

November 12, 2013

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, & public hearings on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., in the City Council Chambers City Hall, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman; John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Allen W. Floyd, 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; Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was present and duly notified.

Vice Chairman Collins called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Allen W. Floyd to lead the Invocation, after which he welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 24, 2013.

Vice Chairman Collins stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Councilman Simon Jenkins voting in favor of all matters.

Motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and carried unanimously, to recess the regular meeting and open public hearings for Ordinances #2013-06 and 2013-07.

The County Attorney read the titles of Ordinance #2013-06 and 2013-07. Mr. McLain stated for the record that both ordinances deal with Precision Southeast, and the company's expansion in the County is contingent on the County's approval of the ordinances as well as formal approval of State incentives by the Department of Commerce.

The County Attorney opened the floor to the public for questions. Mr. Naeem McFadden asked if the County was going to be more specific in reference to the Minutes, November 12, 2013, Page 2

ordinances. Mr. McLain told Mr. McFadden that he would provide a copy of the ordinances for his review.

Motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Atkinson and carried unanimously, to close the public hearings and reconvene the regular meeting.

The County Attorney stated that second reading for the ordinances listed on the agenda as follows was ready: A. Third Reading of Ordinance #2013-06 An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a New Joint County Industrial and Business Park Agreement or An Amendment to An Existing Park Agreement to Include Certain Property of Project Sandman Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, and to Provide for the Documentation of Such Agreement, the Expenses of the Park, the Percentage of Revenue Application, and the Distribution of Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; and other Matters Related Thereto. B. Third Reading of Ordinance #2013-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and between Marion County, South Carolina and Project Sandman Providing for a Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes and/or Infrastructure Credits and other Matters Related Thereto.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda; Third Reading of Ordinance #2013-06 An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a New Joint County Industrial and Business Park Agreement or An Amendment to An Existing Park Agreement to Include Certain Property of Project Sandman Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, and to Provide for the Documentation of Such Agreement, the Expenses of the Park, the Percentage of Revenue Application, and the Distribution of Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; and other Matters Related Thereto was ready: Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve third reading of Ordinance #2013-06.

The County Attorney told Council that item B. on the agenda; Third Reading of Ordinance #2013-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and between Marion County, South Carolina and Project Sandman Providing for a Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes and/or Infrastructure Credits and other Matters Related Thereto was ready: Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously, to approve third reading of Ordinance #2013-07.

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

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

The Administrator provided Council the bids for the Seller Town Hall. Mr. Harper told Council that there were three bids. They are as follows: J.W. Hardee  
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Construction \$288,000, Patrick Brady Construction \$274,000 and Wilks Robinson Construction \$255,000. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the bid to Wilks Robinson Construction. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator provided Council the bids for the Sellers Resource Center. Mr. Harper stated that in addition to the Capital Sales Tax Sellers has also received a CDBG for this project. Mr. Harper told Council that there were five bids. They are as follows: Barmack Contracting \$192,500, Carolina Construction \$210,000, Carraway Construction \$230,240, J.W. Hardee Construction \$208,000 and Welch Construction \$211,630. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the bid to Barmack Contracting. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator provided Council the bids in reference to trucks to haul rocks. Mr. Harper told Council that there were two bids. They are as follows: Heritage Hauling \$80.00 per hour and Greens Trucking \$78.50 per hour. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the bid to Greens Trucking. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that Mr. Eddie Joe Altman has been recognized by the South Carolina Plumbing, Gas, and Mechanical as the Inspector of the Year for 2013. The members of Council thanked Mr. Altman for a job well done.

The Administrator updated Council on the New Administration Building. Mr. Harper told Council that the changes to the plans would be submitted to Moseley Architects to complete the final drawings.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the Grice's Recreation pool has been completed. He also stated that the work on the courthouse and the parking lot is moving along. Mr. Harper told Council that the Sellers projects have been approved. He also stated that the City of Mullins is moving along with their projects.

The Administrator told Council that the UNCF Campaign is requesting the County's support this year. He stated in the pass few years the County has contributed \$1,500 to the UNCF. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to sponsor the UNCF Campaign in the amount of \$1,500.

The Administrator presented to Council information from the SCAC in reference to the Board of Directors Scholarship Program. This program awards four \$2,500 scholarships on an annual basis to graduating high school seniors who are residents of counties chosen by lot by the association. Mr. Harper stated that Marion County was selected in the draw; one scholarship will be awarded to a Marion County student.

The Administrator updated Council on the new Harbor Freight expansion located in the Tri-County Industrial Park. Mr. Harper told Council that 250 people are expected to be hired. He stated that the EDA Grant for the Harbor Freight project has been approved.

The Administrator told Council that the Fall City/County Clean-up will be held on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 until 12:00 noon.

The Administrator asked Council's approval to follow the State Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday's. They are as follows: Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator passed out a flyer from the City of Marion recognizing November and December as 30 days to visit Marion. Mr. Harper also passed out copies of information regarding a Business Jump Start program. Mr. Harper stated that the program is open to unemployed adults, career changers and existing micro-businesses.

The Administrator reminded Council about that flu shots that will be administered today at the Administration Building. Mr. Harper told Council that the last diversity training will be held on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at the Milton Troy Senior Hall in Mullins, South Carolina.

The Administrator asked Council's approval to submit an Economic Development Grant application for Precision Southeast, Inc. pending ratification of their Coordinating Council JDC approval. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Troy wanted to thank the Veteran Affairs office and staff for a job well done. He also thanked his fellow Veterans for their services. Mr. Floyd suggest writing a news article recognizing and thanking the Veterans for what they have done.

Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, and carried unanimously, to adopt a resolution recognizing Mr. Jim Huggins for serving on the Soil and Water Conservation Board for 40 years.

Motion was made by Shaw, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for economic development, contractual and a legal matter.

(Councilman Jenkins entered the meeting.)

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Vice Chairman Collins stated that no action was taken during executive session called for economic development, contractual and legal matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by, Mr. Jenkins seconded by Mr. Shaw, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:13 A.M.

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