



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 14, 2017**

Present: Billy Smith, Doug 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 Douglas and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Pauley led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2017, and the Special Meeting of August 2, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

- 6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):** 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.

- Jeff Morris – Response to Economic Challenges
- Mr. Randy Bright – Ordinances

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A.** An Ordinance Adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Fire Codes as the Mandatory Building Codes for Fairfield County, South Carolina. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at

6:06 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m.

- B. An Ordinance Adopting the 2014 Edition of the National Electric Code (NEC) as the Mandatory Electrical Code for Fairfield County, South Carolina. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m.
- C. An Ordinance Adopting the 2009 Edition of the South Carolina Energy Conservation Code, Regulating and Governing Energy Efficient Building Envelopes and Installation of Energy Efficient Mechanical, Lighting and Power Systems in Fairfield County, South Carolina: Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Collection of Fees Therefor. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. **Second Reading: Ordinance No. 684** – An Ordinance Adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Fire Codes as the Mandatory Building Codes for Fairfield County, South Carolina. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 684. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- B. **Second Reading: Ordinance No. 685** – An Ordinance Adopting the 2014 Edition of the National Electric Code (NEC) as the Mandatory Electrical Code for Fairfield County, South Carolina. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 685. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- C. **Second Reading: Ordinance No. 686** – An Ordinance Adopting the 2009 Edition of the South Carolina Energy Conservation Code, Regulating and Governing Energy Efficient Building Envelopes and Installation of Energy Efficient Mechanical, Lighting and Power Systems in Fairfield County, South Carolina: Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Collection of Fees Therefor. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 686. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chair Goins and seconded by Council Member Pauley to accept the minutes from Fairfield Behavioral Health Services, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce and Fairfield Memorial Hospital. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report from C Fund Road Paving Ad Hoc Committee.** Vice Chair Goins deferred the report to Mr. Taylor, who reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met on Monday, August 7, to discuss the current formula used in selecting roads for paving through the C-Fund. It had been recommended that the process be reviewed and possibly a change made to the formula. However, after discussion, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to recommend to Council that the formula remain the same with no change.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A.** Report by Pelham Lyles, Fairfield County Museum Director - Overview of Museum Services and Eclipse Event Information - Ms. Lyles would like to return at a later date to give more information on the museum; however, for tonight, attention is called to the upcoming event, the solar eclipse on Monday. On Sunday, 7 p.m., at Christ Central Community Church next door to the museum, Professor Thompson from Davidson College will be speaking on the science aspect of the eclipse and giving a bit of history that in 1900, Winnsboro was the site of an official observatory with the museum in possession of a photograph evidencing this fact. Then on Monday, Garden Street Park will be open between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and eclipse glasses and water will be distributed. Professor Thompson will also be in attendance explaining what is occurring with the eclipse. Ms. Lyles left copies of the Museum newsletter for the citizens. Ms. Lyles also mentioned an event for Veteran's Day with an exhibit and research on folks from Fairfield County involved in the war, especially the 371st colored troops who went to France and served admirably. She hopes to work with community groups to have a parade and placement of a wreath at the Mt. Zion monument. Please watch the newspapers for more information on this upcoming event.
- B.** Introduction of Thomas J. Martin, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master for the 23rd Masonic District, for the Presentation of a President George Washington Portrait - TJ Martin reported on the program to put George Washington back in South Carolina schools along with various other public places, which the Masons have been working on for two years. Portraits have been placed in all four high schools in the 23rd Masonic District which includes Fairfield Central and the three high schools in Chester County, as well as a portrait in the Chester County Complex and one about to be displayed in the Chester County Courthouse. Winnsboro Lodge #11 and Ridgeway #30 together purchased the portrait for Fairfield County with all proceeds benefitting juvenile diabetes. The portrait is an exact replica of the Lansdowne portrait that currently still hangs in the White House. During the War of 1812, First Lady Dolly Madison saved the original

copy when the British invaded and burned the first White House. The portrait includes a plaque stating "Presented to the Citizens of Fairfield County from Winnsboro #11 and Ridgeway #30". The Council thanked Mr. Martin for this presentation.

- C. Introduction of Peatra Cruz, Director of Organizational Development and Acting COO, Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center:** Mr. Taylor introduced Ms. Cruz stating that the County is partnering with Providence to open a new emergency room, and the County has a longstanding partnership with Eau Claire with the possibility of expanding the services in healthcare maintenance and preventative care. Ms. Cruz shared information compiled over the last 37 years that Eau Claire has been in existence. The Center began in 1981 as a single pediatric office located in the Eau Claire community of Columbia. Many expansions have occurred throughout the years with eventual recognition as an FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) look-alike. In 2000, the first competitive federal grant was received. Today, medical services are provided in 26 locations across four counties in the Midlands of South Carolina, including Richland County, Lexington County, Newberry County and Fairfield County. Eau Claire serves approximately 3,000 residents in Fairfield County in three different locations, including Lake Monticello, Winnsboro and Ridgeway, as well as a school-based program at McCrorey Liston. Eau Claire is also PCMH certified. Services provided include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, developmental pediatrics, OB/GYN as well as counseling and behavioral services, dental, podiatry and pharmacy. Also included are outreach and enrollment teams, diabetes management programs as well as chronic disease management programs along with healthcare for the homeless, healthy starts, a migrant health program as well as the Ryan White Part C Program. As an FQHC, Eau Claire applies for service area competitive grants. HRSA provides a certain amount of funding which accounts for about 18% of the operational budget. Medicaid/Medicare provides approximately 44% of the budget. Per the UDS (Uniform Data System, which is used by HRSA and grant programs), for 2015 the Center provided services to 58,000 residents in the Midlands equating to about 192,000 encounters. According to the Economic Statement, Eau Claire saved \$1,263 per patient equating to the Center contributing \$53.2 million to the economy. Eau Claire is also involved in a myriad of other research programs. Also, Eau Claire was chosen to represent the State of South Carolina to participate in the All of Us pilot program. The Center has many talented physicians with Dr. Eric Schlueter, Chief Medical Officer, also present at tonight's meeting. These physicians are involved and choose to dedicate their lives to serve people of the underserved community. Eau Claire is also located in the homeless shelter Transitions but also recognizes the need for reaching a larger portion of the unengaged homeless. The healthcare arena has changed wherein it is not so much quantity now as quality. A lot of time has been spent assessing operations to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Council Member Pauley thanked Ms. Cruz for providing services to the County and asked how many patients were served on a daily basis in Fairfield County. The combined number served is a little under 3,000 total over the three sites for the year 2016. Vice Chair Goins and Council Member Ruff also thanked Ms. Cruz for the Eau Claire services. Ms. Cruz stated she has met with Mr. Taylor and Suzie Doscher and

that Eau Claire is definitely committed to continuing to provide services within Fairfield County and thanked the County for their continued support.

Mr. Taylor also introduced Mr. Chris White, Midlands Workforce Development Director. The County is working closely with Mr. White in light of the lay-offs in Fairfield County in attempts to organize a job fair. Mr. White had hoped to announce an official date and location tonight, but it will probably be tomorrow before the official word can be released. Several partners are being contacted to be sure the event has the best possible resources. It is intended to be under the umbrella of employee SC branding that the governor's office announced a couple of weeks ago. The event is anticipated to be mid week next week with a minimum of 40 employers on site hiring in the Midlands of South Carolina. The intention is to have the job fair at the Carolina Event Center. Council thanked Mr. White for his efforts.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Clerk reminded the Council of the Fairfield County Delegation Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, at 8:45 a.m.

- 15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items not on the agenda or under Council's consideration. 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.

- Alex Ferrell - Zoning
- Tangee B. Jacobs - Zoning
- Shirley Greene - Transparency
- Lisa Brandenburg - Mt. Zion
- Darlene Johnson - It's Time for Change
- Yvette Howard - The Future of Fairfield County
- Randy Bright - Lessons Learned?

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas: August 27 will be the opening of the Mitford Recreation Center from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Mitford Fire Department will be cooking barbecue, slaw, beans and portions left over will be sold to benefit the Mitford Fire Department. Also a correction, the elementary school burned in 1980.

Ruff: Would like to thank everyone for comments made tonight. Also would like to thank Davis Anderson for several items he has worked on recently, including railroad crossings, bridge repair, Smallwood Road and Highway 34 intersection and the use of in-mate labor to perform maintenance to the outside city limits sidewalks. Thanks to Davis for all the hard work and all our County employees.

Goins: Thanks to all citizens for coming out tonight, and in listening to many of the comments, everyone seems to be on the same page as far as restructuring, reconsideration and how to move forward. The citizens' thoughts are already taking place in the Council's actions. Thanks to our administration team and Council team for the quick movement. It will take time for this to be resolved along with patience and courage. Together with the entities involved, a solution will be found. Be patient and stay prayerful.

Smith: Chairman Smith wanted everyone to be aware that one public hearing scheduled for tonight did not happen, which was in reference to the purchase of the property on I-77. As stated at the last meeting, the Council appreciates the citizens being in attendance and speaking. So, this was removed at the very least to be able to get more input and detail. Over the past couple of weeks, the Council has certainly been busy, but Chairman Smith appreciates again the citizens who have come out to speak with both agreement and disagreement here and there, but at the end of the day, the tone and tenor is one of cooperation and mutual respect for one another. The Council very much appreciates this.

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.)

At 6:53 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff, seconded by Council Member Douglas to go into executive session for (a) Receipt of Legal Advice - Review of potential litigation and other legal options regarding SCANA's planned abandonment of the proposed V.C. Summer New Nuclear Units in Jenkinsville and (b) Discussion of matters related to the proposed location and expansion of a business - Discussion with representatives of SCANA on matters concerning the proposed V.C. Summer New Nuclear Units in Jenkinsville. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

[Council Member Douglas left the meeting shortly before returning from Executive Session.]

At 8:50 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

There was no action taken in executive session.

Council Member Ruff made a motion to allow the Administrator to procure legal counsel to represent the County in all matters related to the V.C. Summer new nuclear project abandonment plan as it pertains to and affects the County's Fee in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with SCANA, including but not limited to, litigation and intervention in the processes of the Public Service Commission as related thereto. The motion was properly seconded by Council Member Robinson. **The motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

18. ADJOURN

At 8:55 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Robinson, properly seconded by Council Member Trapp to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

PATTI LOCKLAIR
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN