

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

“CALLED MEETING”

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

11:00 AM

CHAIRMAN

Dr. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RON MUNNERLYN
PATRICIA BUNDY
ANDREW F. McLEOD

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.
DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
VERD ODOM,
ANTHONY WOODS

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* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Jackie Hough, Herald-Advocate, Mr. Doug Carabo, Marlboro County Public Services Director, and Attorney Steve Weber of Parker-Poe Law Firm.

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Ms. Jackie Hough and Mr. Dan McNeil of the Herald Advocate; posted on the front door of the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building; and on the county's website (www.marlbtorocounty.sc.gov).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Discussion of a contractual matter pursuant to Section 30-4-70 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina)

Motion made at 11:08 am by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual matter pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made at 11:29 am by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to leave executive session and return to open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, advised that no votes were taken and no decisions were made during the executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION, IF ANY, AS MAY BE REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to summarize the item of new business without providing too many details.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as everyone knew, the current residential trash contractor, J. Davis Enterprise, which is also known as US Waste and Palmetto have operated under a three year agreement which was approved in January, 2017. He stated since that time there have been numerous problems and complaints received from citizens. He stated staff and legal counsel has recommended to County Council that legal action be taken against the company for failure to collect on a regular schedule, failure to have adequate personnel and equipment and has not resolved customer complaints in an appropriate manner. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Marlboro County and its citizens have incurred costs related to the alternative means of solid waste disposal, complaint resolution and other related matters. He stated the action which County Council has taken today would seek to recover these costs through the legal process.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that he concurred and stated that all members of Council had received complaints. He stated he agreed with the recommendation of the administrator that we move forward with legal action being taken.

Mr. Steve Blackmon stated he agreed with Mr. Anthony Woods.

Mr. Jason stated he did not feel that Council had any other choice but to take legal action. He stated that staff and members of Council had been dealing with this for a long time. He stated in the last few weeks, it has been three weeks or longer before folks' trash has been picked up. He stated when folks call the office no one would answer the telephone. He agreed that action should be taken.

Ms. Corrie Plato stated she also agreed.

Mr. Verd Odom agreed and stated that the company had been providing poor service. He stated that although some folks had paid in advance, they were not receiving the services for which they have paid. He stated that it has been two to three weeks and sometimes longer before cans are emptied.

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Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to authorize staff and legal counsel to move forward with appropriate legal action to resolve this issue and to release a statement to media and to also place a statement on the County's Facebook page. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

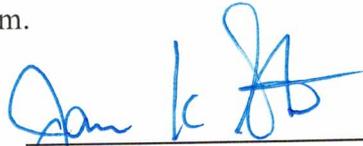
NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

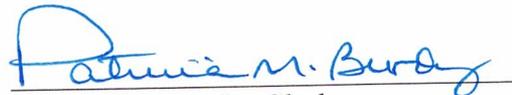
ADJOURN

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, she adjourned the meeting at 11:34 am.

(SEAL)


Jason K. Steen, Chair Vice Chairmen
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:


Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: January 14, 2020