

March 28, 2013

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Elista H. Smith, Chairperson; Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman; John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Allen W. Floyd, Simon Jenkins Thomas E. Shaw, and Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Kent M. Williams, Deputy Administrator; Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney; and Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was present and duly notified.

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Simon Jenkins to lead the Invocation, after which she welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2013.

The County Attorney stated that second reading for Ordinance listed on the agenda as follows was not ready: A. Second Reading of Ordinance #2013-02 An Ordinance to amend the Marion County Procurement Code to provide for an increase in local vendor options.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

The Administrator updated Council on the New County Administration Complex. Mr. Harper told Council that the County will be bidding out the roof renovations during the month of April.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the GO Bonds funds have been transferred and the County is ready to begin bidding out the projects. He stated that General Court will be held at the Beeson Building and Family Court will be held at the County Administration Building during the renovations to the courthouse.

The Administrator provided Council with information in reference to the COG Regional Transportation Advisory Committee. Mr. Harper explained to Council that the COG Regional Transportation Advisory Committee has nothing to do with the local CTC. He stated that these are state and federal primary roads. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to appoint Chairperson Elista H. Smith and Vice Chairman Buddy Collins to the COG Regional Transportation Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator updated Council on the request from PDRTA. Mr. Harper told Council that he along with the City of Marion and the City of Mullins met with Mr. Chuck MacNeil the Executive Director of PDRTA. He stated that PDRTA is requesting \$42,000 in next year's budget. Mr. Harper stated that he is asking the City of Marion and Mullins to look at budgeting \$7500. Mr. Harper told Council that he has spoken with Mr. Tucker about the additional funding from the Healthcare Foundation. Mr. Harper stated that this would be for one year and reassessed annually. Mr. Harper asked Council's permission to submit an application to the Healthcare Foundation to match the cities and county in continuing to fund PDRTA. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator mentioned to Council that April 15-22 is the Marion County Wide Great American Cleanup.

The Administrator told Council that he has spoken with Mr. Bill Tomes with the Institute of Public Service regarding Marion County's Strategic Plan, Vision and Mission Statement. Mr. Harper stated that Mr. Tomes is willing to attend the Council meetings on April 25th and May 23rd from 5-8 p.m. Mr. Harper that during the first meeting Mr. Tomes will conduct a brief orientation to strategic planning for the benefit of new Council members; review progress on the 2007 strategic plan; review the mission, vision, and value statements; and conduct a SWOT analysis of Marion County government. During the second meeting Mr. Tomes will identify the strategic issues based on the information at the first meeting, which determine goals related to the strategic issues and develop strategies for achieving these goals.

The Administrator asked Council's approval to move forward with scheduling the strategic plan work session dates on April 25th and May 23rd. Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that an announcement will be held next week in reference to Project Tool Shed.

Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution designating April 2013 as Fair Housing Month. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Collins seconded by Mr. Atkinson, to adopt a resolution proclaiming Marion County as a Proud Purple Heart County in the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Jenkins recognized his constituents from Springville Road.

Mr. Shaw asked Mr. Harper if he would contact the fire chief's regarding the fire district maps for Marion Rural and the City of Marion.

Vice Chairman Collins told Council that Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond who is the Chairperson of the Marion County Beautification Commission mother passed away. Chairperson Smith asked the clerk to send a sympathy card from Council to the Hammond family.

Mr. Troy stated that recidivism needs to be addressed especially in reference to the youth in Marion County.

The Administrator told Council that the announcement on the new industry (Essex Holdings) went very well. Mr. Atkinson congratulated Council on a job well done. He also thanked Senator Kent Williams, Rep. Wayne George, Mr. Timothy Harper, Mr. Rodney Berry and Mr. Chuck McLain for their hard work on this project.

Chairperson Smith also thanked Council and Senator Kent Williams for a job well done.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Floyd, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50 P.M.

Elista H. Smith, Chairperson

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