



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

Present: Moses Bell, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Laura Johnson, Interim Deputy County Administrator; Tommy Morgan, 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: The Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield and The Country Chronicle 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

Prior to proceeding with approval of the agenda, Chairman Robinson stated he understands there may be some thoughts on the 2nd public comment session and inquired if any Council Member wanted to make a motion to amend the agenda. Hearing none, Chairman Robinson called for a motion to approve the agenda. It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the agenda. Council Member Bell inquired, for his understanding, if there is an ordinance stating the 2nd comment had to be on the agenda and asked for an explanation. Chairman Robinson asked for Mr. Morgan to elaborate. Per Mr. Morgan, there is a Resolution (2018-04) which provides for the By-Laws of the Council and specifically indicates that the Chairman has the responsibility of setting the agenda as it relates to any and all items on the agenda, up to and including the 2nd public comment session. If the Chairman makes the decision to not have the 2nd public comment section, there is not an ordinance that requires it. Council Member Bell again asked is there an ordinance anywhere, and why did the Council start having the 2nd comment session. This would have occurred prior to Mr. Morgan being employed by the County. Vice Chair Goins stated from her research, the Council added the 2nd comment session in the By-Laws during the time of November 2013, but it is not something that is mandatory or mandated. This is how it came about. There was just one comment section and along the way they decided to add another comment section. With no further comments, Chairman Robinson called for the vote. ***The motion carried unanimously***

6-0. Chairman Robinson also stated Council Member Pauley is not present due to a prior engagement and will hopefully join the meeting later.

3. INVOCATION

Rev. Rick Gibson led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 9, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation Recognizing October 6-12, 2019, as National Fire Prevention Week. Chairman Robinson requested for the Clerk to give a brief synopsis of the Proclamation. After this, the Proclamation was presented to Jason Pope, Director of Fairfield County Fire Service. Following the Presentation along with pictures, Mr. Pope briefly thanked the Council and citizens for adopting the Proclamation. Last year in the United States, 2,630 people lost their lives to fire, most of which occurred in home fires. In today's world with modern construction, sometimes there is less than two minutes to escape a house in the event of a fire. Citizens are being reminded to make sure smoke alarms are in working order, test the batteries monthly and practice the home fire escape plan. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the Fire Service.

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.

Chairman Robinson reminded the speakers that their comments should pertain to items on the agenda. Otherwise, later in the meeting, a brief description will be given by Mr. Taylor of what avenue we are attempting in the future concerning this.

- J. R. Green - County Council Meetings
- Robin Alston - Zion Hill
- Sue Rex - County Council Meetings (declined to speak when called)
- Kamau Marcharia - Agenda
- Nocola Hemphill - Zion Hill
- Jeff Schaffer - County Council Meetings

- Thomas Armstrong - County Council Meetings
- Shirley Greene - County Council Meetings
- Jackie Workman - Scheduled
- Randy Bright - Council Meetings October, November, December

Chairman Robinson reiterated during several of the speakers' comments that they would be ruled out of order if comments were not pertaining to items on the agenda.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Resolution No. 2019-07 - Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and Between Fairfield County, South Carolina, and Richland County, South Carolina, to Expand the Boundaries of the Park to Include Certain Real Property Located in Fairfield County; and Other Related Matters. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve the Resolution. Per Mr. Taylor, this is akin to what is done with other economic development projects. In order to offer incentives, it must first be put into a multi-county park. This opens up the ability to do fee-in-lieu agreements, and again, this is the first step. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

B. Resolution No. 2019-09 - To Provide Required Local Match for the Zion Hill/Fortune Springs Park Neighborhood Revitalization Project Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve the Resolution. Per Mr. Taylor, the County should go after CDBG grants more aggressively. This particular grant is desperately needed for community revitalization. Our Community Development Department has been working on this, and the last piece needed is for Council to commit to the match. The grant would be a \$500,000 grant with a \$50,000 match required. If the project goes over this amount, it would be brought back to Council for further determination at that time. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

A. Aeronautics Commission - Received as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Concerning County Council Meetings for October, November and December. This is technically discussing only October and November as December's meeting schedule had already been decided at the beginning of the year. The updated 2019 Meeting Dates was provided to Council in their agenda packet. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Trapp, to approve the proposed meeting schedule. Council Member Bell made a motion to amend to keep the meetings for October and November, seconded by Council Member Gilbert. ***The motion to amend failed by vote of 2-4 with Council Members Gilbert and Bell voting aye and Chairman Robinson along with Vice Chair Goins and Council Members Trapp and Douglas voting nay. Chairman Robinson then addressed the original motion on the floor, and this motion carried 4-2 with Council Members Bell and Gilbert voting nay.*** Therefore, there will be one meeting each for the months of October and November, which will be October 14, 2019, and November 11, 2019. The previously approved meeting for the month of December is December 9, 2019.

B. Receipt of Information Regarding Proposed Penny Sales Tax Project. Chairman Robinson requested for Mr. Morgan to give details concerning this. Mr. Morgan is providing information to Council tonight as it relates to the possibility of the penny sales tax and what Council can do with regard to this.

- Local Option Sales Tax – This is a 1 cent sales tax that County Council can, based upon a referendum approval, enact on the gross proceeds of sales within the County. This was designed to help provide property tax relief to the residents of Fairfield County because the taxes apply to any and all sales. Everyone in the County, not just citizens of the County, are subject to this tax, including travelers and tourists. There are guidelines and limitations on what you can do with the generated revenue from this tax. At least 71% must go into a property tax credit fund.

This would be calculated to provide property tax relief. The remaining 29% is split between the County and municipality (by formula), and those funds could be used either for further property tax relief or could be added for local governmental operations. This is a vehicle that is typically used for property tax relief. The reason for this presentation is as it relates to a capital project sales tax. The focus on this is to provide typically for infrastructure upgrades, roads, water, sewer, buildings, etc.

- Capital Projects Sales Tax Act - This is based upon a referendum and allows for a 1 cent tax. The County can, as part of this, issue bonds. This would be collected for a specific purpose and is only collected for a limited duration. The duration can be, pursuant to the law, up to eight years in two year increments, and also allows for a one time renewal for an additional seven years. The statute for this is S.C. Ann. 4-10-300. One must first look at qualifying projects, such as roads, bridges, parking garages, governmental buildings, cultural or recreational or historic facilities, water/sewer projects, and for some other applicable counties, flood control. Further, the numbers would be run by the Department of Revenue indicating a certain amount to be expected to be collected over the life of the tax, and the County could issue bonds and pay for the bonds with the collected taxes. If the County decides to do this, it would not be subject to the 8% debt ceiling that state law requires. Again, this tax would provide that the projects are not placed solely on the citizens or property owners, because anyone purchasing products would be subject to the tax.
- Implementation - The County would pass a resolution creating a Capital Project Sales Tax Commission. That Commission would include six members, three of whom would be appointed by County Council, the other three appointed by the municipalities. The number of citizens determines the representation. The Commission would then have a series of meetings to hear proposals, and the Commission would decide how to formulate a referendum question to be brought to the voters. That question will list the specific project(s) with a priority listing if more than one project. It also would provide for the voters to say whether they want to have bonds issued in order to pay up front and get the sales tax to pay the bonds on the back side. The Ordinance would set forth all the pertinent information, such as the purpose for the tax, the maximum time, maximum project cost,

possibility of bonds and any other conditions the Commission deems necessary for the expenditure of the funds.

- Deadlines - There would be a Resolution by Council to establish the Commission. The Commission would begin having meetings to identify projects that would help formulate the referendum question to go before the voters. This would happen in a general election year, so it would be on the ballot for next mid August. It would be submitted to the Election Commission and then the deadlines go from there, mid October for the publishing of the referendum question by the Election Commission, November general election and the Election Commission would have until November 30 to certify the results. The week after this, County Council would declare the results of the referendum, and if it is passed, the tax then will be collected beginning on May 1 of the following year, which would be May 1, 2021.
- Exemptions - Unprepared food, in general, is exempt along with prescription medications. The sales tax is collected and then quarterly the funds would be remitted back to the County by the Department of Revenue.

Chairman Robinson inquired if the County's borrowing capacity would affect this. Per Mr. Morgan, the Capital Project Sales Tax is not subject to the 8% debt limit, so the current ceiling the County has would not impact it; however, the bond market has to be taken into consideration, the rates, etc. Bond counsel would have a better feel for this. Vice Chair Goins inquired if a new referendum would need to be done if the projects are not completed at the end of the time. Per Mr. Morgan, a new referendum would need to be done for up to another seven years. Mr. Morgan also stated there are currently 14 counties across the state that have a Capital Project Sales Tax. If you collect more money than anticipated, the excess funds have to be used to finance the capital project that was chosen.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A.** Vulcan Materials Company - Fairfield Quarry. Mr. Taylor announced that Vulcan Materials will be expanding in the County. They currently operate a quarry in Blair, and they are looking to operate a new quarry located just south of State Road 41 between I-77 and Route 21 in the County. They will be investing \$18m and hiring 15 new employees with a payroll of around \$1.3m per year. This is located on a 910 acre site; however, there will only be impact to about 120 acres

in the center of the site. The County is working with Vulcan and is looking forward to the opening of the new plant which is anticipated in the next 12-16 months.

- B.** Update on Fairfield County Airport Fuel Farm and Paving of Runway Road and Parking Lot. Mr. Taylor reported the access road into the airport has been paved along with the parking lot in working with the County Transportation Committee. The fuel farm has also begun. Mrs. Denise Bryan stated the paving project began on August 19. The whole parking lot was paved along with the road from Kelly Miller down Runway Road into the airport facility. In a week or two, the markings on the roads and parking lot will be completed. Some dirt and grass will then be put on the edges. Two inches of asphalt has been placed on the whole roadway and parking lot. A couple of roads were paved into the airport through the main gates, which was done voluntarily by the CTC while they were in the area. Mrs. Bryan invited everyone to come out and see the paving project. The two-year project with the fuel farm has begun with a pre-construction meeting being held on September 13. Mrs. Bryan made the request that local subcontractors be used on this project if possible. Work began on the site September 16 with breaking ground for the concrete pad. All electrical for the County's part has been inspected, installed and cleared. The conduit has been placed under the pad for the electrical, and as soon as this was done, the pad was poured. It will be about two weeks before they can get on the concrete, and the tanks are in Titusville, FL at the manufacturer. When the tanks arrive, everything will be complete. The electrical will be hooked up along with piping and a card reader system will be installed. This project should be complete by the middle to end of October. Council Member Bell thanked Mrs. Bryan for the work being done at the airport. Mrs. Bryan again invited everyone to come and see the improvements to the airport.
- C.** Citizen Concern Appointments. Per Mr. Taylor, the Chairman has asked him to set aside Tuesdays for citizen appointments. These appointments will start at 9:30 a.m., and Mr. Taylor invited everyone to call to make an appointment to discuss any issue they would like to discuss.
- D.** Chipper Site Update. Mr. Taylor wanted to update Council and citizens in connection with the incinerator. The County had looked into expanding the chipper site behind where the chipping is being done to

put an incinerator. Some from the public came to comment on this and were very concerned of negative impacts on the community. Other sites have now been looked into in the Commerce Center and the Walter B. Brown Commerce Park. Davis and Floyd, the engineering firm, is looking at these sites to see if they may work. The permitting process will have to be started from scratch. The site we have currently does have a draft permit that has been issued. There will be a meeting on October 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. John AME Zion Church, 4774 US Highway 321N in Winnsboro. The County will be attending this with DHEC along with the public to listen to concerns. The County is exploring other options in this matter. Council Member Douglas inquired if the County engineer could do this; however, Mr. Taylor stated he is more of a civil engineer, and this would be more about permitting.

- E. SCDOT Contact Information.** Mr. Taylor requested for Mrs. Laura Johnson to give further information concerning the recent discussion with Jamie Johnson. Per Mrs. Johnson, there are always questions about road projects, such as hanging tree limbs, pot holes and places where signs are needed. In order for the citizens to be able to check on road projects or report a road issue, some things have been added to the County website. Under "I want to", there is a section entitled SCDOT Road Inquiry and the same link is also under residents. The forms are also outside on the table. The first form is checking the current project list. Our administrator for SCDOT is Jason Johnson a/k/a Jamie Johnson. He will be happy to speak with anyone concerning road issues if you prefer not to go through the website. The instructions are given step-by-step on how to go on the website to get the information, such as current projects, how long it will take, the amount of money DOT has set aside along with the name and contact info for who is responsible for the project at SCDOT. It also has an estimated completion date. The second handout is information on reporting an issue to SCDOT. This will show citizens how to make a maintenance work request to SCDOT. This can be anything from litter, animal carcass on the road, debris pickup on the road, mowing, sidewalk or shoulder issues, traffic signals or signage that may be needed. Once completed, this work request will go directly to the local Fairfield County office. This should be helpful information for the citizens. Council Member Douglas inquired if administration will not be helping the Council Members with roads anymore. Per Mrs. Johnson, administration can still be called, and they can then call Mr. Johnson.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

- A.** The Clerk reminded Council of the upcoming Intergovernmental Meeting Hosted by the School District, Monday, September 30, 2019, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Fairfield Career & Technology Center, 790 US 321 By Pass.
- B.** County Council Coalition and Institute of Government, October 23 and 24, 2019, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prior to the start of the meeting, the Clerk handed out the eligible classes for Council. She will need to know who will be able to attend as soon as possible.

15. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Bell: Council Member Bell stated his comments tonight are somewhat basic although somewhat regrettable. He has stated publicly that he was in favor of the Teacher Village believing a deal could have been worked out for the best interest of the County and the School District. He believes the Teacher Village could have been the catalyst to spur growth within the County with economic growth and adding to the tax base, but more importantly, 30 families in the community. He saw this as a win/win. The puzzling thing to him was the letter shared with the press but not shared with some members of Council knowing we were in negotiations. Companies of all types expect that a certain level of confidentiality be adhered to because their reputation is on the line, otherwise, this could damage the entire project and so it did. Mr. Michael Smith requested a letter sent to our administrator. How did he know the letter was there and its contents? His request reads, "Hi Jason, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request any correspondence, including email attachments from the County originating from Dr. Sue Rex, Chair of the Fairfield County School District Foundation, that discusses the Teacher Village and Gorelich Brothers' position on the County's desire for an indemnification clause in the Teacher Village project. In particular, I am requesting the correspondence and attachment dated August 30, 2019, from Dave Pihon to Sue Rex and Dr. J.R. Green." How did he know that letter was there? Also, this was sent to Mr. Taylor on Friday, September 13, 2019, 10:14 a.m. On September 13, 2019, 11:14 a.m., "Mr. Smith, attached is the information you requested under the Freedom of Information Act. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at the below number." A total of one hour for that Freedom of Information request.

Douglas: Council Member Douglas stated something has been given to Fairfield County, and the citizens need to know about it. Not many people were there to look, but Dru Blair is a 9th generation Fairfield County resident. In the early 1700's, the Blair Family settled from Scotland and Ireland in Western Fairfield because it reminded them of home. Dru received his Master's from USC in 1984, and after traveling, moved to Raleigh and opened his first art school. He returned to Fairfield County with his staff in 2007 and actually doubled the population in Blair overnight. He has taught in Siberia, United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Australia, Austria, New Zealand, Scotland, Ireland and Japan. He's been to Australia 13 times. He has been featured in television interviews and dozens of magazine covers. A partial client list includes Budweiser, United Airlines, Continental Airlines, Proctor and Gamble, Pepsi, Coca-Cola, Nabisco, Neutrogena, McDonalds, USA Today, Mattel, Paramount Theme Park and Texaco, just to name a few. He has taught over 9,000 students since 1997. Ten of his students are responsible for the new mural thus far on the corner of Washington Street and Congress. They have travelled to Winnsboro from Colorado, Tennessee, Virginia, California, Ohio, Italy and South America. Dru is a member of many local organizations and is praying that this mural is the beginning of new Winnsboro for future generations to enjoy. He plans to return next year with a crew to finish this wall and is coordinating with Mike Kelly to paint his wall as well. Dru is a true Fairfield County treasure, and we all should be proud to call him local. Council Member Douglas encouraged everyone to thank Dru and his team for bringing their talents to Winnsboro. Wanda Carnes also deserves thanks for making this happen by coordinating all phases of the mural. He further thanked Chairman Robinson and Mr. Taylor for attending the welcome and thank you to Dru Blair. Council Member Bell inquired if Council could send a letter to Mr. Blair, and instead of a letter, Chairman Robinson would love for him to come to a Council meeting for a thank you in person.

Gilbert: Council Member Gilbert stated it was his understanding that a statement was made that this Council is an embarrassment to Fairfield County for stopping the Teacher Village project. Two things, the Council did not stop this project. If following procedure and the legal advice of our counsel is an embarrassment to Fairfield County, then that's what it is. It is so important, no matter how great something looks, that you make sure everything is in order. In his opinion, it appears that the developer never felt comfortable with this project, which is obvious by their email and their withdrawal. They found a way out by rejecting the

indemnity clause. Council Member Gilbert's parents taught him if you believe strongly in something and it doesn't work out, don't blame someone else. Get up, shake the dust off and go another route but make sure it's a legitimate way of accomplishing your dream. If plan A does not work, then have a plan B. Council Member Gilbert felt and still feels that the Teacher Village is a great idea. The only thing he saw was that the developer was not all in. In every major deal, if there are differences, you meet and you talk about those differences. Gorelich wouldn't meet with us. So, those of you accusing Council of sabotaging this project, let's get our facts together. The County did everything it could to make this project work. The only thing we refused to do was sign a blank check that may or may not have caused the County problems in the future. What we do as Council is serious and shouldn't be taken lightly. Everything we do will not be accepted by everyone, but this is not a popularity contest. It's about doing what is right. The Council wants projects in the County just as bad as anyone. No matter how great a project may look, if it doesn't make sense, he will not vote for it.

Goins: Vice Chair Goins wanted to say thank you to the families and neighbors on Fish Hook Road. She also thanked Code Enforcement Officer Monica Johnson for coming out and having a meeting and assisting with supplies and other things needed to clean up the community. This is about the fourth month, and the community is still working on this project. We help one another, and it has to start with us first. Then other people come in sometimes to help. She also thanked Public Works, who has taken so far five containers of debris out of the community. Secondly, she thanked Public Safety. She also reached out to see if anyone was willing to put a street light on their property. Once one community does this, others will follow. Next, she wanted to make a statement about good things. Good things are happening in Fairfield County and have already happened. There are so many projects and businesses and developments that have come in the past three years, but no one talks about them, we don't see them and they're not being advertised. Good works are going on. Anyone who has been in business for any length of time knows that productivity of your project, of your meeting or of your company does not stop and end with just a few meetings. All the hard work is done behind the scenes. When you come to the table, it's only a little tad. When we say we're cutting the meetings back, we are instead giving the opportunity and access to work. Nobody realizes what Mr. Taylor does along with Chairman Robinson and many others with meeting all the time, working with different people, talking communicating, etc., unless you do it and you have this demeanor. All

this work goes on behind the scene, but there's never anyone to come out and say we understand. You should understand because many of you are business owners and you know how things go. If you're not a business owner, you're a family person, and you know what it takes to keep your family going. It's not just having dinner at the table. A lot goes on behind the scene after you leave the table. So, to say that we're letting go on Fairfield County, we're only gearing up. We're pushing harder and faster, and we want more things to happen. People are connecting with us and this collaboration is awesome. Vice Chair Goins thanks God for the people who have this kind of demeanor that can get out, step up and work with other people to bring betterment of life to Fairfield County. Transportation is already in play, and this is being worked on to improve the service throughout the County. All these things are already implemented. They're not in a dream or a vision, they're already in action. Vice Chair Goins has asked Chairman Robinson to bring together a video that showcases Fairfield County and have a special time and place set so that everybody can see these good things going on in Fairfield County. Lastly, where are the peacemakers?

Robinson: Chairman Robinson stated he is the representative of Zion Hill, but one problem he ran into is this is the City's jurisdiction. Therefore, a lot of this needs to go through the City first before coming to the County. We are now collaborating together to try to combat the blight because it has been neglected in the past. When it comes to having one meeting, that doesn't mean we're stopping the work. If he got paid by the meeting, he'd be way underpaid. A lot of the Council Members are up here daily, and we all try to do what's good for the County in order to move forward. There are a lot of good things going on. He is saddened that the development project fell through. He was always told when you fall, you get back up and ride again. He has spoken with the administrator about possibly teaming with the School District to do another project, trying to put a bid out for land development. Gorelich isn't the only developer, and we must keep pushing because it will take a team effort. As far as the public comment session, some are irritated or in an uproar about it, but a lot of counties don't have a public comment session, some have one per meeting and some have two. This wasn't an overnight decision. Chairman Robinson called around to different counties and spoke with different Chairmen on how they handle this. We are trying to do something better, more conducive. If a citizen has a legitimate complaint, they should contact their representative, the Vice Chair or Chairman, and we can sit down and have a meeting with Mr. Taylor to discuss things and come to a conclusion on how to make things

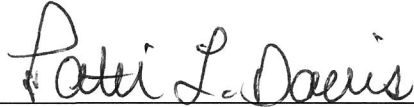
better. This is what we're trying to accomplish. Nothing is in stone, but we are trying to make things better. To the comment of silencing citizens' first amendment right, Mr. Morgan was asked to elaborate on this. Per Mr. Morgan, the decision to go from two public comments to one is common across the state. Some Councils have no public comment time, some have one and some have two. The allegation that there has been a constitutional violation by the removal of the second public comment session is an incorrect assertion. Citizens have many different avenues for opportunities to meet with or speak to their representative. If you sit there and say that by taking away the 2nd public comment this abridges a person's right to speak, then you can make the argument that having only ten spots abridges the 11th, 12th, 13th person's right to speak as well. There has not been a decision that a constitutional violation arises or anything to that level. Vice Chair Goins thinks this is a good decision. With all the violence and hate going on in the world today, when we get to a point that we cannot sit down and reason together, we are in a terrible crisis. To be able to do that and be able to teach our children to communicate, we as adults are going to have to start doing this. To be able to bring it to the point where we can just sit down, one or two, two or three together, and just reason on things and try to make it better, this is an awesome move for us. She hopes others will begin to adopt the same thing in our homes, businesses, etc. Council Member Douglas feels they deserve to be able to voice their opinion. Possibly we could form a committee and discuss this further. Chairman Robinson stated at the beginning of the meeting, he asked if any Council Member would like to amend the agenda to allow the second public comment session, and no one wished to do this. Council Member Bell agreed there is a lot of good stuff going on, and he doesn't want us to miss that piece. When we announced MLily, there was no communication in the public. He spoke to Mr. Taylor concerning this, and he has asked how we can make sure the citizens can come together to talk about the good stuff. All too often we talk about what's bad, and we do want to talk about the good stuff. Council Member Bell agrees with Council Member Douglas and feels we should allow the public to speak to us. He feels the comment session at the end is better than the first because they can speak to anything. Sometimes it's difficult for us to take, but that's why we ran for this office. He is in favor of the second comment, and the reason is people have things on their mind to talk about. Chairman Robinson stated this is not a dictatorship, and if you want this on the agenda, make the motion.

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

No executive session.

17. ADJOURN

At 7:28 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***



PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL



CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN