FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FAIRFIELD COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - SECOND FLOOR - 250 N. WALNUT STREET
WINNSBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Gilbert

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **INVOCATION** Councilman Dan Ruff

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Regular Meeting 4/14/25

6. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**
   A. Project Updates – Robert Lathrop (Fairfield County Project Manager)

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** All public comments made during this session will be limited to items, issues, and topics regarding Fairfield County. Each speaker will have three minutes for comments. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is 30 minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign in 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.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** **None**

9. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**
   A. First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 846: An Ordinance of the County Council of Fairfield County Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Purchase Agreement By and Between Fairfield County, South Carolina and a Company Identified For the Time Being as Project Mega Cable and Other Related Matters.
   B. First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 845: An Ordinance to Establish Operating and Capital Budgets for the Operation of the County Government of Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2025; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2025; to Establish Fees and Service Charges for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2025; to Provide for the Expenditure of Tax Revenues and Other County Related Funds; and to Provide for Certain Fiscal Matters and Other Matters Related to County Government.
   C. First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 844: An Ordinance to Consider the Request to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance No. 599 and the Related Zoning Map, to Provide for the Rezoning Classification from I-1 (Industrial District) to B-2 (General Business District); TMS#: 107-03-05-001-000 located at 1496 and 1678 US Highway 321 North, Winnsboro, SC 29180; owned by Sammy J. and Grace P. Coley. (Note: The Fairfield County Planning Commission approved this rezone request).

D. Second Reading Ordinance No. 843: An Ordinance of the County Council for Fairfield County Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Incentive Agreement by and Between Fairfield County, South Carolina and Project Mega Cable to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits; and Other Related Matters.

E. Resolution No. 2025-04: A Resolution Affirming Fairfield County's Commitment to Fair Housing

F. Resolution No. 2025-05: A Resolution Committing to Negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Incentive Agreement Between Fairfield County and a Company Identified For the Time Being as Project Mega Cable; Identifying the Project; and Other Matters Related Thereto

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES (For Information Only)

A. Aeronautics Commission – November 19, 2024

11. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS **None**

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

B. Accommodations & Hospitality Tax Committee Recommendations (State) – **ACTION ITEM**

C. Administration & Finance Committee Recommendations – **ACTION ITEM**

13. NEW BUSINESS **None**

14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Budget Schedule

15. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT **None**

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (The following statement 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.)

A. Discussion of matters and receipt of legal advice relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Fairfield County pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(5).

B. Discussion and receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a potential claim involving the sale of real property located in Fairfield County pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(2).

C. Discussion and receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a potential claim involving tax revenues collected by Fairfield County pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(2).

18. ADJOURN

Rules of Public Comment

Fairfield County Government welcomes public input during appropriate times at County Council meetings. Such input will be allowed in the time, place and manner determined by the Chair of the County Council as the presiding officer. Persons wishing to speak must conduct themselves in the following manner:

Sign up at the appropriate time to speak, refrain from engaging in conduct or speech that seeks to disrupt or disturb the meeting, respect the time limit for the public comment, and refrain from personal attacks or personal statements about any individual(s). Such statements are disruptive because this part of our meeting is not conducive for such exchanges between individuals.

As stated, speakers are expected to express themselves within the time, place and manner previously described. Any violation will result in a warning from the Chair of County Council or the presiding officer. Any failure to heed the warning of the Chair or presiding officer will result in the violating speaker forfeiting their opportunity to finish speaking or to speak during the remainder of the meeting. Council welcomes the comments from members of the public and ask for the cooperation of everyone to allow for the orderly conduct of the people's business.