



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 22, 2019**

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

Absent: Mikel Trapp.

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

It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Pauley to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

Chairman Robinson reported that Council Member Trapp would not be present for the meeting tonight.

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Bell led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Pauley, seconded by Council Member Douglas, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 8, 2019. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- A. Fairfield County Parks and Recreation - Recognition of 12U and 8U All-Star Baseball Teams for Winning the 2019 SC RBI (Recreational Baseball Initiative) State Championship. Mr. Russell Price thanked Council for the opportunity to be at the meeting tonight. These two teams were recognized during the Council meeting last year, and they are back tonight as back-to-back champions. Mr. Price introduced the Parks and Recreation Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Lucas Vance, and

Athletic Specialist, Mr. Larry Perry. Mr. Price stated "Trust the Process". The department has a vision and a goal of providing the best recreation programs possible and to do this the right way. This process starts with support from Mr. Taylor and Council in allowing the department to do their jobs and also providing the tools necessary to succeed. Mr. Price thanked Council and his staff for buying into the plan. Mr. Price also mentioned the 10U team. After not winning a game last year in All-Stars, this team finished State Runners-Up this year led by Head Coach Larry Perry with Assistant Coaches Roe Coleman, Makendrix Thompson and Marvin Robertson. Neither of these coaches had a child on the team and three of the coaches were former high school baseball coaches. Mr. Price then recognized the 2019 SCRBI 12U Champions. This team demonstrated leadership, which begins with the Head Coach Chuck Raley, Assistant Coach Jarrett Douglas and Assistant Coach Eric White. Coach Raley has been coaching for over 43 years. Names of the team players were then announced with each player coming to the front of the room to receive their championship ring. Council then took pictures with the coaches and team players. Mr. Price then recognized the 2019 SCRBI 8U Champions with Head Coach Tro Hazen, Coach Ab Hazen and Assistant Coach Larry Johnson. Tro was a part of the 2010 Palmetto League State Champs and now in 2019, he coached this team to another state championship. Names of the team players were then announced with each player coming to the front of the room to receive their championship ring. Council then took pictures with the coaches and team players. In closing, Mr. Price thanked Council again for the opportunity to recognize the staff, coaches, players and families. He also stated that winning is great, but so much more was learned during this time together. We currently live in a crazy world that judges and is divided, but Mr. Price saw something different on this journey. The color of your skin, your size, whether you have money or not, where you went to school, where you live or prior experience did not matter. In the end, what mattered was that the coaches, players, parents and community came together as a family. Trust the process, we are Fairfield strong. Chairman Robinson also inquired concerning the teams attending the Fireflies game. Per Mr. Price, all three teams were taken to a Fireflies game which was a great opportunity for the kids to have their names called out and be able to run out on the field. During the game, Mr. Price was approached by the Fireflies employees stating over 130 people came to the game from Fairfield County, and this was an awesome experience. Council Member Bell wants to be sure that the teams are recognized on the County webpage and/or Facebook. He thanked Mr. Price and the coaches. Council Member Gilbert also thanked the coaches and teams and advised the players to always pay

attention to their coaches and parents because they love you. Council Member Douglas, Council Member Pauley and Vice Chair Goins also congratulated the teams, and Vice Chair Goins agreed that the teams have shown what building relationships is all about. Chairman Robinson stated the process must be working.

- B. Lions Club Student Exchange (Gracie A. McRae from BC, Canada and Ida Marie Stertzell from Soro, Denmark) - Chairman Robinson requested for Mrs. Linda Haslett to come to the podium. Mrs. Haslett stated they are proud to be part of the international association of the Lions Club. She urged everyone to be a part of the organization and invite exchange students into their home. South Carolina is currently hosting 12 students, with two students being in Fairfield County. The hosts have the students for two weeks and then the students will be traveling the State of South Carolina for two additional weeks. Mrs. Haslett then introduced Gracie and Ida Marie who then showed a short presentation of their respective country. Vice Chair Goins welcomed the students to Fairfield County and to America. She enjoyed their presentations and hope they will enjoy their visit. Council Member Bell also enjoyed the presentations. Council then took pictures with Gracie, Ida Marie and Mr. and Mrs. Haslett.
- C. Proclamation Recognizing August 18-24, 2019, as South Carolina Aviation Week. Chairman Robinson requested Mrs. Denise Bryan to come to the podium. Mrs. Bryan reported on the two events which will be held during Aviation Week. Mrs. Bryan began by discussing the S.C. Aviation Association website, and on the main screen for aviation week, the Fairfield County Airport is displayed. Whenever anyone goes to this website, they will see the Fairfield County Airport.
- Monday, August 19, 9 a.m.: The two high school winning participants will get a free 30-45 minute exploratory flight in an airplane. These are two rising seniors from Fairfield Central High School and Richard Winn.
 - Saturday, August 24, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Boy Scouts of America will be working toward the Aviation badge requirements. There will be five flight instructors, three Cessna 172's along with Mrs. Bryan and Brian Steed with S&S Aviation to assist 20 Boy Scouts in obtaining their aviation badge. All 20 children will get a 30 minute hands-on flight in a 172. The whole badge experience has a cost of \$75.

Chairman Robinson then presented the Proclamation to Mrs. Bryan with pictures following.

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 - Personnel Changes

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 729** - An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (No. 599) to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from R-2 (Inclusive Residential District) to B-2 (General Business District) of 1.35 Acres Owned by Surinder Singh (Applicant), Tax Map No. 125-04-02-057-000. Property is Located at Kincaid Bridge Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180. Motion made by Council Member Douglas and Council Member Pauley, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 729. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes from the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, the Library Commission and the Airport Commission were received as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- A. Library Commission - Reappointment of Mrs. Jean McCrory, District 5. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Pauley, to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Jean McCrory to the Library Commission representing District 5. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***
- B. Library Commission - Reappointment of Mr. Robert Drake, District 7. Motion made by Council Member Pauley, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Robert Drake to the Library Commission representing District 7. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. WIOA (Workforce Investment Opportunity Act) Presentation - Per Mr. Taylor, the WIOA Program is a very valuable grant program utilized to assist people in obtaining training and jobs. Mrs. Diana Robinson was present to give Council an overview of the program. Mrs. Robinson thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak about the Fairfield County WIOA Program.

- WIOA is a federal program administered throughout South Carolina by the Workforce Division of the Department of Commerce. A state and local board is appointed by the Governor comprising of business owners, state government officials, educators and private citizens. These programs assist businesses in meeting their need for skilled workers and provide individuals with access to training to help prepare them for work.
- Training Program Clusters include Transportation and Logistics, Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, Healthcare, Information Technology and Business Administration.
- WIOA works with out-of-school youth, adults and dislocated workers. The network of service providers is made up of local educators, businesses and other interest organizations to provide resources such as career planning, paid work experience, internships, OJT, transition jobs, tutoring, financial literacy education, youth mentoring, occupational skills training, expungement, alternative secondary school skills and supportive services. Some supportive services include tuition, transportation, uniforms, tools, books, etc.
- The current youth enrollment is 64 with 43 in training, 21 completing work experience and 4 in internships. With youth in training, the largest cluster is Midlands Technical College with multiple programs, TDI for CDL license, NDE Institute for non-destructive technicians, Med Certs Online, USC Lancaster, Piedmont Tech, SAGE which is another provider for trucking, Training Concepts for online and in-house training for IT support positions and Abbie's Driving School for driver's licenses.

- The current adult/dislocated worker enrollment is 62 with 45 in training and 38 employed. Again, Midlands Tech is the largest enrollment along with TDI, NDE Institute, Med Certs Online, New Horizons, Palmetto School of Development, SAGE and Training Concepts. Council Member Pauley inquired if the program gets the participant to the different locations for training, and per Mrs. Robinson, this will be covered shortly in the presentation.
- Eligibility Process: A determination of eligibility for the program is required by law. Every Friday at the J.B. Floyd Building, there is an orientation at 10 a.m. If one is determined to be eligible, they will then move on to the initial assessment. If you are not eligible, you may be referred to other partner services available in the S.C. Works Midlands system. The enrollment with necessary paperwork will be prepared by WIOA. Vice Chair Goins questioned Mrs. Robinson concerning guiding the incoming students and stated with this there must be great discernment. Mrs. Robinson gave an example of one student she was able to assist in this manner after discussing their strengths.

Mrs. Robinson then went over some of the success stories, because WIOA's success is driven by the success of its participants. Vice Chair Goins thanked Mrs. Robinson for being so organized and being able to demonstrate the flow of the process. Council Member Bell stated Mrs. Robinson has presented this information in Ridgeway, and thanked her again for this. He also would like pamphlets or leaflets in the future when there is a presentation given in order to get the information out to the public. Council Member Gilbert inquired concerning the finances, and Mrs. Robinson stated this is grant money and there has to be accountability. The grant funds are handled through the County. Vice Chair Goins inquired concerning if someone would be able to go through the program if they can afford it. Per Mrs. Robinson, anyone can enroll, and other criteria is examined, such as if they have been unemployed for a long time, if they have never worked or basically skills deficient. They also partner with many other organizations and resources. Council Member Pauley inquired of Mr. Taylor if this would be a viable option for the Promise Program. Per Mr. Taylor, this is something we may need to explore. This process is already in place and it works, so it is something we have started looking into and exploring to see if it is an option to administer the Promise Program.

B. Announcement of Personnel Changes - Per Mr. Taylor, the County has had some internal changes with some familiar faces in different roles. Mrs. Laura Johnson, who has been the Comptroller for many years, will be stepping up to act as the Interim Deputy Administrator for the next six months. The Interim Comptroller will be Mrs. Anne Bass, who has served in this department for a number of years. Also, Mr. Brad Caulder, who is currently over Public Works, will be serving as the HR Director. In addition, Mr. Taylor wanted to mention that the County has been awarded the Golden Palmetto Award which will be presented at the upcoming SCAC Conference. This is recognition of our assistance with Disabilities and Special Needs. Concerning the personnel changes, Council Member Bell feels the filling of a permanent and major role should be advertised. He would like that to be considered. He does not question the current process that has been followed. He is just stating that advertising should be done in the future. Council Member Gilbert stated he knows that Council does not have anything to do with the day to day role, but he would like to see when something is done that the Council would be notified of any changes before the public knows. He also feels it is sometimes good to get applicants from outside of the organization who come with new ideas. Council Member Pauley inquired if there is an in-house policy that states the administrator can make movements in-house without having to post the job. Per Mr. Taylor, this is correct, and we moved forward with this very carefully. Discussions were held with the HR attorney to be sure this was handled appropriately. Mr. Taylor does feel that advertising is always preferred, but in this given situation and after consulting with the attorney, the decision was made to move Mr. Caulder from his existing position to this new position. Council Member Gilbert was not just speaking of one position, but the whole collection. Council Member Pauley further inquired and stated that Mr. Caulder had previously worked for the County in Human Resources. Council Member Bell does not want anyone to feel that he was speaking of Mr. Caulder's certification or ability to do the role. This was not his objective, and he likes Mr. Caulder very much. He is just speaking to be sure these roles are advertised in the future.

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.

- Jackie Workman - Visions
- Jeff Schaffer - Just Cause
- Randy Bright - Planning Tool

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas: Council Member Douglas stated that Mr. Trapp had surgery in reference to some of the meetings that were missed and also had complications from the surgery necessitating him having to leave early on occasion. He missed these meetings because of his health. Further, discussion was had at the last meeting concerning moving the incinerator down to the right on the end of the property and purchasing some additional acreage. He feels this will be a better solution for everyone.

Bell: Council Member Bell stated on March 6, 2019, he met with a representative from S.C. DOT concerning the Bellfield Bridge. The bridge had been down since October 2015, and the start date for repair at that time was 2022-2023. He additionally sent letters, emails and made phone calls concerning this project. Much of this story is not good, but there were many good aspects, including the community that spoke up to say they were tired of being forgotten, community advocates who realized the injustice, Representative Annie McDaniel who assisted at the state level and a TV network who highlighted the issue. Council Member Bell then read a letter from DOT stating the project schedule has been extremely expedited and is now scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020. He thanked everyone who assisted with this project. Next, the Voice article July 11, 2019, concerning the Promise Program questioned the executive session for a contractual matter. The County signed an MOU for the Mt. Zion project on February 1, 2018; however, the previous Council went into executive session a total of five times after the MOU was signed. He inquired of the difference and opined that an MOU was the same then as it is now.

Goins: Vice Chair Goins thanked all the presenters tonight and also the visitors to the County. To comment on the infrastructure for the western side, that is not new and has been going on for years. The only way to be inclusive as far as water and sewer, the community must stand up, attend the meetings of Jenkinsville Water Company and change the

board. This will change the structure and result in inclusivity to allow the area to grow the way it should.

Robinson: Chairman Robinson also stated that Mr. Trapp reached out on those dates he was sick and with surgery. Council members also have feelings, and he would suggest that you should reach out to Mr. Trapp with any questions. We all must respect each other's feelings. Council members are held to a higher standard, but at the same time, there is illness/sickness as with anyone.

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

At 7:42 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Bell, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to go into executive session for (a) Economic Development - Discussion Regarding an Economic Development Project Located in Fairfield County and Execution of Documents in Relation Thereof. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

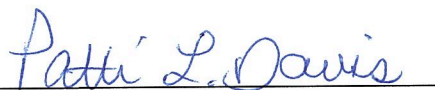
Council Member Douglas did not return after executive session.

At 8:06 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried 5-0.***

No action was taken in Executive Session.

18. ADJOURN

At 8:07 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Gilbert and seconded by Council Member Bell to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***



PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL



CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN