



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 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, The Country Chronicle and one hundred thirty two other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the Special Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Chair Goins, seconded by Council Member Douglas, to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Gilbert led the invocation.

4. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

A. First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 740: An Ordinance Authorizing Amendments to a Lease Agreement Providing for a New County Administration Building to Better Serve the Citizens of Fairfield County; and Other Related Matters. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 740. ***The motion carried 5-2 with Council Member Bell and Council Member Trapp voting nay.***

B. Resolution No. 2019-14: A Resolution Certifying Property Located at 250 North Walnut Street (Tax Map Number 126-01-11-028-000) Winnsboro, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, as an Abandoned Buildings Site Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve Resolution No. 2019-14. Council Member Bell inquired if the teacherage building is a part of this project. Per Mr.

Taylor, it is a part of the project. Council Member Bell then questioned if the Resolution would be passed tonight not knowing that the Ordinance would pass, as it is only first reading. Per Mr. Taylor, basically with the teacherage, whether it becomes part of our project or part of their overall project and whether the County retains it or whether the company leases it out themselves, the abandoned building tax credit will still be needed to make the property more cost effective to develop. Per Mr. Morgan, this is correct, and the abandoned building tax credit is not a credit as to the County's property taxes but pertains instead to the company's income tax. This will, therefore, come out of any income tax of 1st & Main as it relates to their projects going forward. A similar resolution was passed in reference to the Winnsboro Fibers Mill, and the resolution contains standard language. Council Member Bell questioned the assessment value of the property at only \$20,000. Per Mr. Taylor, he does not know what the present assessment value is, but it is assessed low because of the condition of the building. Once it is redeveloped, the assessment should increase. Some of the credits, such as the Bailey Bill, freezes the pre-redevelopment assessment as opposed to the post development, which will keep the County's lease lower. These items were discussed as being part of the package at the front end which, again, will help the County with the final cost of the lease. ***The motion carried 5-2 with Council Member Trapp and Council Member Bell voting nay.***

5. ADJOURN

At 6:09 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Bell and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***



PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL



CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN