

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MAY 20, 2021

Present: Moses Bell, Shirley Greene, Mikel Trapp, Timothy Roseborough, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Laura Johnson, Assistant County Administrator; Kenneth Davis, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

Absent: Doug Pauley

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</u>, The Country <u>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 Bell called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve the Agenda. *The motion carried 6-0.*

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Gilbert led the invocation.

4. 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 6:03 p.m., motion made by Vice Chair Greene, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to go into executive session for (1) Personnel Matter - Discussion Concerning the Position of County Administrator Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(1). *The motion carried 6-0.*

At 7:03 p.m., motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to come out of executive session and return to regular

session. Chairman Bell reported no action was taken in executive session. The motion carried 6-0.

Council Member Trapp made a motion, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to appoint Mr. Gerald Seals as Interim Administrator for Fairfield County until further action of the Council. The motion carried 4-2 with Council Members Robinson and Gilbert voting nay.

Council Member Trapp then made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to authorize the Chair to negotiate the terms and prepare a contract with the Interim County Administrator and with the assistance of the County Attorney. Council Member Robinson inquired if the documentation would be brought back to Council to review. Chairman Bell stated if the salary goes above what was discussed, it can come back before Council. Council Member Robinson stated he would still like to review the contract regardless of the salary. Motion carried 4-2 with Council Members Robinson and Gilbert voting nay. Mr. Seals was not present in the Council Chambers, and when he entered, Chairman Bell restated that the vote was 4-2 to appoint him as the Interim County Administrator, and that Mr. Seals, Chairman Bell and the County Attorney will work toward the contract. Chairman Bell inquired if Mr. Seals would like to make a statement. Mr. Seals stated he certainly thanks Council, appreciates their confidence and let's go have fun.

5. ADJOURN

At 7:06 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to adjourn. The motion carried 6-0.

PATTI L. DAVIS

CLERK TO COUNCIL

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