter for Executive Session.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT CAN BE TO INTRODUCE AN ITEM NOT CURRENTLY UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OR BRING A CONCERN TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Mr. Virgil Porter - Economic Development/Finance
- Mr. Randy Bright - Transparency
- Mrs. Terry Vickers - Rock Around The Clock Event

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Smith: Inquired what the value of the mill will be for this millage rate going forward; also announced the barbeque, bluegrass and blue jeans benefit for Fairfield Memorial Hospital and addressed the County's involvement in the both the I-77 and Central SC Alliance.

Ruff: Commented on information he received from the Barclays School; inquired about the status of the County Administrator and Economic Development Director search.

C. Robinson: Commented on economic development and the County Industrial Parks.

Marcharia: Commented on County recreation; voiced his appreciation for Mr. Pope's professionalism and efficiency.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 7:15 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith to go in executive session to discuss a legal matter relating to the Board of Assessment Appeals; a Recreation Procurement Contract and an economic development matter. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:40 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Robinson reported no action taken in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN