

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL OCTOBER 12, 2020

Present: Moses Bell, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Doug Pauley, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Laura Johnson, Assistant County Administrator; Tommy Morgan, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

By Phone: Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins

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: <u>The Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle</u> and one hundred forty two other individuals.

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the meeting is being live-streamed through the County's YouTube page in order to keep citizens informed.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Pauley, seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Vice Chair Goins, to approve the agenda. *The motion carried* 6-0.

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Gilbert led the invocation.

Council Member Trapp joined the meeting by WebEx at 6:03 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Bell and Vice Chair Goins, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020, and Special Meetings of October 5, 2020, and October 7, 2020. *The motion carried unanimously 7-0.*

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Agreement Between Fairfield County and Project Windsor to Provide Certain Incentives, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property in the County, and Other Related Matters. Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. No one signed to speak. Chairman Robinson stated this is a great thing, and he is happy Council is able to sign the contract. Chairman Robinson then closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.
- **B.** An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (No. 599) to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from R-2 (Inclusive Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District) of 1.6 Acres Owned by Rockton Baptist Church (Applicant). This is Tax Map No. 145-01-35-002-000. Property is Located Between Crane Street, Winter Street and Sandifer Road, Winnsboro SC 29130. Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, Chairman Robinson closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.
- C. An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (No. 599) to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to RD-1 (Rural Residential District) of 17.61 Acres Owned by Yvan Baquerizo (Applicant). This is Tax Map No. 093-00-00-031-000. Property is Located at 8393 US Highway 21 North, Ridgeway, SC 29130. Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, Chairman Robinson closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Council Member Pauley inquired if all three public hearings were properly notified. Mr. Taylor and the Clerk stated they were all three properly noticed.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Third and Final Reading Ordinance No. 754: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Agreement Between Fairfield County and Project Windsor to Provide Certain Incentives, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property in the County, and Other Related Matters. Motion made by Council Member Bell and Vice Chair Goins, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 754. Per Mr. Taylor, the announcement has been made publicly which allows us to move beyond just the project name. The company is Oldcastle, which is a construction products company primarily dealing in

making cement blocks. This company will hire almost 100 people at very high wages, and they will be purchasing the County spec building for \$2.2M. An incentive agreement will be entered into, which is a fee in lieu of agreement with what is called an SSRC. Per Mr. Davenport, this will be a \$25M investment with roughly 100 jobs, and the wages are very solid. This is an excellent company, and he believes they are the largest company in Ireland where it is based. Mr. Davenport is excited for this company coming to the County and for selling the spec building. Council Member Pauley thanked Mr. Davenport, Mr. Hodges and everyone else who was involved in making this happen. Council Member Bell inquired if the wages could be further elaborated on as this will be one of the highest paying employers in the County. Per Mr. Taylor, when the County does an incentive package, things such as the investment and the wage rate are taken into consideration. Per Mr. Davenport, the health package is very competitive, and the entry level wages will be somewhere between \$18 and \$20. Out of the 100 employees, only 10 or 15 will be at the base rate with everyone else being above this. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

- **B.** Third and Final Reading Ordinance No. 755: An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (No. 599) to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from R-2 (Inclusive Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District) of 1.6 Acres Owned by Rockton Baptist Church (Applicant). This is Tax Map No. 145-01-35-002-000. Property is Located Between Crane Street, Winter Street and Sandifer Road, Winnsboro SC 29130. Motion made by Council Member Gilbert and Vice Chair Goins, seconded by Council Member Bell, to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 755. Per Mr. Clauson, this is the Rockton Baptist Church, and they are intending to use the property where the fire station is located to add some modular buildings for the school purpose as well as for the church use. The R2 would not allow for those two separate uses, so they did have to rezone to a B1 to allow for two primary uses. Council Member Douglas stated everyone around this was notified. Clauson, the Planning Commission had their public meeting and letters were mailed for the hearing. For the Council's hearing, certified letters were sent out. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.
- C. Third and Final Reading Ordinance No. 756: An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (No. 599) to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to RD-1 (Rural Residential District) of 17.61 Acres Owned by Yvan Baquerizo (Applicant). This is Tax Map No. 093-00-00-031-000. Property is

Located at 8393 US Highway 21 North, Ridgeway, SC 29130. Motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Vice Chair Goins, to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 756. Per Mr. Clauson this is the rezone of the property from R1, which does not allow for an accessory use, in this case a small shed, to be placed on the property without a primary residence or a primary structure. RD1 would allow for this. As discussed at the last meeting, a comment was made from the public during the Planning Commission public meeting, and they were concerned about density. Again, RD1 would actually be less dense and R1 is significantly more than that. This did pass 6-0 with the Planning Commission, as did the previous rezone. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

- D. First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 758: An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (No. 599) to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from I-1 (Industrial District) to B-2 (General Business District) of 8.38 Acres Owned by Edgardo and Wanda Huertas (Applicants). This is Tax Map No. 184-00-00-111-000. Property is located at 3103 East Peach Road, Ridgeway, SC 29130. Motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 758. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.
- **E.** First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 759: An Ordinance Setting the Millage Rate for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020. Motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Vice Chair Goins, to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 759. **Motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES - Received as Information

- A. Hospital Board
- **B.** Disabilities and Special Needs

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Reappointment – Mrs. Barbara P. Charles, Assessment Appeals Board Representing District 4. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Vice Chair Goins, to approve the Reappointment of Mrs. Barbara P. Charles to the Assessment Appeals Board representing District 4. Vice Chair Goins thanked Mrs. Charles for

accepting the position and to please let her know if she can do anything to help. **Motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

B. Term Extension – Mr. Randy Kelly, Planning Commission, District 2. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Bell and Vice Chair Goins, to approve a one-year term extension for Mr. Randy Kelly on the Planning Commission representing District 2. Council Member Bell inquired why it was mentioned that this would be a one-year term extension. Chairman Robinson stated this is an extension to Mr. Kelly's term. **Motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Mr. John Crutchfield, Mr. Ryan Lindsey and Mr. Rick Jiran, Duke Energy - Update on Lake Wateree Recreation Enhancements. Mr. Taylor stated representatives are present tonight from Duke Energy to give an update on the park at Lake Wateree. The plans were earlier presented, and they are now well into construction. Mr. Morgan has said it looks beautiful from the lake side, and Mr. Taylor has ridden out with Council Member Bell and Council Member Douglas. Tonight, they will be giving a presentation on the construction, the progress and the potential opening date. Mr. Crutchfield appreciates the opportunity to give this update on the recreation enhancements for Lake Wateree, and specifically those in Fairfield County. The recreation improvements are being made as a result of commitments made in the Catawba Wateree Hydro Project Comprehensive Relicensing Agreement (CRA). This agreement was signed by 70 signatories in FERC issued the license, which included the recreation commitments to include those in Fairfield County, and issued the The Federal Energy Regulatory license in November 2015. Commission required a recreation management plan from Lake James down to Lake Wateree, to include around 89 recreation related commitments. The report was very detailed (about 100 pages), and the Regulatory Commission subsequently approved this in 2016 and 2017. Construction projects are in five year increments for 20 years. Three are being done on Lake Wateree in Fairfield County in the first five years, 2018 to 2022, and then another one in the second five years with another in the third five years. Duke Energy is legally bound by the federal operating license and the CRA to implement these recreation improvements. The recreation interest is being balanced with other interests, including hydro operations, lake levels and other things to get the recreation commitments. The following are the plans in detail for Lake Wateree:

- Wateree Creek access area Project completed in December 2019 and is now open to the public. Installations included a fishing pier, a picnic facility, restrooms and approximately 10 gravel parking spaces.
- ➤ Molly Creek access area This is a new access area, about 100 acres, and is currently under construction. This area has the peninsula and then the mainland. Installations will include a swimming area, paved parking, restrooms, trails, bank and pier fishing, picnic facilities and trailer boat parking. Construction was begun in late 2019 and is ongoing. This should be completed late June or early July of 2021. A Corp of Engineer floor to floor permit was needed to do the in water work for the fishing pier, the swim beach and boat ramps. This was received in mid-September, so now this work has begun. The grading has been done for the area, the base coat for parking has been laid, curbing for the parking has begun, three restrooms and an attendant storage building and beginning now on the swim beach and the picnic facilities. After these are completed in the fall or winter, the fishing piers will begin along with the boat dock and boat ramps. The target for this to be completed again is late June or early July if the weather cooperates. Council Member Pauley inquired who will be responsible for the upkeep once these improvements are completed. Per Mr. Crutchfield, Duke will be responsible for Wateree. For Molly Creek, they are also responsible, but along with the Comprehensive Licensing Agreement, they will be offering a commercial lease to a commercial operator to operate this facility, which will also include the opportunity for an RV campground, a bathhouse and a marine pump out station. This was advertised in the Camden Chronicle in late September, and to date, they have not received any interested firms to operate this. If a commercial operator is not found, the facilities on the mainland will not be built, and Duke would be responsible for the rest. Member Pauley was concerned about people coming into the

area and leaving garbage, etc. Mr. Crutchfield stated there will be an attendant on site two or three times a week, including a weekend day, to pick up trash and monitor the conditions, and they will assess what needs to be tweaked in terms of management. Duke wants to be a good neighbor, and they will not build it and walk away. Council Member Douglas inquired of a discussion he had with Mr. Crutchfield concerning the roads on Rockbridge Road and Island Creek Road going to the site and if he had spoken with DOT to see if they will be able to improve Rockbridge Road. Per Mr. Crutchfield, he has not spoken with DOT yet, but he will be doing this before operation begins. Vice Chair Goins is very grateful for the work being done, and she hopes people realize this is what it takes to build a County and using a natural resource. She has not had a chance to look at this yet, but she definitely will. She thanked Mr. Crutchfield for allowing Fairfield County to be a part of such an awesome project. When it is built, Mr. Crutchfield stated the County will see a facility they can be proud of, and it will be done first class.

- Colonels Creek access area Engineering design and permitting phase is underway. Construction is expected to begin in late April or May of 2021 and will go through with opening in the recreation season of 2022. Installations will include a courtesy dock, swimming area, restrooms, picnic shelter and additional paved parking to accommodate the swim beach. The County will be offered the opportunity to lease this for an Access Area Improvement Initiative lease. There will be an option, if the County leases this area, to place additional picnic facilities.
- > Taylors Creek fishing area This will be constructed in the second five years and be completed by 2027. This, like Molly Creek, is a new site near the Taylor's Creek access area. A parking area will be built for about 10 vehicles and then a trail down to the lake's edge with a fishing trail for bank fishing opportunities.
- ➤ Lugoff access area This is located in Kershaw County and is a really popular fishing area. Installations will include restrooms, improved gravel parking and wild life viewing facilities. This lease will be offered to Kershaw County, and they will have the opportunity to build a canoe/kayak launch as well as a picnic shelter. This will occur in the third five year period.

Council Member Bell complimented Mr. Crutchfield on the work that has already been done. He also thanked him for appearing at the Ridgeway

Town Hall. This will be a good asset for Fairfield County. Council Member Douglas thanked Mr. Crutchfield for improving the biggest part of his district and to please call him if he needs anything. Chairman Robinson stated it will definitely be an asset and inquired if the plan can be uploaded to the County website so the citizens can see the plan, to which Mr. Crutchfield stated this could be done.

- **B.** Introduction of Mr. Brad Douglas, Emergency Management Director. Ms. Laura Johnson introduced Mr. Brad Douglas as the new Emergency Management Director. He is a long time resident of Fairfield County and is transferring to this position from the Sheriff's Office where he has worked for over 20 years. He also has several years of supervisory and management experience. Mr. Douglas thanked Council for this opportunity. He is beginning his second week and has hit the ground running. He really enjoys working with the staff. Vice Chair Goins welcomed Mr. Douglas to the team. Chairman Robinson stated he and Council Member Pauley worked with Mr. Douglas at the Sheriff's Department, and he is one who will give it his all and will make us proud. Council Member Pauley congratulated Mr. Douglas and knows he will do an outstanding job.
- C. Fairfield County Forfeited Land Commission, Mr. Jim Thompson. Per Mr. Taylor, he wanted to give Council an update on the Forfeited Land Trust. These properties have been accumulating for quite some time, and the process had to be improved upon. The County looked at other models and ways to clean up the process and chose to go the auction route to put the properties up for auction that had been basically sitting in an unproductive status, not useful to anyone and not generating taxes for many years. The results exceeded our greatest expectations. Per Mr. Thompson, after some basic procedures in the beginning were set into motion, this will be a recurring cycle on the properties that come to the Forfeited Land Commission. The mission of the Commission is to get things back on the tax roll as quickly as possible. One resource Mr. Thompson used from the beginning was other counties who had been doing this process and had established ways of getting the properties out quickly and making the most money from the properties for their respective county. The use of an auction company was one of the biggest success stories that he heard among the other counties. An open bid auction is not only unbiased, but it is also making it possible to touch many more people that want properties who may not be local. After due diligence, Mr. Thompson chose an auction company out of Greenville and received approval

from the Commission. The main reason this company was chosen was they were already being used by counties and understood the needs and intricacies involved in county government. It was felt they had a very smooth process. The first auction was just completed. There were about 68 properties in this initial auction, and to date, 58 of those properties were sold, which is about 86%. This vacillates daily because some people may not come forward to pay. The ones that did not sell will simply go into the next auction to keep the cycle going. Some properties that did not sell may be lumped in with other nicer properties for a single bid. The bottom line is between \$400,000 and \$450,000 in proceeds will be received by the County to pay the past taxes, interest and penalties on these properties. however, take a while to process this many closings. The auction company is paid by the buyer, and by law, we are required to have an actual closing. That process is now beginning. Using the auction company not only made the properties available on the world stage, but it also removed any bias. There are three elected officials on the Commission, and it is important to maintain a separation. This is our first success story for the Forfeited Land Commission. Council Member Douglas inquired of the reasons for the ten properties not getting sold. Per Mr. Thompson, this is an ongoing issue in that some bidders could not be reached. The auction company is responsible for getting the earnest money and handling this part of the transaction. A couple of bidders said they just could not go through with it. It was known up front that there would be situations such as this. There were 10 properties, but as of today, there are only seven. It may be the number dwindles down even further. Council Member Bell thanked Mr. Thompson for his efforts with the Forfeited Land Commission. When he got on Council, the procedure bothered him for many reasons. He feels we can now feel proud of where we are and the road we need to Robinson thanked Mr. Chairman acknowledging the fact that there were problems and moving to get it Mr. Taylor stated along with the \$400,000 to straightened out. \$450,000 the County will receive from the sale of the properties, they will also go back on the tax rolls and should be generating \$25,000 or \$30,000 a year in taxes going forward. Hopefully, this will put property back in peoples' hands that they can actually use.

D. Job Fair. Per Mr. Taylor, the Job Fair was very successful, and he asked Mr. Hodges to give an update for Council. Per Mr. Hodges, the Job Fair was held on September 30 at Mitford Rec Center, Jenkinsville Rec Center and Winnsboro's Rec Center. There were 12 companies

that participated. Pruitt Health was onsite. The list of companies were Pruitt Health, Cooperative Health, Pro Pallet, Element, MLily, SeaPro Boats, Isola, Mekra Lang, the S.C. Highway Patrol, Fairfield County, Fairfield County Sheriff's Department and the Fairfield County School There were upwards of 125 applicants across the three locations. On average, people were filling out three applications, and this calculates to around 375 total applications being completed. This does not include the online applications. Mr. Hodges gave special thanks to Laura Johnson, Diana Robinson and her crew, the Parks and Recreation team who were extremely helpful along with Gene Stephens and the Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Robinson stated it was nice to see people lined up at 8 a.m. for a job. He believes only 25 applications were turned in for unemployment this week, and this is a plus. People are looking for jobs, and we definitely have them Chairman Robinson, along with Vice Chair Goins, also thanked Mr. Hodges for his hard work. Chairman Robinson feels this should probably be done annually because of the response. Council Member Bell requested this not be limited to annually, and instead, be as needed.

Mr. Taylor stated the County has the facial **E.** COVID Update. temperature monitors at the door now, which is helping us to prepare for a soft opening as the public comes back and will help to make sure we are safe. Per Mrs. Johnson, the numbers have not been as high as they used to be. Today, the County had only two cases reported. The County opened its doors on October 5. The buildings have notices concerning the request for masks to be worn and to practice social distancing, with the exception of the courthouse. The South Carolina Supreme Court issued an order requiring face masks and temperature checks. There is someone at the door of the courthouse to be sure the public is wearing a mask. There are masks available if they do not have one. The courthouse also has one of the temperature machines. Chairman Robinson inquired if this information is kept in a database. Mr. Taylor stated he believes so for contact tracing. Transit also purchased one of the temperature machines with a grant.

13. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

14. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Bell: Council Member Bell inquired concerning the Emergency Management Director position. He thought the County would use Mr. Pope for this position. Per Mr. Taylor, Mr. Pope had asked that this department be reorganized and potentially put under him. However, it was never going to be a situation where Mr. Pope would be doing the job. Council Member Bell thought the position would be eliminated and use the opportunity to combine some assignments. Mr. Taylor stated this was not the concept. Mr. Pope had presented how other counties handle this. Mr. Taylor also stated anytime an opening occurs, it is always examined to see if there is a more efficient way to handle. We were looking to see if there was some value to adding two departments together, but never to eliminate the position. Council Member Bell also inquired, from the quarterly reports just received, if we are paying the salary for the Fairfield Per Mrs. Johnson, they receive an County Chamber of Commerce. allocation from tourism funds. Council Member Bell inquired if this is for the salaries. Per Mrs. Johnson, they can use their allocation for salaries. Council Member Bell inquired if they can get State retirement and other benefits. Per Chairman Robinson, he gets nothing but the salary, not even health benefits. Again, Council Member Bell inquired if we are saying that we are paying or allocating \$52,504 for the salary of people at the Chamber of Commerce. Per Mr. Taylor, funds are allocated for operations. It is up to them if they use it for salary. Council Member Bell wants to be sure that it is being allocated for their salary. Per Mr. Taylor, the funds are allocated, and the Town also allocates funds. He believes the majority of the funds allocated by the Town is used for programs. Council Member Bell also inquired if someone at the courthouse has been sick and how they are doing. Per Mrs. Johnson, last week they were put in the hospital.

Douglas: Council Member Douglas stated the job Mr. Douglas got is to take over an already existing position.

Pauley: Council Member Pauley requested for everyone to keep Mr. Keith Branham and his family in prayer.

Goins: Vice Chair Goins is excited because there are so many good things going on. Mrs. Deloris Patterson in Jenkinsville wanted to say thank you for the food share boxes. So many people also said thank you for this service, and they look forward to it. Vice Chair Goins also wanted to say thank you and especially to Mrs. Johnson for her hard work in keeping this together and making the connection. Vice Chair Goins also has a request for western Fairfield, District 4, for recreation expansion at

Lake Monticello, some in the Dawkins area and in Greenbrier Mosseydale. She is asking the Administration team along with the help of Dominion, if they will consider, to clear and extend an area on the west side of Lake Monticello to include a basketball court and possibly a one mile walking track and some playground equipment. Also, she would like to upgrade the lake area to make it more attractive to tourists. She is thrilled at what is happening at Lake Wateree, I-77 and the Palmetto Trail. The County is growing and thriving, and she is excited about it. Also, on the left side of the lake in the Dawkins area, there is a space where people fish a lot. Vice Chair Goins would appreciate it if this area could be cleared out to make it more accessible. Again, if Dominion, since it is their property, would allow for a dock to be put in, some granite stones and steps, this would go a long way in making this a nice fishing spot for the community. This is just to upgrade and enhance. Vice Chair Goins has spoken with someone in the Greenbrier-Mosseydale area, and they are asking to get something for this area. She suggested if someone could donate an acre or so of land, the County has the equipment and inhouse manpower to clean it up, get it graded and put a basketball court in that area and maybe a mile walking track. This will give people something to be motivated about in their community. Vice Chair Goins would also like the Administration team to look into purchasing some property in western Fairfield and make it site ready for a lease or rental. Everyone says nothing is done in western Fairfield. Now, we will see just how much support this enhancement will have to better the community. Our future is in front of us, and every generation has an opportunity to be better than before. We should not live in the past and should be moving forward. It is also not just about one person but instead is about all of us. The County is moving in a great direction, and we have been so blessed. Vice Chair Goins is not trying to compete with anyone or please everyone, nor will she be ashamed of her faith. God has sustained his people in this County, and he is restoring us in a good way. wastewater treatment plant is a must for the survival of our quality of life. When you travel to other areas, you are helping to build up those areas through taxes, so build your own home first. Vice Chair Goins stated she will do whatever she can to help the people in this County. This is what we have all been placed here for, to do good toward one another. When we do not do this, we not only fail the people, but we fail ourselves. She is not so arrogant as to demand anything from the Administrator, the Chairman or the Council. She does believe this is a doable, useful and inexpensive project, and she humbly and prayerfully asks the Administration team to please move forward with this as soon as possible.

She also humbly and prayerfully asks those that will to support it for the good of the people.

Robinson: Chairman Robinson stated our next meeting will be after the election. He wishes everyone luck, and whether he is on Council or not, he feels this Council is headed in the right direction. We definitely cannot do things in one year, so stay the course and have faith.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, **15.** COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN **EXECUTIVE SESSION).**

At 7:03 p.m., motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Bell, to go into executive session to discuss (a) Litigation - Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion Regarding Pending Litigation Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70-(a)(2). Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Council Member Trapp left the meeting during executive session.

At 7:17 p.m., motion made by Council Member Gilbert, seconded by Council Member Bell and Vice Chair Goins, to come out of executive session and return to regular session. Motion carried 6-0.

16. **ADJOURN**

At 7:18 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Bell, to adjourn. The motion carried 6-0.

PATTI L. DAVIS

CLERK TO COUNCIL

CORNELIUS ROBINSON

CHAIRMAN