



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

Present: Moses Bell, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, 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.

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 6-0.***

Chairman Robinson reported Vice Chair Goins is out with continuing family medical issues.

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Bell led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Pauley, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 8, 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 - Behavioral Health

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A.** An Ordinance to Establish Operating and Capital Budgets for the Operation of the County Government of Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2019; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for Fairfield County for the Fiscal year Commencing July 1, 2019; to Provide for the Expenditure of Tax Revenues and Other County Funds; to Provide for Other County Purposes; to Provide for Certain Fiscal and Other Matters Relating to County Government; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Randy Bright signed to speak. After comments, Chairman Robinson closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. Third and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 711** - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement Between Fairfield County and The Community Health Foundation of Fairfield County; and Other Related Matters. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve third and final reading of Ordinance No. 711. Chairman Robinson requested for Mr. Taylor to further explain. Mr. Taylor deferred comment to Mr. Morgan, who has been more involved with the preparation of this lease. Per Mr. Morgan, the lease is in reference to the Martin Primary Care facility and provides new lease terms since the County purchased the remaining assets and buildings of the hospital several months ago. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

Vice Chair Goins arrived at 6:09 p.m.

- B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 720** - An Ordinance to Establish Operating and Capital Budgets for the Operation of the County Government of Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2019; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2019; to Provide for the Expenditure of Tax Revenues and Other County Funds; to Provide for Other County Purposes; to Provide for Certain Fiscal and Other Matters Relating to County Government; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, properly seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 720. Per Mr.

Taylor, the budget as prepared totals \$45,252,732 with no tax increases anticipated. However, he does anticipate after the budget work session tomorrow that the number may change based on Council priorities. ***The motion carried 6-1 with Council Member Pauley voting nay.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes from the Aeronautics Commission, Chamber of Commerce and Behavioral Health were received as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Disabilities and Special Needs Board - Appointment of Mary Lynn Kinley - Change from Representing District 3 to District 5. Chairman Robinson explained that Ms. Kinley was approved to serve on the Disabilities and Special Needs Board representing District 3. She is now being transferred to represent District 5 instead. This was discussed with the involved Council members, and everyone was in agreement for the change. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, properly seconded by Council Member Douglas, to make the aforementioned change. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

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 on 215
- Jackie Workman - Retreat

- Randy Bright - \$309 million

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas: Council Member Douglas thanked Mr. Bright for sharing his knowledge at each meeting. He personally agrees with 90% of his talks but always listens.

Goins: Vice Chair Goins apologized for arriving late. First, she has thought about the monument situation. The County has purchased the property so, therefore, it is County property. She also thought about the community as a whole from the past to present. Her thoughts are not to do a personalized monument, but a monument that would reflect the history of the community as a whole. She has envisioned a historical monument that will reflect the beginnings of Jenkinsville through to the present. Next, Vice Chair Goins referred to a statement made by Mr. Bright, "help people help themselves". This is where she is with the water in western Fairfield. Water is the most valuable commodity God has given and is essential for life. Therefore, it must be used in the intended manner, meaning it should be safe, it should be healthy, it should be accessible to any and everybody and in all times, if possible, affordable. The lines in western Fairfield have been in the ground for almost 50 years because she was in the community when the Jenkinsville Water Company began. She does not understand the mindset of not wanting to improve and be able to get better quality water along with the influx of businesses which would provide opportunities for generations to come. She also does not understand the mindset of being threatened when she says what comes into her personal home. After being threatened, Vice Chair Goins also reported that someone showed up in her yard to test her water with no advance notice and with no ID or emblem for identification. She feels this is a water crisis that needs to be addressed and made a priority. This will always be her priority.

Robinson: Chairman Robinson reiterated that the Behavioral Health Walk/Run is this weekend along with the Blair Coalition of Churches and the Family and Friends of St. Mark. Also, the recent retreat was Chairman Robinson's first retreat, and he kept it in the County. He feels it was a great location that produced some great ideas for the future. Vice Chair Goins stated she was not able to attend, but she heard the retreat was a great success. Council Member Douglas feels a retreat is a good thing, but his objection to the location was why he said something about it and the reason he did not attend.

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

No executive session.

18. ADJOURN

At 6:25 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Bell to adjourn. ***The motion 7-0.***

PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN