

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

6:00 PM

CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
VICE-CHAIR	RON MUNNERLYN
ADMINISTRATOR	JIM HAYNES
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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, opened the meeting by announcing the death of Councilman Jason Steen's father, Johnny Steen, who had died earlier that morning due to a massive heart attack. She asked that all remember the family in their thoughts and prayers.

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 10, 2013

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2013 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 719 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO FEE AMOUNTS, FOR SAID FEE AMOUNTS TO BE SET AS PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF SUCH FEES AS PART OF THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 719 – An Ordinance Amending the County Code to Remove References to Fee Amounts, for Said Fee Amounts to be Set as Part of the Annual Budget and to Provide for an Annual Review of Such Fees as Part of the County Budget Process. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #720 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND LANCASTER COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – FIRST READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, advised Council that this Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park with Lancaster County was done some time ago and that state law now requires counties to be contiguous in order to have joint industrial parks and the attorneys for both counties had worked out the proper termination.

Mr. Harry R. Easterling, Jr., County Attorney, also stated that this was being done at the request of Lancaster County.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 720 – An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve the Termination of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park, by and Between Marlboro County and Lancaster County; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 721 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY FOR A SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE CENTER – FIRST READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was an Ordinance to renew the lease of property in Wallace for the solid waste convenience center. She stated that she was certain that this solid waste convenience center had limited illegal dumping.

Mr. Harry R. Easterling, Jr., mentioned that this lease renewal was for the Blenheim Solid Waste Convenience Center rather than the Wallace Solid Waste Convenience Center.

Dr. Prince agreed and stated that for some reason she was thinking Wallace, but in fact knew that it was for the Blenheim site and thanked Attorney Easterling for bringing that to her attention.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 721 – An Ordinance to provide for the renewal of the lease of certain property by the County for a Solid Waste Convenience Center. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER AND ADDITIONAL BILL FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RENOVATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,379.00 FOR OVERRUNS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, and asked that he brief Council on this item.

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that this Change Order and additional bill resulted partially from new lights being installed throughout the new renovated area. He stated that the contractor had intended to use the old lights but that they were in bad condition and discolored. Mr. Haynes felt that new lights should be purchased and installed for the appearance of the building. The other costs were for overruns to get things finished up that maybe had not been considered earlier.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Change Order and additional bill for Administration Building Renovations in the total amount of \$9,379.00 for overruns. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER # 2 FOR SEWER TO SERVE MAPLE STREET PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,300.00

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, and asked that he brief Council on this item.

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that this change order #2 reflects the extra work that was being done for the sewer service to the Boro property. He reported that this Change Order # 2 in the amount of \$7,300.00, if approved by Council, would complete this project.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to approve Change Order # 2 for sewer to serve Maple Street Property in the amount of \$7,300.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Council Districts are as follows:

- District 1 – Jason Steen
- District 2 – Willie Gladden
- District 3 – Ron Munnerlyn
- District 4 – Corrie Plato
- District 5 – Dr. Carolyn Prince
- District 6 – Ken Allen
- District 7 – Steve Blackmon
- District 8 – Anthony Woods

Trinity Behavioral Care Board

District 8 Jaretta Kinney New Appointment

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the appointments as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – JIM HAYNES, INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR

Recognition of Employees – Employees recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of September: Ray Kelly (11 years); Hosea Lemon (6 years); Sandra Liner (11 years); and Lee McQueen (13 years).

Expenditure & Revenue – The County expenditure and revenue report for the month ending September, 2013 was distributed to County members. Expenditures were at 26%, while Revenues were at 12%.

MRR Lawsuit - The MRR landfill case has been appealed to the South Carolina Supreme Court, just as expected.

Affordable Healthcare Act – This act became effective October 1, 2013. A small part of this act could affect the County with regard to part-time employees. Part-time employees who have been working 30 hours per week have been cut back to 25 hours a week so that we can avoid creating problems with our budget in having to cover them by our insurance plan if they exceed the limited hours. Also, the effects of the Federal shutdown have only

affected one of the grant programs so far which is an equipment grant for the Sheriff's office which is not like a personnel grant. This will continue to be monitored.

Open Enrollment for Health Insurance – During the month of October, the County will have open enrollment for employees to make changes to their insurance coverage to become effective 1/1/2014.

Administration Parking Lot Walls – As requested by the County Transportation Committee, we have had an engineer from Pee Dee COG to review and provide a couple of proposals for new walls. A few proposed sketches have been provided to Council along with an estimate of around \$400,000.00 to complete this project. This project is going to cost the County much more than anticipated and I would suggest that we wait and see just how the County Transportation Committee will propose to help us with this project.

Animal Control Ordinance – In reviewing the existing animal control Ordinances, it appears that we are not currently acting in accordance with the current Ordinances due to some internal changes. With Council's approval, Mr. Haynes stated that he would get with Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., County Attorney, to draft a new Animal Control Ordinance in order with the actual procedures currently in place.

Road Priority List – Provided to Council is a Road Priority List which has been typed up in an excel document. This list can be sorted in a number of ways, including by rank, name or surface. This list is about five years old and we consider it pretty current as the status of roads does not generally change much.

Drug Free Marlboro County Grant – Marlboro County has been awarded the Federal grant for Drug Free Marlboro County in the amount of \$125,000.00 per year which was obtained through the Interagency Council with the County acting as Fiscal Agent. This notification was received right before the government shut-down. No funds are expected to be drawn until January or February of next year.

Administration Building Landscaping and Back Roof Replacement - Prices are being gathered for landscaping, as well as for drying in the roof at the rear of the Administration Building. A price was obtained from Nunnery Roofing in the range of around \$50,000.00 to dry the roof in rather than to have a total replacement of the roof. We would have to bid this project out but we are working on getting estimates so that Council will know what we are up against as far as costs.

Veteran's Day Drop-In – A drop-in for all Veterans is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Family Life Center on Main Street herein Bennettsville. This event has been planned by the Marlboro County Department of Veterans Affairs.

Employee Christmas Dinner – The second annual Employee Christmas Dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Berea Center on Highway 38

South. Details will be provided later but we would ask that you go ahead and mark your calendars.

Dinner with School Board Members – The dinner with the School Board members will be tomorrow night, October 9th at 6:00 p.m. here at the Economic Development Partnership building. The meal will be provided by Sandy Ocean BBQ.

U.S. Waste to Host Turkey Give Away – U.S. Waste will sponsor a Turkey give away on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Marlboro County High School parking lot as they did last year. Council is invited to assist in giving out the turkeys.

Mr. Haynes asked if there were any questions with regard to his report.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn asked what needed to be done in order to send out bids for the Administration Building rear roof. Mr. Haynes responded that he just needed to be told to go forward and needed to have specifications drawn up on exactly what the bids should reflect. Mr. Munnerlyn inquired about the roof of the Recreation office. Mr. Haynes reported that the roof was dry right now but did not know what tomorrow may hold.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if the \$50,000.00 estimate provided by Nunnery included tie ends of electrical and water lines. Mr. Haynes reported that if the area is “dried in” we think we would have turned all water lines off generally.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that by drying the roof in that the County would save a lot of money and by doing that the employees at Trinity Behavioral Care could remain in their current location and not need to be relocated.

Dr. Prince stated that the three-tier parking is very expensive and questioned if the area could be filled up so as to have one parking area created as an option. Mr. Haynes stated that this was definitely an option but the engineer stated that the area was very steep. Mr. Haynes suggested that we determine how and what the County Transportation Committee would assist in this project before we move on this. He stated that the parking area would be certainly valuable to the City of Bennettsville.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

No citizens signed up to speak.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Willie Gladden – Stated that there was a recreation meeting scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of this month and he suggested that all Council members attend if possible so that they could be involved with suggestions being made by that group.

Mr. Gladden stated that he would like to have a float for the Council in the Christmas parade and asked that this be followed up on.

Mr. Gladden stated that he was real close to the Councilman Jason Steen and is thinking of the family during the loss of his father. He asked that Ms. Patricia Bundy, Clerk to Council, call him and notify other Council members as well of the funeral arrangements once they have been made.

Mr. Ken Allen - No comments.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – No comments.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn – Stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, for taking care of the Rotary Club meeting today. He stated that he was in charge of the program but was notified late of a meeting that he needed to attend so he asked Mr. Haynes to discuss the many things that Marlboro County has accomplished over the last few years as far as renovations and new buildings. He stated that many things had been accomplished since the bond money was received in 2007, such as a new Library, Sheriff and Magistrate's office, vault expansion within the Clerk of Court's office, renovations to the current Tax Assessor's office, Economic Development office, and now the Administration offices. He reported that he called Mr. Haynes with short notice and put him in the "hot seat" and Mr. Haynes took care of it and it was much appreciated. It is always good when we can let Marlboro County know the good things that have been accomplished with their tax money.

Mr. Jason Steen – Absent from meeting.

Ms. Corrie Plato – No comments.

Mr. Anthony Woods – No comments.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair – Thanked Mr. Ron King and Ms. JoAnne Jones Evans for all of their hard work with the Industry Appreciation Day. She reported that all had a good time, especially the boat ride down portions of the Pee Dee River provided for by Councilman Jason Steen. She asked that Mr. King please share her thanks and appreciation for all the hard work to Ms. Evans.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

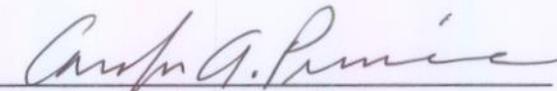
No further discussion was heard.

ADJOURN

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

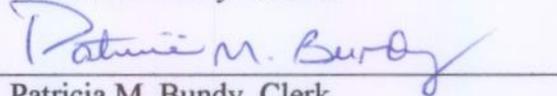
The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

(SEAL)



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: November 12, 2013