

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIRMAN	JASON STEEN
ADMINISTRATOR	JIM HAYNES
CLERK TO COUNCIL	PATRICIA BUNDY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,	WILLIE GLADDEN,
RON MUNNERLYN,	CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,	KEN ALLEN,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND *	ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Lynn McQueen, Herald-Advocate, Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director, and Mr. Ron King, Director of Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Lynn McQueen of the Herald Advocate, and posted on the front door of the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building and on the county's website (www.marlborocounty.sc.gov).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, announced the death of Mr. Roger Roller and stated that many were able to attend the funeral service which was held earlier in the afternoon. He stated that Mr. Roller was one of a kind who always had a smile on his face. He also stated that Mr. Roller worked for the county for more than 41 years and would be missed by many.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked that Council consider postponing item 2.a. under Public Hearing due to no ordinance available for review, and also tabling item 4.a. under Old Business due to no written Ordinance being available for review.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to amend the agenda by striking item 2.a. under Public Hearing and item 4.a. under Old Business, Ordinance # 741, an Ordinance authorizing the County to provide incentives for the location or expansion of [Project Lightning], including a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, the grant of special source revenue credits, the transfer of property related to [Project Lightning] and other matters related thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, opened the public hearing.

ORDINANCE # 742 – AN ORDINANCE TO SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OF SUNDAY WORK PROHIBITIONS AS AUTHORIZED BY SOUTH CAROLINA CODE §53-1-160(A)

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, and asked that he give a brief summary on the Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance creates a temporary solution having to do with Sunday sales. He stated that this Ordinance would allow Sunday sales to be in effect through June of 2016 and that it could be reviewed with the annual budget, if Council did not take steps to do something on a permanent basis with referendum. Mr. Haynes stated that this has nothing to do with the sale of alcohol but deals with Sunday work and other sales.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this Ordinance. There were none.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that it was important that the citizens of Marlboro understand that this Ordinance does not authorize the sale of alcohol on Sunday and Council does not want to do this at this time. He stated that this Ordinance would simply allow citizens to purchase items such as t-shirts and other clothing on Sundays. He stated that apparently the citizens have no objection against this action since no one signed up to speak. He stated that he thought this was a good move.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 10, 2015 – Marlboro County Council Work Session Meeting

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Willie Gladden, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Anthony

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Woods. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince (not present at the meeting). Vote: 6/0/1. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 11, 2015 – Marlboro County Council Regular Meeting

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015 and August 11, 2015, as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 742 – AN ORDINANCE TO SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OF SUNDAY WORK PROHIBITIONS AS AUTHORIZED BY SOUTH CAROLINA CODE §53-1-160(A) – THIRD READING

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, stated that this Ordinance was discussed during the Public Hearing and that this would be the third and final reading on this Ordinance.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if the Sunday sales could begin this weekend. Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, stated that staff would notify the South Carolina Department of Revenue and let them know if the Ordinance has been approved. Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., County Attorney, stated that it would really be up to the retailers whether or not they allow this or not. Dr. Prince asked if it would be legal and effective this weekend and Attorney Easterling stated that it would be legal effective upon approval of the Ordinance.

Chairman Munneryn asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 742 – An Ordinance to suspend the application of Sunday work prohibitions as authorized by South Carolina Code §53-1-160(A). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 09-15-01 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, asked that Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, make comments on this Resolution.

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Mr. Haynes stated that this Resolution serves as a formal letter to the County Auditor and County Treasurer setting the tax millage rates for fiscal year 2015-2016. He stated that even though Council set these millage rates with the annual budget process, it seems that in the past, Council and staff could not determine the millage rates during the budget process due to the fact that we were awaiting certain tax values from staff. Of course, this has now changed, but this Resolution serves as notification to the County Auditor and County Treasurer of the confirmed millage rates.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve Resolution # 09-15-01 – A Resolution establishing the millage rates for the fiscal year 2015-2016. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INMATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF OF MARLBORO COUNTY AND PAY TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this agreement.

Mr. Haynes stated that this contract deals with telephone use for inmates housed in the Detention Center and staff is satisfied with the service that they have been receiving from this company since 1991. Mr. Haynes stated that some money does come back to the county and it is determined on the usage basis. He stated that the Sheriff is recommending that this agreement be renewed for an additional four year term.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if the money that comes back to the county actually comes to the county or is it paid to the Detention Center. Mr. Haynes stated that the monies come back to the county and is not paid to the Detention Center.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the Inmate Telecommunications Agreement between Marlboro County and the Sheriff of Marlboro County and Pay Tel Communications, Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN HOUSE OF THE NEW ANIMAL SHELTER AT 242 AG STREET, BENNETTSVILLE, SC, TO BE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015 FROM 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this open house.

Mr. Haynes stated that the Open House for the new Animal Shelter was scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He stated that the actual moving of the animals is expected to take place the day after the open house. He stated that this will simply allow folks to view the shelter without having the animals there. Mr. Haynes stated that the total cost to date on this Animal Shelter is just under \$100,000.00 which includes the purchase price of the building.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that this amount appeared to be below the amount budgeted for the project. Mr. Haynes confirmed that the monies spent to date on this project have been under budget.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any appointments to Boards and Commissions. There were none.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, reported that for the month of August, expenditures were at 16% of the budgeted which was right on target for this time in the fiscal year. Revenues were at 9% which was an improvement from last month but still under budget by about 7%. She stated that revenues should increase over the next several months after tax notices are sent out and those monies will start coming in.

Ms. Moore stated that the annual financial audit was underway and progressing well. The auditors have visited a couple of times over the past month and have begun gathering information.

Ms. Moore stated that he was still monitoring legislation on Local Government Funding but since the last meeting there had been no change in the status of this issue.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, thanked Ms. Moore for her report and hard work.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Recognition of employees - The following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of August: Stephen Akers (17 years); Michael Brigman (9 years); Patricia English (7 years); Benetrice Ferguson (17 years); Ashley Hamer (8 years); Rickie Knight (6 years); Terry Malloy (9 years); Beverly McKiver (15 years); Joan Parker (6 years); Celia Patterson (10 years); Susan Rivers (15

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years); Jeremy Steen (6 years); John Walters (10 years); Janilla Williams (9 years); and Sharon Wilson (15 years).

Award of Grant by the FY Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - we have received a letter from Senator Lindsey Graham confirming that Marlboro County has been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$11,253.00 by the FY Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. There is no requirement for match of funds and these funds will be utilized by the Marlboro County Sheriff's office for law enforcement equipment within the specified grant guidelines.

SC Department of Revenue "DORWAY" Program - we received notification from SC Department of Revenue that a new integrated tax system called "DORWAY" was launched on August 31st which includes sales, local, miscellaneous sales and withholding taxes with new taxes be added over the next three years. "DORWAY" will also streamline the processing and coding of local government funding and increase the accuracy of fund allocation, which will minimize the need to reallocate funds after distribution. A copy of the letter received from SCDOR was provided for Council's review.

Directional Beacon in Marion, SC - we have received notification from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that a proposal has been received to decommission the Non-Federal Marion (MA) Non-Directional Beacon in Marion, South Carolina.

Request to the School District for AC/Heating Units - we have written Superintendent of Marlboro County School District, Dr. Helena Tiller, a letter making a formal request for the wall-mounted air conditioning/heating units which are presently located in the Wallace School be donated to Marlboro County to be used in the Blenheim gym. It was announced that the Wallace School will be moving into its new building during the Christmas break and hopefully these units will be donated to Marlboro County.

Surplus Sale Results - staff had a surplus sale of old county vehicles and other items and the sale resulted in the sum of \$15,974.50.

GIS Program update - Mr. Ralph Mangus of Kucera installed the orthophotos which were taken back in February on our county departments hard drives for the GIS program. They found many discrepancies with roads being shown running through various owners' properties, etc. but we are working on getting this straight.

Trash Pick-Up Service - staff received many complaints from angry and upset citizens during the week of August 24th regarding the residential trash pick up service. Ms. Dana Moore of J. Davis Enterprises, Inc. finally contacted us to advise that she had to let two of the drivers go but promised that the trash pick up would be back on schedule the week of August 31st and it is my understanding the pick up is back on schedule. Ms. Moore also stated that she would be willing to provide a credit to the accounts of those residents who did not receive trash pick up the week of August 24th. She also stated that she would be

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discontinuing service to some of the citizens due to the language some of them used with her.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station -the electric vehicle charging station is up and ready to be used by the public. Mr. John Powers of Marlboro Electric is in the process of having our location added to the list of available charging stations on the internet. As you know, this will be some publicity for Marlboro County.

Historical Marker Signs - we have had several complaints from citizens about the condition of various historical marker signs throughout the county. We are in the process of having these signs taken down for pressure washing, priming and re-painting.

Bookmobile Unveiling Ceremony - the Bookmobile unveiling ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon with a small reception to follow in the Kinney Meeting room at the library.

Industry Appreciation Day - Industry Appreciation Day is also scheduled for Thursday, September 10th beginning at 12:00 noon with a bag lunch and daytime activities. If you plan to participate in the daytime activities, please meet for lunch at the Marlboro Country Club prior to 12:00 noon. The evening events will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a reception to be followed by a dinner and program at the Bennettsville Community Center.

Lake Paul Wallace Clean-Up Event - A Lake Paul Wallace Clean-Up event will take place on Saturday, September 19th beginning at 9:00 a.m. All who plan to help should meet at the boat landing.

Fall Meeting of the County Council Coalition - the Fall meeting of the County Council Coalition will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia on Friday, October 23, 2015. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude with a luncheon. The Institute of Government for County Officials will be held on Thursday, October 22. If any of you would like to attend, please let Ms. Patricia Bundy know and she will assist with the registration and room reservations.

Fourth Annual Marlboro County Employee Christmas Dinner - please mark your calendars for the Fourth Annual Marlboro County Employee Christmas Dinner which has been scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Berea Center.

Mr. Haynes asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that he understood that some of the citizens' trash pick up would be discontinued due bad language to the staff at J. Davis Enterprises. Mr. Woods stated that he felt that was very harsh and places Council in a corner. He stated that Council may need to tell her we do not need her service. He stated that he has heard many complaints from citizens about J. Davis Enterprises' staffs' language.

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Chairman Ron Munnerlyn asked if J. Davis Enterprises, Inc. could pick and choose who they serve. Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, stated that he would review the contract more carefully and let him know.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that he had received numerous calls about trash pick up complaints and stated that this has been going on for a while. He stated that the charge is \$20.00 a month or \$5.00 a week and if the citizens' trash is not picked up a certain week, the charge remains in effect. Mr. Steen stated that he has also heard that the J. Davis Enterprise, Inc.'s staff's language is certainly not appropriate when citizens call complaining about the service.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that most of her district was in the City but that she also had received complaints from citizens about the attitude of J. Davis Enterprise, Inc.'s staff. She has been told that the lady there is very rude.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that he did not know what the answer was but that if the company is not providing service that the county has contracted them for, that maybe we should void the contract. He stated that he appreciated all of the help with the turkey give away events that the company has helped with over the past few years but that this is something that needs to be given our attention and that all citizens should be given respect.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that no citizens had signed up to address members of Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – announced that the Annual Cotton Festival in Clio was scheduled for the first Saturday in October from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and there would be many vendors, entertainment, and opportunities for all. He asked that all come out and join them as they kick off the Fall season.

Ms. Corrie Plato – stated that the intersection of State Street and Marshall was really bad with overgrown bushes and weeds. She stated that she almost got hit there earlier this week because the view is so bad.

Mr. Jason Steen – No comments.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn – mentioned the death and funeral of Roger Roller. He stated that Council had done a lot to make the County a good place to work and that Council needed to work harder on retaining good employees and considering this when budget is discussed to make sure that a fair wage is offered and providing the employees with tools they need to get their jobs done. He stated that Mr. Roller had been a county employee for more than 41 years and he was very proud that Roger was a county employee. He stated that he was a

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great guy and well respected. He stated that Roger loved his job and the people that he worked for and that a county shirt was folded and placed in the casket with him. He stated that was an awesome thing to see.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that it was very sad news about Mr. Roger Roller.

Dr. Prince announced a “Night of Laughter” event which was scheduled for Saturday, September 19th beginning at 6:00 p.m. to benefit the AMI Kids Camp and Infinity School. She stated that this would be a night of laughter and the entire family would enjoy and stated that it was good clean fun. She stated that as a small token of appreciation, she would provide the young gentlemen who handle the video taping of the council meetings tickets to this event if they promised to attend and enjoy it.

Dr. Prince asked that staff please take a look at the overgrown weeds from the stop light on the By-Pass near Kentucky Fried Chicken into Bennettsville to the railroad tracks. She stated that this area looks terrible as you are coming into Bennettsville and asked that something be done to beat these weeds back.

Mr. Ken Allen – No comments.

Mr. Willie Gladden – mentioned the death and funeral of Mr. Roger Roller. He stated that he was pleased with the great turn out of county employees from all departments that attended the funeral to support the family earlier in the day. He stated that 41 years of service to Marlboro County was a great thing and that his service began before Mr. Wallace’s time.

Mr. Gladden thanked Mr. Jason Steen for all of his hard work on the new Animal Shelter and stated that it was a long time coming. He stated that Mr. Steen did a great job and he was glad to see that the new shelter would be opening soon.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the “Night of Laughter” event for the AMI kids. He stated that he was the Board and had tickets for sale to this event if anyone was interested. He stated that the AMI Kids and Infinity School were excellent programs to give kids a second chance in life. He stated that most kids that participate move on to do great things in life. He stated that the event would consist of clean laughter and the entire family could attend.

Mr. Jason Steen thanked Mr. Gladden for his comments and stated that without staff’s hard work, the new shelter would not be opening. He thanked staff for all of their hard work and efforts in helping this new shelter become a reality.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

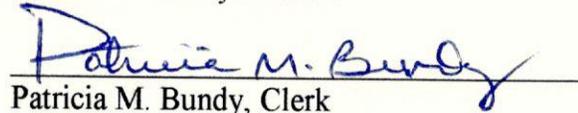
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ATTEST:

Adopted: October 13, 2015



J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council