



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 26, 2019**

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

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 Bell and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Pauley led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Bell, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 12, 2019. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

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.

- Theresa Wiggins - Teacher Village
- Dr. James Rex - Teacher Village
- J. R. Green - Teacher Village
- Jeff Schaffer - Ordinances
- Shirley Greene - Teacher Village
- Randy Bright - Teacher Village

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 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 0.5 Acres Owned by Patricia Mattox (Applicant), Tax Map No. 145-01-24-004-000. Property is Located at Columbia Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180. Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. The following individuals signed to speak:

- Tricia Bramlett
- Eddie Branham
- Joe Stillwell
- Jeff Douglas
- Paula Hall
- Harry and Betty Joe Beckham
- Patricia Mattox

Following comments, Chairman Robinson closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. Third and Final Reading: 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 Pauley, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 729. Council Member Douglas stated this is also a piece of property that goes back into the neighborhood of Hunstanton. He believes there should be more thought before this is voted through. In fact, he also owns property near the site, and he feels there are a lot of people who live in Hunstanton who would wish to speak on this matter. Chairman Robinson stated if Council Member Douglas owns property in the vicinity, he should recuse himself. Council Member Douglas did sign the necessary recusal form which is made a part of the minutes. With no further discussion, Chairman Robinson proceeded to the vote. ***The motion carried 6-0 with Council Member Douglas recused.***

- B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 730** - 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 0.5 Acres Owned by Patricia Mattox (Applicant), Tax Map No. 145-01-24-004-000. Property is Located at Columbia Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180. Motion made by Council Member Gilbert, seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 730. ***The motion failed by a vote of 0-7.***
- C. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 728** - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement by and Between Fairfield County, South Carolina and Project Goldstar to Provide for Payment of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes; Authorizing the Inclusion of a Project Site in a Multi-County Business Park; Authorizing Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Related Matters. Council Member Pauley made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice as it relates to Ordinance No. 728, properly seconded by Vice Chair Goins. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.*** Council then went into executive session at 6:31 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., Council Member Douglas made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to come out of executive session and return to regular session. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.*** Chairman Robinson reported no votes were taken during executive session. Council Member Bell then made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 728. Council Member Douglas stated this ordinance will be explained in full before third reading is done. Vice Chair Goins stated the motion is to move this forward, and at another time, there will be further discussion. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- D. Resolution No. 2019-05** - 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. Chairman Robinson reminded Council that this item had been discussed during executive session of the last meeting but was not voted on. Motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Pauley, to approve Resolution No. 2019-05. Vice Chair Goins requested for Mr. Taylor to give further information. Per Mr. Taylor, in some of the economic deals and negotiations, some of the information

must be kept private. However, this is a piece of property the County has been working alongside the property owner in order to bring a new company into the County. This is being put into a multi-county park to start the incentives to entice the company. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

- E. Resolution No. 2019-06** - 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. Chairman Robinson requested this item be deferred until after executive session.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

None.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

Council Member Trapp left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Promise Program. Council Member Robinson reminded Council that on the previous version 9 months was listed, and to meet the standards, this would need to be changed to 12. Motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve the Promise Program as presented. ***Motion carried 6-0.***

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A.** Renwick McNeil, S.C. Partnership Specialist, Atlanta Region, U.S. Census Bureau. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. McNeil. Periodically the census will come around, and it is important that a full account be received. The County needs to work with the census as a lot of federal dollars come through having a good count. Mr. Renwick stated he is here tonight to discuss the upcoming 2020 census and it's never too early to start the discussion. The census attempts to count every living person, counting them once and in the right place. To do this, a

lot of help is needed. Mr. McNeil stated the census is hiring for flexible hour part-time positions with pay starting between \$14.50 to \$16 per hour. This year the census will be easier because, for the first time, it will be online. An invitation to participate will be received by mail. If the census is not completed by the fourth time receiving the invitation, then someone will be knocking at doors with the paper version. There will be 12 languages available on the phone line. It will be safer this year and information is protected by law for 72 years. No personal data is shared. Over \$675 Billion annually is given out by the federal government to states. It is imperative to make certain that South Carolina and Fairfield County get their fair share of these funds. To do this, help is needed in forming a Complete Count Committee to make certain everyone is counted in the census. This is used to bring trustworthy people into the community to reach out to the population in order to complete the census. Mr. McNeil will make arrangements for training of the committees and to provide any assistance needed. Council Member Bell inquired where Mr. McNeil is located. Mr. McNeil is located in Columbia and only works the state of South Carolina. Council Member Bell also inquired about the job application process. Mr. McNeil explained that the application is online. Vice Chair Goins thanked Mr. McNeil for making the process easier this year.

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.

- Chris Griffith - Council Attendance
- Yvette Howard - Blight
- Jackie Workman - Visions
- Jeff Schaffer - Justification
- Randy Bright - 2 Topics

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Douglas: Council Member Douglas apologized for defending the person at the last meeting and stated he now agrees. In October, some of the downtown merchants will be having a fund raiser for Animal Control, and

a fundraiser in November for the Sheriff's Department. He will provide dates at the next meeting.

Goins: Vice Chair Goins stated, as everyone knows, the County is going through the process with the teacher village. From the beginning, she stated she was 100% in support of it and will continue. The County is at the point of looking at the finish line. She is not taking the project lightly and will not take her decision lightly. She also understands this project is important to economic development of the County. It is a catalyst that can change things. Good adequate housing is also something the County is lacking. She encouraged everyone to give this a try and let us be the first.

Pauley: Council Member Pauley thanked the citizens for attending the meetings. Opinions are valued and negative and positive criticism is welcomed. The Council's decisions won't always suit everyone, but the members do appreciate the citizens being at the meetings. Also, on October 19, Fairfield County will be having a Keep Going Fairfield County 2nd Annual 2019 Breast Cancer Walk for Life. Council Member Pauley encouraged everyone to attend and participate. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be activities for kids, food and a live DJ. The cost of the walk is \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids. Council Member Pauley has registration forms in his office at Nationwide.

Robinson: Chairman Robinson asked for an update from Mr. Morgan in reference to the penny sales tax. Per Mr. Morgan, he has done some research into this and is researching the potential language the Council will be able to review before this is placed on a referendum. This tax will be used for infrastructure projects in the County. Mr. Morgan is working hard on this matter because he knows this is one of the Council's goals. Per Chairman Robinson, the County is 20-25 years behind, and he would very much like to see this go forward. He also referred to the SCDOT transportation survey, which will give a 20 year outlook of what citizens want for their roads. This survey definitely needs to be completed by everyone. Chairman Robinson also reminded everyone of the app he discussed at the last meeting, TestIT. This app can be downloaded and will feed information concerning broadband. Finally, part 2 of the community meeting for the Zion Hill and Fortune Springs project is September 10 at 7 p.m. at the same location. Chairman Robinson is pushing for this because blight and recreation are key things to his platform. Chairman Robinson will also be forming an Ad Hoc Committee to focus on the new admin project in order to make recommendations for

an African American monument along the grounds. He would like each Council member to select a constituent from their area to form the committee, which will be headed by Chairman Robinson and Council Member Gilbert.

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

At 7:27 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Bell, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to go into executive session for (a) Economic Development - Discussion Concerning Resolution 2019-06, (b) Legal Matter - Receive Legal Advice Concerning Ordinance No. 728 as to Contractual Provisions, and (c) Legal Matter - Receive Legal Advice Concerning the Administrator's Contract. Item B had already been discussed in executive session earlier in the meeting. **The motion carried 6-0.**

At 8:13 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. Council Member Douglas left during Executive Session.**

Motion made by Council Member Gilbert, seconded by Council Member Bell, to approve Resolution 2019-06. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Motion made by Council Member Pauley, seconded by Council Member Bell, to approve the amended Administrator's contract and authorize its execution. **Motion carried 5-0.**

18. ADJOURN

At 8:15 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Pauley to adjourn. **The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**



PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL



CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN

Statement of Potential Conflict

In accordance with South Carolina Code Section 8-13-700, I hereby declare I have a potential conflict of interest on the following matter:

Ord. # 729 (Suninder Singh Rayane)

This potential conflict of interest is present because:

- I have
- a member of my immediate family has
- an individual with whom I am associated has
- a business with which I am associated has

an economic interest in this matter.

I request to be excused from any votes, deliberations, and other actions on this matter on which the potential conflict of interest exists.

I request this notice to be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

X. [Signature]
Signature of Official

8-26-19
Date