



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 11, 2019**

Present: Moses Bell, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Mikel Trapp, 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: 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 Bell to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

Chairman Robinson reported Vice Chair Goins will not be present at the meeting tonight due to family medical issues. He requested everyone to remember her in prayer.

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Bell led the invocation.

Following the Invocation, Council Member Douglas made a motion to go into a short executive session to receive legal advice as to the proposed Sales Listing Agreement for County Properties at the former Fairfield Memorial Hospital Site. Motion seconded by Council Member Bell. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** Council went into executive session at 6:04 p.m. At 6:14 p.m., motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Douglas to come out of executive session and return to regular session. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member

Douglas, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 25, 2019.
The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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.

- Randy Bright - Hospitality Ordinance

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 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. Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. The following individuals signed to speak:

- Brad Hoffman
- Carol Turner
- Randy Bright

After comments, Chairman Robinson closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

B. 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. Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. The following individuals signed to speak:

- Brad Hoffman
- Carol Turner
- Randy Bright - Declined to speak

After comments, Chairman Robinson closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

C. 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. Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. The following individuals signed to speak:

- Brad Hoffman
- Carol Turner
- Randy Bright

After comments, Chairman Robinson closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 710 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement Between Fairfield County and Fairfield Medical Associates, P.A.; and Other Related Matters. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 710. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

B. Second Reading: 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 Trapp, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 717. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** Chairman Robinson requested for Mr. Morgan to further explain the ordinance. Per Mr. Morgan, this is based upon S.C. Code 6-1-500 et. seq. which provides for a local accommodations tax. Some areas of the state refer to this as a fee while other areas refer to it as a tax. There is already a state accommodations tax which is 2% and is incorporated as part of the sales tax in the county. There is also a local option sales tax which was previously enacted, bringing the total tax to 8%. Based upon the most recent collection information, only approximately \$37 to \$38,000 was collected in the state accommodations tax program. Going forward, pursuant to 6-4-10 as well as 6-4-25, there does not have to be an advisory committee about the revenue generated from the accommodations tax. The fees will be allocated pursuant to the terms of the ordinance and the state law, and County Council is not required to have a referendum in order to enact this. Another fee, known as a local tourism fee, does require a County referendum. However, this only fits Myrtle Beach in Horry

County because it requires \$14M in sales tax and other conditions that do not apply anywhere else in the state. This special tax/fee was added by the legislature solely for the Myrtle Beach area. The County can impose a fee of up to 3% as their tourism fee/accommodations tax. In incorporated areas such as the Town of Winnsboro and the Town of Ridgeway, the County can only charge up to 1.5%, the final 1.5% to equal 3% would have to be approved by resolution of the towns. The monies will be kept in a fund separate from the general fund. The County will get to expend the funds depending on how much money comes in. Subsection 6-1-530 states up to the amount of \$900,000, it can be expended for any one of the following six purposes:

- 1.** Tourism related buildings, including but not limited to, civic centers, coliseums, aquariums.
- 2.** Tourism related cultural, recreational or historic facilities.
- 3.** Beach access, renourishment or other tourism related lands and water access.
- 4.** Highways, roads, streets and bridges providing access to tourist destinations.
- 5.** Advertisements and promotions related to tourism development.
- 6.** Water and sewer infrastructure to serve tourism related demand.

If the County raises over \$900,000, which Mr. Morgan does not expect, then the County could spend not only on those six categories, but also for police, fire protection, emergency medical services and emergency preparedness operations directly related to those six categories. It is more likely that it would not hit the \$900,000 threshold, wherein only up to 50% of the funds that are collected could be used for the fire/police that are related to the tourism services. For example, a fire truck could be purchased, but it would have to be assigned to a station that has a tourist destination within it. Mr. Morgan would suggest starting with the fiscal year July 1, which would be a logical starting point. The County will need to reach out to the businesses to pay this tax. The businesses will be required to prepare particular forms, and this will need to be communicated to the businesses to let them know what steps need to be taken as a part of the ordinance. Mr. Morgan suggested everyone should visit the Department of Revenue's website to view SCDoorway, where you will be able to view flow charts that will easily explain the process. The link for the page is:

https://dor.sc.gov/resources-site/publications/Publications/AccommodationsTax_Handout.pdf

This is a self-reporting tax, and Section 6-1-270 provides for how the payments are made. If a certain amount of money is made, it must be paid monthly; if the amount is less than this, it would be paid quarterly; if less than this, it would be paid annually. The business registration fee will assist the County in the collection effort for both the tourism fee as well as the hospitality tax. Council Member Douglas inquired if the farmers will need to be licensed. Per Mr. Morgan, there are specific provisions in the code, such as agri-business and rentals, that state for a house with a certain number of bedrooms, it would not apply. If it's for certain dates or times, less or more than 7 days, there is a checklist which would then provide whether or not the tax needs to be collected. The Department of Revenue has the forms, and the County would prepare the information to have available. Chairman Robinson asked Mr. Taylor to elaborate further on the collection of funds. Per Mr. Taylor, the business will collect the funds and then remit to the County. The law allows the business to keep a certain portion of this for an administration fee. These dollars can only be used for the very specific items just mentioned.

- C. Second Reading: 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 Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 718. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** Chairman Robinson asked Mr. Morgan to further explain this ordinance. Per Mr. Morgan, this is the local hospitality tax, which is a tax that will be charged in the unincorporated areas of the County of 2% based upon the gross proceeds derived from the sale of all prepared food and beverages. This includes all prepared food and beverages sold in establishments licensed for the consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer or wine within the County. Concerning what constitutes prepared food, this information would be provided on the website and through the County. The Statute is 6-1-700 and includes such foods as salads prepared on site, sandwiches and subs prepared on site, bakery items cooked or baked on site, popcorn prepared on site, other fountain drinks, etc. Cold, canned or bottled drinks in a

vending machine would be exempt along with prepackaged, ready to consume meats, etc. The hospitality tax is very similar to the accommodations tax. The funds must be kept in a separate fund. They are collected for the same reasons previously given with half of the funds used for services related to tourism and the other half related directly to tourism. It cannot exceed 2%, so if a municipality already has one in place, the County would then back down for a cap at 2%. Again, Mr. Morgan would recommend following the budget cycle with the fiscal year beginning July 1. The ordinance provides that the Director of Finance is responsible for the collecting, remittance and managing of these taxes and provides also for penalties if those taxes are not paid in a timely manner, which is typically around the 20th of every month and provides for a 5% fee if the taxes are late. Chairman Robinson inquired if the A & H tax go hand-in-hand. Mr. Morgan stated this is correct, and again the timing of this along with the business registration fee is to allow for enforcement mechanisms for the County. Also, there were some great ideas from the citizens tonight for using the list to promote the businesses. Council Member Douglas feels it should also be stressed that Fairfield County is one of the few counties who does not charge these taxes, and the County is just catching up with other counties around us. Mr. Morgan agrees that the majority of the counties in the state do collect these taxes. Chairman Robinson inquired concerning food truck vendors and if the ordinance will incorporate language to address this. Per Mr. Morgan, depending upon where they will be located and if they are conducting business in an area that is in the unincorporated part of the county, then they would be subject to this. It would come down to code enforcement to enforce. Council Member Pauley inquired if a standard fee can be charged to food trucks for coming into the County. Per Mr. Morgan, we must be cautious about charging different fees based upon the same level of service. There are mechanisms by which this could be done, but if they come into the County to do any type of business and are based outside of the County, assuming the business registration fee is passed, they would be responsible for paying the registration fee and that list would then help with any type of enforcement action should it be necessary.

- D. Second Reading: 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

Pauley, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 719. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** Chairman Robinson again asked Mr. Morgan to further explain the ordinance. Per Mr. Morgan, this is based on a statutory provision, 12-37-135 of the S.C. Code of Laws to provide for a business registration fee. It is a simple fee of \$15 that is capped by State law. Council cannot increase the fee unless the South Carolina legislature changes this. Again, this will apply to anyone who conducts business inside of the County in the unincorporated areas. Definitions of a business are included and would be any type of fee for any type of service. A series of forms will be prepared in the event the ordinance passes, and this may be able to be completed electronically. This is an annual fee, and if not paid, the County could decide not to issue the business registration fee and penalties could be incurred if operating unlawfully. This is not based upon the size of the business or the revenue of a business. Council Member Douglas feels the \$15 is acceptable, and he agrees with the citizen who stated hopefully the County could advertise the businesses. Chairman Robinson would hope this could be something that could be incorporated into the new County website. Mr. Taylor feels this is a wonderful idea, and the businesses would be getting something in return for their money, which in turn would help the County. Mr. Morgan stated, once again, he would recommend this program be initiated along the lines with the A and H tax.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

None.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- A.** Disabilities and Special Needs Board - Appointment of Ms. Diane Willis, District 1. Motion made by Council Member Bell, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to appoint Ms. Diane Willis to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board representing District 1. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***
- B.** Planning Commission - Appointment of James Harris, Jr., District 6. Motion made by Council Member Bell, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to appoint Mr. James Harris, Jr. to the Planning Commission representing District 6. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Discussion and Approval of Sales Listing Agreement for County Properties at the Former Fairfield Memorial Hospital Site. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, properly seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the request. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** Chairman Robinson requested Mr. Morgan to give a brief history of this item. Per Mr. Morgan, this is the listing agreement for the parcels of property that the County purchased from the former Fairfield Memorial site, including the medical office out buildings 1 and 2, the rehab facility as well as the small piece of land that contains the two portable buildings. This is a sale agreement that goes hand-in-hand with the hospital which will provide for the use of the same individual to list the property. The idea is to partner together and use a little synergy and momentum to move forward for the County to potentially develop the property for the betterment of the citizens.

Council Member Trapp left the meeting after the vote at 7:00 p.m.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A.** Jason Pope, Fairfield County Fire Service - Update and Introduction. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Pope who thanked Council for allowing him to be at the meeting tonight to give an update on the County Fire Service. Mr. Pope then showed a recent news story which aired on WLTX thanks in large part to Fairfield County resident, Daniel Bonds. The Voice and the Country Chronicle have also been a big help. Mr. Pope has been utilizing everything available to get this word out. Last year 15 volunteer firefighters were added. There are 170 volunteers on the roll with about 120 active and participating on a regular basis. There is a very present vulnerability during the daytime, Monday to Friday, because 50% of the working volunteers work outside of the County. Mr. Pope is trying to reach people who are committed to the mission. The volunteers do get a small stipend, and last year over \$95,000 was paid in stipend money which is money well spent. This in no way covers the actual cost to the volunteers, and they are worth every penny. Money is never a long term answer and doesn't provide long term motivation. This is why Mr. Pope is putting the mission first, which is about helping our County. Two more full-time firefighters

were recently hired in January, Spenser Bradley and Chris Gantt. Mr. Gantt has been a volunteer for 18 years, winning the volunteer of the year award almost every time. A new Fire Inspector has also been hired, Mr. Ray Hoshall, a Fairfield County resident, who will be starting on March 25. He has been in fire service for a long time and is now retired. He will be assisting Greg Gerber, Deputy Chief and Fire Marshall, with fire inspections. This year, with the help of the Grants Coordinator, the Department is applying for the Safer Grant to hire six to eight firefighters which will involve a small cost share. Because paid staff are being added, Mr. Pope is pursuing the fire station renovation plan. As the paid staff is added, the facilities must be brought up to standard with living quarters, showers, etc. An engineering firm is working with the department to come up with a budget request for this budget year. The possibility is also being explored to convert a current building to a fire/EMS station. The engineering firm is presently looking at this building. Council Member Douglas inquired if there is a fire station down the road from the Mitford Recreation Center. Per Mr. Pope, the Mitford Fire Station is in the area, and the reason for looking into this is information stating the building is not being utilized effectively at present and the fact that part of the renovation plan includes updating the current Mitford Fire Station, which would be a significant investment. Mr. Pope again stated this is in the beginning phase with just some preliminary questions being answered to achieve the best result for the County. At present, this is just an idea on the table that needs to be explored. Council Member Douglas agreed the building does need to be used. Chairman Robinson has also received phone calls in favor of keeping the building as is, so he wants to look at all avenues, possibly changing the hours to accommodate the citizens, etc. before embarking on this new plan. So far in 2019, the Fire Service has responded to 172 calls. Council Member Douglas inquired if the full-time firefighters move around or are dedicated to one area. Per Mr. Pope, they move around. There are three fire stations that have full-time staff, and the staff is rotated monthly. These include the Southeastern Station and Bates Crossroads due to the close proximity of the EMS stations, and Jenkinsville with the new fire station. In 2018 there were 16 house fires, three of which were arson related. Mr. Pope hopes arson will not become a growing problem in our area, and he wished to express his thanks to the Sheriff's Department for their support. The department is using social media for the public to be informed. There are amazing people in the County doing some amazing things, and he wants to get the word out. The opportunity is

also taken to share safety messages and to be proactive with fire safety by getting information in the citizens' hands. Some future plans include a goal to pursue a county-wide ISO rating. The ISO (Insurance Service Office) gives a rating to fire departments, and the higher the rating, the higher the homeowner's insurance will be. Every district has a rating, but the hope is to enhance this with a county-wide rating. The best rating in the County is a 5. With the county-wide system, some of the ratings could go up. If you went from a 5 to a 7, the average homeowner wouldn't notice the difference. The big savings is going from a 10 to a 9. Mr. Pope is working with the County GIS Department to identify the gaps. The ultimate goal is for every resident of the County to be within 5 miles of a fire station. At present, 1,100 address points were identified as being outside the 5 mile coverage area. A total of 9 fire stations would be needed to get everyone within 5 road miles. However, it is easier and cheaper than we might think. For ISO to recognize a fire station, there must be a heated building with a fire truck. The County has been blessed to be able to purchase a new fire truck every year. If everyone agrees to move forward with the long range plan, instead of taking the old fire truck out of service, as Mr. Anderson is always good to be sure of, it could instead be kept to put in one of the new buildings to fill the gap. The two most densely populated areas are on 215 South near Wallaceville Road and Reservoir Road and the other is in the Centerville area. This is a long term plan the department is working toward. Mr. Pope then provided the redesigned patch for the fire service to the Council members. He feels as new things and progress is considered, it is important to remember the past and where we came from. The motto is Service Before Self, and this will guide us going forward. There are 24,000 reasons for the Fire Service to be the best that it can be. Council Member Pauley inquired if the Fire Service has any counseling services if needed. Per Mr. Pope, the County has a service available to volunteers should this be needed, and the State Firefighter's Association also has a behavioral health support team. Chairman Robinson is very thankful for volunteers and hopefully the County will achieve the paid service one day.

- B.** Presentation of FY 2017 – 2018 Audit - Elliott Davis. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Brian D'Amico with the Elliott Davis firm, who will present the audit findings. Mr. D'Amica will hit the highlights for the audit and can entertain any questions during the process.

- Auditor's Report, page 1 and 2: An unmodified position has been issued. This is the highest level of assurance that is provided as part of audit procedures. Two sections of the report cover the County's responsibility to maintain effective internal controls and have accurate financial reporting and the Firm's responsibility to obtain reasonable assurance to make sure the financial statements are materially correct.
- The biggest challenge of the audit this year, page 11, is the Statement of Net Position. The liability has slightly changed in that last year it was net obligation and this year it is the total OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) liability. GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) changed the way this liability is calculated. The liability was required to be increased based on the calculations that were prescribed. Last year the liability under GASB 45 was around \$2M. The beginning balance had to be restated and increased by 2.6. With current year change, the liability this year is \$4.9M. This represents the present value of the future commitment for retired employees.
- The net pension liability came on several years ago as GASB 68 and represents the actuarial determined pension obligation. This number is out of the County's control and is dictated based on the S.C. Retirement System and Police Officer's Retirement System. This is controlled by the State legislature. Last year's figure was \$23.1M, up roughly \$2M from the prior year at \$25.2M.
- Page 13 and page 15: The general fund/fund balance decreased \$400,000 to \$21.5M at the end of June 30, 2018. The unassigned fund balance is still in a healthy position. The total unassigned fund balance of \$13.2M compared to the general fund expenditure actual budget for 2018 comes up with a monthly spend, which would be approximately 5.6 months. This is down from last year's 7 months. The main driver in this was the agreement with Providence Hospital and \$4M had to be placed in escrow. This came out of the unassigned row and went into the restricted row.
- The County cash flow is very cyclical because the main revenue source is the property taxes, the majority of which come in January and needs to fund the entire year. This is a primary driver of why the unassigned fund balance needs to be in a healthy position. It also demonstrates fiscal responsibility by those charged with governance, provides readiness for

emergencies or unanticipated expenditures and obviously is extremely important given uncertainties in the economy.

- The other major fund outside of the general fund is the Fairfield Facilities Corporation. It reflected a decrease in fund balance of \$4.5M, but the ending fund balance is \$5.9M. Most of this balance is restricted for capital outlay. The non major column includes a similar \$1.5M decrease and \$5.9M in fund balance at the end of the year is pretty evenly split between restricted and committed. These show a decrease in fund balance, but this is to be expected when capital outlay expenditures are incurred. In total, the County invested \$9.9M in capital outlay this current year.
- GASB will be coming out with another standard related to lease accounting. Essentially any lease over one year will have to show up on the balance sheet whether lessor or lessee. It will change the balance sheet as opposed to really changing the net position.
- Page 76 – Single audit section. This is the compliance reporting for the County. One report is required under governmental auditing standards and is based on testing the internal controls of the financial reporting in compliance with laws and regulations. It states in the report that an opinion is not provided on internal controls, but the County must be notified if any deficiencies are identified in controls that would reach the magnitude of material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Similar to prior years, there is a recurrent finding related to bank reconciliations, and specifically the timely preparation and review of those bank reconciliations. This finding trickled into another department, other than the Treasurer’s office, due to the third party helping both departments. Administration and Finance have been alerted of this finding. Bank reconciliations are one of the most important internal controls that a County has. The second report is in regard to the County’s control over compliance of specifically federal awards. The SEFA schedule is included on page 80. The County had federal expenditures of the federal awards just over \$1.1M, which is up from prior years. An opinion is issued on compliance over the major federal programs tested. The Airport Improvement Program, the largest grant, was tested and no issues found.

In the opinion of Elliott Davis, the County is in good financial condition as of June 30, 2018. Mr. D’Amico appreciates the opportunity to work

with the County. The Finance Department and the Treasurer's office are extremely helpful in obtaining the needed information and are a pleasure to work with during the audit process. Council Member Douglas suggested that the County staff provide the audit information prior to the meeting so that it can be perused by the Council members prior to the meeting. Council Member Bell inquired of Mr. D'Amico what would be the one thing the County did good relating to finance and one thing that could use improvement. Mr. D'Amico feels the County is managing a couple of tough situations, specifically V.C. Summer and the relationship with the hospital. There is a footnote related to the commitment with the hospital. Managing that from a good business sense and also for the benefit of the citizens is a great positive. Something that continues to be a challenge is managing the liabilities that are out of the County's control, the pension and the OPED liability. Both plans are severely underfunded. It is better for everyone to be talking about it so there can be a better job done of managing this. Chairman Robinson thanked Mr. D'Amico for attending the meeting tonight.

- C.** Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System Update - Mr. Taylor reported the first meeting was held last week. This was a very successful meeting with the incorporation documents being signed and officers elected. Mayor Gaddy will serve as the Chairman of this Board, Neil Robinson as the Vice Chairman, Jason Taylor as the Treasurer and Patti Davis as the Secretary.
- D.** Airport - DHEC Report Received Concerning Underground Storage Tank (UST) - Mr. Taylor reported for many years the fuel farm was operated without a proper DHEC permit. This has been brought up to code in order to move toward the process of replacing the fuel farm since the old one is outdated. The tanks had to be pulled out of the ground. DHEC has inspected, and the County now has a clean bill of health and can move forward in compliance.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

- A.** Upcoming Budget Dates - The Clerk distributed the handout of the upcoming budget dates to Council and read the dates for Council and the audience. These dates will also be posted on the County website. Also, the Clerk informed Council of the upcoming Intergovernmental Meeting hosted by the Town of Ridgeway on March 26, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Century House in Ridgeway.

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.

- Jackie Workman - Visions
- Carol Turner - Revenue Streams (declined to speak)
- Benny Clowney - Teacher Village (declined to speak)
- Randy Bright - Updates

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas - Council Member Douglas stated when he ran for Council, he ran for the District 2 seat. This means he is responsible for all the projects being planned in his district. Other Council members are responsible for their respective districts. If any Council member goes to another district other than his own, he should contact the representative over the district for permission. A citizen or taxpayer can go to any district and visit if the property is not private. The whole of Lake Wateree is District 2 except for a small portion of Colonel Creek. Duke Energy has plans to improve Molly Creek, Colonel Creek, Taylor Creek and Wateree Creek for anyone to use. They plan on starting with Molly Creek in the fourth quarter of this year and then decide where to go afterward. Council Member Douglas attended a meeting and then wrote a letter to Jennifer Bennett. He read the letter aloud, stating that what was discussed at the meeting did not match what was initially discussed. He feels Duke would be better qualified to run this with the County only providing assistance.

Robinson - Chairman Robinson stated the Council definitely listened to the citizens in reference to the A & H tax. When he ran for Council, constituents basically said they wanted change. He asked everyone to keep in mind that there is change associated with change. You must be prepared to welcome everything that comes with that change.

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

No further executive session needed.

18. ADJOURN

At 7:47 p.m., the Regular Meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Douglas. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN