



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 10, 2017**

Present: Billy Smith, Douglas Pauley, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Dan W. Ruff, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Patti Locklair, Clerk to Council.

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 twenty seven other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Robinson led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2017, and the Work Session of March 29, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

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.

- Jeff Schaffer - Water Company (Clarification)
- Randy Bright - Budget (Recreation)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Resolution No. 2017-2: A Resolution Affirming Fairfield County's Commitment to Fair Housing. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve Resolution No. 2017-2. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 677 – To Establish Operating and Capital Budgets for the Operation of the County Government of Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017; to Provide for the Expenditure of Tax Revenues and Other County Funds; to Provide for Other County Purposes; to Provide for Certain Fiscal and Other Matters Relating to County Government, and Other Matters Related Thereto. It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 677. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

C. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 678 – An Ordinance Authorizing Fairfield County to Convey County Owned Real Property (Fire and EMS Station Building, Including Fixtures) Located at 12922 State Highway 213, Jenkinsville, South Carolina 29065; Tax Map No. 158-03-02-023-200, to Jenkinsville Water Company. It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 678. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Hospital Board: It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Pauley to accept the minutes from the Hospital Board. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Assessment Appeals Board - Re-appointment of Beverly Henderson. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the re-appointment of Beverly Henderson to the Assessment Appeals Board representing District 3. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Public Affairs and Policy Committee Membership Adjustment: Chairman Smith briefly explained that the internal committees are fully organized as provided by the By-Laws from the members at the beginning of the year excluding representation from District 5 as the seat was vacant at the time. A full vote of Council is needed in order to ensure that our new member, Mr. Pauley, is on at least one of the committees so that District 5 has representation. Council Member Ruff is agreeable to stepping down from this committee in order for Council Member Pauley to be appointed. It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Trapp for Council Member Ruff to vacate the Public Affairs and Policy Committee membership and place Council Member Pauley on the committee. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Central Midlands Council of Government Update: Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Ben Mauldin of the Central Midlands Council of Government. The County will be taking over the financial responsibility of the grant from Newberry County

which rotates periodically. Mr. Mauldin, the Executive Director of the Central Midlands COG, introduced Mr. Reginald Simmons, Deputy Director. A handout was given to Council by Mr. Mauldin regarding information about the COG. He reported that through the COG great progress has been made in the development of the transportation network in the area. He further mentioned that other services provided are aging services such as Meals on Wheels, unemployment services, land use planning, water quality planning, creating GIS and graphic maps, population projection and transportation planning. Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Mauldin for coming out and sharing this information with Council.

B. Suzanne Doscher - Being Mortal Screening: April 16 is National Healthcare Decision Day, a day dedicated to helping people talk about end-of-life care, focusing on an individual's wishes, family input, healthcare provider input and also healthcare providers, attorneys and clergy being aware of their role. Ms. Doscher on behalf of the hospital, Agape Hospice and Mike Kelly Law Group, invited the community for refreshments, a film and to have conversation afterward concerning this issue next Tuesday evening, April 18 at the Fairfield School District auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Handouts for anyone interested were left in the Council Chambers.

C. FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study Report: Mr. Taylor informed the Council and public that FEMA has been working on the flood hazard determination base flood elevation maps for Fairfield County for some time. Finalization will be in the near future and information has been advertised in the paper this week and next week on the process of appealing. For further information, citizens can refer to the ad placed in the Voice by FEMA, and the County will also have the information available for the public.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT WILL BE FOR ITEMS NOT CURRENTLY ON COUNCIL'S AGENDA OR UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. THE SUBJECT MATTER SHALL BE RELATED TO AND LIMITED TO ITEMS, ISSUES AND TOPICS REGARDING FAIRFIELD COUNTY. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Randy Sisk - Fire/EMS
- Jeff Shaffer - I'll figure out something (recreation)
- Randy Bright - Can't get there from here (praise for County employees)

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas: Had the opportunity to review some photos today of the sediment in Lake Wateree coming from Wateree Creek. He would like the County to look into this. Chairman Smith responded that we indeed need to look into this for our citizens and possibly can, during this budget cycle, have a study done for further clarification.

Goins: Welcomed the newest member to the team, Council Member Pauley. Offered congratulations and is looking forward to working together. Also, she had the privilege of attending a meeting at SCANA on March 27 to speak with the Community Coalition group. Vice Chair Goins thanked SCANA for all they have done over the years. She urged citizens to call and verify information before repeating "street talk". We must have solid infrastructure, water and sewer service. We have to do better and improve our understanding of the cycle of life, and in doing so, have better communication. Also, Vice Chair Goins asked Davis Anderson to comment on the monument at the old Jenkinsville High School site. Mr. Anderson reported the monument has been located and the property owner contacted. The owner is amenable to the monument being moved. Mr. Anderson will send a letter that the County is interested in moving the monument and work with Vice Chair Goins to find an appropriate place for it to be moved.

Trapp: Congratulations to Council Member Pauley and looks forward to working together.

Ruff: Also congratulated Council Member Pauley. He also agreed with one of our speakers tonight that we have excellent County employees and thanked the employees for their service. Also, Bank of Ridgeway is closing this Wednesday and discussions are underway with Economic Development to hopefully locate another bank. Currently, all recycling centers are closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have in the past been open on Easter Sunday. Everyone is in agreement for the centers to now be closed on Easter Sunday. Also inquired on an update for Miss Natalie Green attending a future meeting. Chairman Smith stated Natalie and also Lamar Richards should be at the next Council meeting if schedules permit.

Robinson: Congratulated Council Member Pauley. They worked together for a number of years at the Sheriff's Department and he looks forward to working together in the future on Council. Also, he has received numerous complaints the last few weeks in reference to the Drawdy Park field. He requested that Administration look into this as recreation is very important to this County. He would love to see in the future a wellness center to include swimming, something for our senior citizens, for the youth, etc. We must agree to have it in a central location for everyone.

Smith: Congratulated Council Member Pauley and with this we now have a full contingent on Council. On the turning over of the Jenkinsville building, his understanding is the County owns the building and the water company owns the land; therefore, it would be in the County's best interest to turn this over to the water company. Also, Chairman Smith hopes the Council will agree as much as possible and he credits this in part to the Council sharing information back and forth.

Pauley: Thanked the citizens of District 5 for his election. It is an honor to be representing District 5 and all of the citizens of Fairfield County. He looks forward to working with his fellow Council members along with administration to provide fully what we feel is best for our County. Also commended his running mates for working very hard, staying friendly and respectable throughout the entire campaign.

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

In addition to Council, the following were present in Executive Session: Jason Taylor, Davis Anderson, Jack James, Ty Davenport and Julius Weathers.

At 6:45 p.m., it was moved by Council Members Ruff, seconded by Council Member Robinson to go into executive session for a proposed contractual matter regarding due diligence on property. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

At 7:35 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Robinson to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

There was no action taken in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

At 7:37 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp, properly seconded by Vice Chair Goins to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

PATTI LOCKLAIR
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN