

July 9, 2013

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 9:00 A.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; 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 Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 27, 2013; and budget workshops held on June 6, and 13, 2013.

Chairperson Smith requested the members of Council and Mr. Frank Jones to come forward for the presentation of a resolution. On behalf of Council the County Attorney read the resolution. Chairperson Smith thanked Mr. Jones for his lifelong achievements and dedication to the community.

The County Attorney stated that third reading for the ordinance listed on the agenda as follows was ready: A. Third Reading of Ordinance #2013-05 An Ordinance Confirming the Inclusion of Certain Property of Angus-Palm LLC in a Joint County Industrial and Business Park with Florence County; Providing for an Extension Thereof; and Addressing Other Matters Related Thereto was ready:

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda; Third Reading of Ordinance #2013-05 An Ordinance Confirming the Inclusion of Certain Property of Angus-Palm LLC in a Joint County Industrial and Business Park with Florence County; Providing for an Extension Thereof; and Addressing Other Matters Related Thereto was ready: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and carried unanimously, to approve third reading of Ordinance #2013-05.

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

Chairperson Smith stated that Committee #1 has a request pending. She stated that this said request will be tabled until further notice.

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

The County Administrator updated Council on the New County Administration Building. Mr. Harper presented to Council two conceptual options for the New Administration Building.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that a pre-bid conference regarding the courthouse renovations will be held on Wednesday, July 10th. He stated that renovations to Grice's Recreation Center should begin soon. Mr. Harper told Council that the first day of Family Court ran smooth at the administration building.

The Administrator presented to Council the recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Committee. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Floyd, to accept the recommendations of the committee. Mr. Troy had a few questions in reference to the committee's minutes in regards to the reasons for disqualifying organizations. He stated that some were legit however; not all of them were. He stated that one of the organizations was disqualified due to the limited attraction of tourist. He asked what did that mean. The committee viewed the impact on tourism would be to narrow. He asked what did that mean. Mr. Troy stated that he see underline motives. He stated in reference to the Palmetto Heritage Music Festival that the committee veered from what they should be doing. He went on to say that the alumni group did not request funding; it was the Palmetto Heritage Music Festival. Mr. Troy read the reason why Ms. Diane Davis Lewis abstained from the discussion on the Palmetto Heritage Music Festival. Ms. Lewis statement stated that due to the disrespectful and threatening treatment given to her at last years County Council Meeting by Councilman Milton Troy. Mr. Troy stated that he was curious of what she was talking about. Mr. Troy stated that if he made a statement that the Accommodation Tax Committee apparently did not do their job by reading all the information and, if that was disrespectful than I was disrespectful, but the information was there. He went on to say that the Palmetto Heritage Music Festival is being singled out not just because of Milton Troy, but for other reasons. He stated for that Minutes, July 9, 2013, Page 3

reason the Accommodations Tax Committee did not do their job in accordance with the instructions. Mr. Troy stated that there are more than four members on the committee. He told Chairperson Smith that Council needed to address the Accommodations Tax Committee to delete those individuals that are not meeting, and to let the respected Council members reappoint new members. Mr. Troy stated that they are not doing what Council appointed them to do. He stated that they have aligned themselves for personal reasons to make decisions. Mr. Atkinson stated that the County has a policy that states if an appointee missed three consecutive meetings they would be replaced. Mr. Harper told Council that the Accommodations Tax Committee meets once a year. He stated that there are seven members on the Accommodations Tax Committee. Chairperson Smith called for the vote, while five members (Mr. Shaw, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Collins, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Floyd) voted in favor of the motion. (Mr. Troy) voted against the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that the County's contract with Ash Britt Construction has expired. He stated that Ash Britt is the County's contractor that removes the debris in case there is a disaster situation. He stated that Ash Britt was the only bidder. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval to continue the contract with Ash Britt Construction. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Vice Chairman Collins, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator provided Council a copy of the response from Paws to the Rescue in reference to the end of the year reports. Mr. Harper stated that Ms. Nall only sent a portion of what was requested. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to refer this said matter to Committee #2. Motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously. Chairperson Smith stated that until the County receives a financial report from Paws to the Rescue funding should be withheld. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator passed out an invitation from Mayor Bobby L. Davis to the 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Council meeting ages 62 & up on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

The Administrator told Council that the Sheriff has submitted a request for Mutual Aid Agreements between the following Counties: Darlington, Dillon, Florence, and Horry, the City of Marion, City of Mullins, and the Town of Nichols. Mr. Harper stated that this will allow the Sheriff's Department to work in conjunction with these agencies in the case of need. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to appoint Mr. Johnny Floyd to the Pee Dee Regional Council of Government Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

Chairperson Smith thanked Pee Dee Electric for their support to Marion County. Chairperson Smith recognized Mr. Rodney Berry.

Motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for an economic development matter.

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

The County Attorney asked Council's approval contingent upon project Liam's approval. He asked that the County move forward and purchase the spec building that is currently built and owned by Pee Dee Electricom, partial utilizing the funds in a capital project account that would be used with the construction of the New County Administration Building. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:23 A.M.

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Elista H. Smith, Chairperson

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Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman

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John Q. Atkinson, Jr.

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Allen W. Floyd

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Simon Jenkins, Chaplain

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Thomas E. Shaw

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