



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

Present: Moses Bell, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Doug Pauley, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator, Tommy Morgan, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

Absent: Mikel Trapp and Bertha Goins

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, The Fairfield Times and one hundred thirty two other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Pauley and seconded by Council Member Gilbert to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Gilbert led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Pauley, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 11, 2019. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

Chairman Robinson reported that Vice Chair Goins and Council Member Trapp will not be attending the meeting tonight.

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 - Section 12-37-135
- Randy Bright - Ordinances 717, 718 and 719

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 717 – An Ordinance of the County Council of Fairfield County, South Carolina, to Establish a Tourism Development Fee Pursuant to Section 6-1-500 et. seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Pauley, to approve Ordinance No. 717. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

B. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 718 – An Ordinance of the County Council of Fairfield County, South Carolina, to Establish a Local Hospitality Tax Pursuant to Section 6-1-700 et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Apply to All Establishments which Sell Prepared Meals and Beverages Located in the Unincorporated Areas of Fairfield County. Motion made by Council Member Pauley, properly seconded by Council Member Bell, to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 718. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

C. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 719 – An Ordinance of the County Council of Fairfield County, South Carolina, to Establish a County Business Registration Program to Apply to Regulated Businesses Located in the Unincorporated Areas of Fairfield County. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 719. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

The minutes from the Airport Commission, Behavioral Health, Chamber of Commerce and Disabilities and Special Needs were received as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Disabilities and Special Needs Board - Appointment of Mary Lynn Kinley, District 3. Motion made by Council Member Bell, properly

seconded by Council Member Douglas, to appoint Ms. Mary Lynn Kinley to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board representing District 3. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

B. Council on Aging - Reappointment of Irene Carter, District 6. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to reappoint Mrs. Irene Carter to the Council on Aging representing District 6. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

C. Airport Commission - Appointment of Dwayne Bell, District 1. Motion made by Council Member Bell, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to appoint Mr. Dwayne Bell to the Airport Commission representing District 2. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Black History Month Proclamation. Chairman Robinson and the Clerk then read the Proclamation in its entirety. Motion made by Council Member Bell, properly seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the Black History Month Proclamation. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Mr. Rudolph Walker, Midlands Fatherhood Coalition. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker handed out the 2019 Impact Statement and thanked Council for allowing him to speak tonight. He stated the work done by the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition could not be done without the Council's support. Last year, 83 fathers in the County were served, 184 children were positively impacted and \$54,200 in child support was paid. Through the ATI Program (Alternative to Incarceration), individuals who appear before the Family Court because of not paying child support are sometimes mandated to the Fatherhood Program, depending on the Judge. /By utilizing this program, the State of South Carolina saved a total of \$100,800. Again, Mr. Walker thanked the Council and also presented Council with a plaque and a card signed by the young men in the program to further say thank you. Council Member Pauley stated Mr. Walker and his staff do a great job, and he appreciates their effort.

Chairman Robinson also appreciates the work done by the program. While growing up, he was always told that anyone can be a dad but everybody cannot be a father. It took a while for him to understand this, and he appreciates Mr. Walker teaching the young fellows how to be a father.

- B.** Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System Update. Mr. Taylor reported that the initial meeting of the System will be on Thursday at 5:00 at the Administration Building.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT CAN BE TO INTRODUCE AN ITEM NOT CURRENTLY UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OR BRING A CONCERN TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Roberta Gay - Monument in Jenkinsville
- Jackie Workman - Visions
- Jeff Schaffer - Accountability
- Randy Bright - Doctor Doctor

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas - Council Member Douglas stated anytime he has a need to go into another Council Member's District, he will be sure to contact them to explain why he needs to do this. He expects the same courtesy. His district runs all the way from Mitford to the other end of Lake Wateree, except for a small piece on Colonel Creek. Being a council member has taught him to listen to what citizens and council members have to say. The point is, if everyone listens to what is said, there would be a lot of unnecessary questions.

Bell - Council Member Bell wanted to mention his aunt, Geneva Bell, who was 102 years old this past Tuesday. Additionally, there was an article in the paper last week concerning Duke Energy spending millions on Lake Wateree. He would like to recognize Shirley Green for being the primary contact for Duke Energy during the planning process. She was a great inspiration for Duke Energy's plans. Also, Council Member Bell wanted to mention the Fairfield Post, which is a newspaper in

collaboration with Fairfield Central High School, the Barclay School and Richard Winn Academy. The paper is free and is produced by the students. Finally, Council Member Bell mentioned the book "Maria's World", written by Iesha McMillan. The book is written in Spanish and English. The hope is to get the book in the Fairfield County libraries.

Pauley - Council Member Pauley commented concerning the business license proposal. First, this is not about making money. The fee will be low for the in-county businesses. The biggest part of this license is to get an accounting of all the businesses in the County. As of today, this information is not known. This information can greatly assist in marketing the businesses in the County and also may come into consideration for grants and other opportunities. He also wants to address outside businesses coming to the County to make money, transient businesses such as food trucks. They come in and take business away from a home grown brick and mortar business without paying or contributing to the community. This is not fair to the local businesses that operate on a daily basis. He requested the staff to look into ways to permit transient businesses. Council Member Pauley feels we should not just sit back and allow businesses with no long term presence here to come in and farm and then take their crop without contributing to the local community like the permanent businesses do. He further suggested that maybe an Ad Hoc Committee could be formed to further address this problem. The local businesses need to be supported in any way we can.

Robinson - Chairman Robinson feels these are needed fees, and this is no different from any other county that has these in place. Further, we don't even have an account of the businesses in the area right now. This will also help with the blight, which is a big issue. He also wished to comment on the statement that we have insufficient services. Chairman Robinson disagrees with this. He feels our EMS service is top-notch as is our law enforcement service. They are trained well to assist citizens, and they arrive as quickly as possible. We are in a rural county and this must be taken into consideration. Chairman Robinson also asked Mr. Taylor to elaborate on the parks proposed by Duke Power. Per Mr. Taylor, they are looking at several different parks to expand. When a hydroelectric lake is created, as we have with Lake Monticello, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licensing must be passed periodically (FERC). In order to qualify for that, the energy companies are mandated to do projects to give back to the public. One thing they must do is recreation. As part of the licensing requirements, FERC will tell them they have to provide a

certain amount of recreation on the lake. This is what is happening here, Duke is required to build the parks in order to get the license renewed, and they are required to maintain the parks. Duke has reached out to the County and has asked us to partner with them. Partnering tends to be the County taking over all future maintenance and operation of the parks, which is a quite hefty burden on the County. Duke is required to do the parks and is required to maintain the parks. The parks will occur whether the County does anything or not. Chairman Robinson asked if the County Council would be the hold up in this scenario, and Mr. Taylor stated not at all, that they are required to do these parks anyway.

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

At 6:44 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Pauley and seconded by Council Member Douglas to go into executive session for (a) Legal Matter: Update on Litigation Against SCANA/SCE&G in Reference to the Abandoned V.C. Summer New Nuclear Project and (b) Legal Matter: Discussion Regarding Pending Litigation/Claim and Receipt of Attorney-Client Privileged Information/Advice. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

At 7:25 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Douglas to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

No action was taken in Executive Session.

18. ADJOURN

At 7:26 p.m., the Regular Meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Member Gilbert and seconded by Council Member Bell. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN