



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 8, 2024**

Present: Clarence Gilbert, Dan Ruff, Shirley Greene, Cornelius Robinson, Tim Roseborough, Doug Pauley, (Council Members); Clay Killian (Interim County Administrator); Synithia Williams (Deputy County Administrator); Tommy Morgan (County Attorney); Dr. Kimberly Roberts (Clerk to Council)

Absent: Peggy Swearingen

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 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 Pauley called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pauley called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Ruff to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

Mr. Pauley stated Mrs. Swearingen was out of town attending another meeting and would not be in attendance at the Council meeting.

4. INVOCATION

Pastor William Rice from Seekwell Baptist Church led the invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Ruff, seconded by Councilwoman Greene to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting 3/25/24. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

6. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

None.

7. 1st PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: 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.

- John Jones
- Brenda Worthington
- Ann Corrao
- Jeff Schaffer
- Randy Bright

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance No. 596, to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to RD-1 (Rural Residential District) for 2.39 Acres Owned by John Kern (Applicant), 5994 State HWY 215S, Jenkinsville, South Carolina 29065, Tax Map No. 139-03-01-023-000. Mr. Pauley opened the public hearing at 6:17pm. Randy Bright signed up to speak. Mr. Pauley closed the public hearing at 6:18pm.

B. An Ordinance of Adopting the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfield County, South Carolina 2024-2034 and Other Matters Related Thereto. Mr. Pauley opened the public hearing at 6:18pm. Brenda Worthington, Morris Worthington, Randy Kelley and Randy Bright signed up to speak. Mr. Pauley closed the public hearing at 6:32pm.

9. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Second Reading Ordinance No. 833: An Ordinance of Adopting the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfield County, South Carolina 2024-2034 and Other Matters Related Thereto. Mr. Ruff made a motion to table the ordinance based on information received during the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Roseborough. Mr. Robinson asked if it would be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Killian said because the motion passed, it had to come back to the next meeting. It could be re-tabled but it had to come back to them at the next meeting for their consideration. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

B. Second Reading Ordinance No. 832: An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance No. 596, to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to RD-1 (Rural Residential District) for 2.39 Acres Owned by John Kern (Applicant), 5994 State HWY 215S, Jenkinsville, South Carolina 29065, Tax Map No. 139-03-01-023-

000. Mr. Ruff asked for an explanation. Mr. Killian and Mr. Morgan explained that discussion could happen after a proper motion. Motion made by Councilman Ruff, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. Mr. Killian explained that the applicant wanted to build a larger storage facility on his property that the current zoning would not allow – that was the purpose of the request. ***The motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Roseborough voting in the negative.***

C. Resolution No. 2024-02: A Resolution Affirming Fairfield County's Commitment to Fair Housing. Motion made by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilwoman Greene. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES (For information only)

None.

11. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Budget Work Session

Mr. Killian reminded Council of the upcoming Budget Work Session on Wednesday, April 10th at 3:30pm. There were two more scheduled on April 17th & April 24th (if needed) at the same time.

B. Virtual Housing Study Work Session

Mr. Killian reminded Council of the upcoming Virtual Housing Study Work Session on Thursday, April 11th at 2pm. The invitation was on the County's Facebook page and citizens could call Administration if they needed assistance.

C. Standing Committee Meetings

Mr. Killian reminded Council of two committee meetings scheduled for Monday (15th) – Economic Development at 4p and Public Services & Development at 5p (if the committee agreed and since there was no need for Public Affairs to meet). Mr. Pauley asked if they could follow up with him regarding that and he agreed.

D. CDBG Intergovernmental Agreement for Town of Winnsboro – ACTION ITEM

Mr. Killian referred to a briefing document in their package. The Town of Winnsboro was applying for a Community Development Block Grant to upgrade water lines in the Winnsboro Mills area. Because the grant area was outside of the city limits and was in the county, the Department of Commerce required an intergovernmental agreement. Winnsboro would be the applicant and would administer through a contract with Central Midlands Council of Governments. Administration asked Council to approve the intergovernmental agreement that would allow to apply for funding. Mr. Pauley asked if he knew the roads/area it would encompass. Mr. Killian said it was along Maple Street, 10th & 11th Streets, Chestnut Street and south of town near Drawdy Park. He also said there was no match required by the County. Motion made by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Greene. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

E. Maggie Harris Bridge Replacement Contract - ACTION ITEM

Mr. Killian said on December 12, 2023, they solicited bids for the replacement of the bridge on Maggie Harris Road. Davidson Floyd was the engineer on the project and recommended Smith-Rowe as the lowest and responsible bidder. The project bid was \$409,061.72 and they budgeted \$550,000. Administration recommended awarding the contract. Motion made by Councilman Ruff, seconded by Councilman Gilbert to approve. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

F. Detention Center Federal Sub Award Agreement – ACTION ITEM

Mr. Killian said the Department of Health and Environment passed a sub grant to buy full body scanners for certain confinement facilities in the state. Their Detention Center Director registered for the grant and it was awarded. The equipment allowed non-contact scanning for inmates for COVID and other infections. The deadline to submit the invoice was 30 days after the date of approval or no later than June 30th. They had to order the equipment no later than July 31st and they had to have it in place by September 13th. It was a no-match grant. Administration recommended accepting the grant/award. Mr. Ruff asked if it also scanned for contraband and other things and Mr. Killian said yes. Motion made by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Councilman Ruff. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

15. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Mrs. Greene said in response to tabling the Comprehensive Plan, she heard from her constituents and it was important to ensure that all of the corrections that were suggested were made and they had the opportunity to review it so the final document contained all that was needed.

Mr. Ruff said he was asked if the county had a location to dump broken brick, blocks, etc. and he was told there was no such location. He asked if it was something they should look into. He spoke to Mr. Burroughs and was told there was a location outside of the county. Mr. Killian said they did not operate a construction/demolition landfill – they only had a transfer station. They would look into it.


Mr. Robinson asked if there was anything going on with their safety sensitive departments because he heard some concerns. Mr. Killian said he was unaware of anything.

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.)

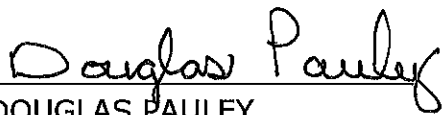
None.

18. ADJOURN

At 6:48pm, motion made by Councilman Ruff, seconded by Councilwoman Greene to adjourn. ***The motion carried 6-0.***



KIM W. ROBERTS Ed. D.
CLERK TO COUNCIL



DOUGLAS PAULEY
CHAIRMAN