

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RON MUNNERLYN
PATRICIA BUNDY
ANDREW McLEOD

COUNCIL:

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

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

* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Jackie Hough of the Herald-Advocate, Ms. Doris Sumpter, Marlboro County Administrative Services Director; Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director; Ms. Kaye Liner, Accounting Supervisor; and Mr. Doug Carabo, Marlboro County Public Services Director.

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 781 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FRANCHISING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES IN MARLBORO COUNTY

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Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Ordinance would provide rules and procedures and assurances for companies operating ambulance and transport services in the county. He stated that other counties throughout the state have these types of standards and procedures in place as protection to ensure that all companies are operating under the same provisions. He stated that the final version would also include standards for first responders as well.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 1, 2019 – “Called” Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no recommended changes.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the “called” Council meeting minutes from April 1, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Verd Odom, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Willie Gladden, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Jason Steen, Ms. Corrie Plato and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. (he was not present at the April 1, 2019 meeting) Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no recommended changes.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from April 9, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 782 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the proposed budget was discussed during the work session held earlier in the afternoon and he provided an update.

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the county's proposed budget was for \$11,581,866 compared to last year's budget of \$11,370,000. He stated there were some unavoidable cost changes for next year that included an increase in employer's portion of health insurance in the amount of \$225,000; an increase in vehicle and property liability insurance of \$25,000; watercraft software which is required under unfunded state mandates of \$15,000; state mandated retirement contributions of \$50,000; and new vehicles needed for the Sheriff's Department which will cost approximately \$200,000.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff had made some cost reductions that related to efficiency gains, process improvement and absorbed positions which have saved the county \$100,000 which was included in the budget.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that revenues for the upcoming year have stayed the same.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the 2019-20 budget has more than a \$600,000 deficit. He stated that in the past two years, council approved budgets with deficits of \$300,000 - \$350,000 and the monies were taken out of reserves. He stated that taking \$600,000-\$650,000 out of reserves was just not acceptable.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that with input from Council staff would sharpen their pencils and tighten up the budget prior to final reading in June.

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Munnerlyn and the Finance staff for all of their hard work on the budget. She stated that a lot of man hours had been spent in getting numbers pulled together and she knew that the work would continue.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 782 – an Ordinance to Adopt the Annual Budget and to Make Appropriations for Marlboro County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 783 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2020-2024 – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this plan was a wish list that was passed every year along with the budget. He stated that there would be some changes since staff has found a new method to lease purchase some vehicles which appears to be working for other counties. He stated that staff would have a proposal from the Sheriff's office to approve replacing about 10-15 old vehicles with a lease purchase plan and more information would be provided prior to third reading.

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Chair Prince thanked staff and the Sheriff's Office for continuing to diligently search for ways to try and save money for the county and she stated that she appreciated their efforts.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 783 – an Ordinance to Approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the Period of FY 2020-2024. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 784 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PURCHASING POLICIES OF MARLBORO COUNTY – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance. She stated that she understood that the county's current purchasing policies were old and needed updating.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that ten years have gone by since the purchasing policies and procedures had been reviewed in detail and stated that Mr. Doug Carabo had taken the lead to review our current policies and procedures and had obtained a copy of the model purchasing and procedures which were recommended by the SC Association of Counties. He stated that Mr. Carabo had used the model form and had made some suggested changes that might work well for us. He stated that the local preference would be kept to provide for a discount for local vendors. He stated that staff needed to revise the policies and procedures specifically as to bids and prices. He also stated that right now purchases in the amount of \$10,000 or more required approval in writing which could take up to 60-90 days and staff has suggested that the amount be increased to \$25,000 which would be more in line with the way other counties are handling theirs.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 784 – an Ordinance Establishing Purchasing Policies of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 785 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there had been some discussion between the School Board Superintendent and the County regarding the current agreement in place for two School

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Resource Officers. He stated that the School Board Superintendent has asked that the county share more of the costs for additional School Resource Officers. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff has worked with the Sheriff to reduce some of the costs for new vehicles for the School Resource Officers which would save some money.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff would work out an amount per officer and the Sheriff, since he was an elected official, could decide whether he would like to add more officers to the contract or not. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he advised the School Superintendent that the contract should be for a five year period. He stated that the reason is that the current contract has one or two officers but if the new contract calls for five, six or seven and the contract is cancelled, the Sheriff's office would have to let the School Resource Officers go and he did not want to hire folks for a year or so and then have to let them go.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he met with the School Superintendent on Friday afternoon and he thought that the Superintendent understood the county's position and what could be done in order to provide more School Resource Officers.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the school district could receive grants for funding a School Resource Officer program. Mr. Munnerlyn explained to the School Superintendent that any grant funds received could be provided to the county to off-set the amount owed to the county for the school's portion of their costs.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he suggested that the first reading of Ordinance # 785 in title only be approved and stated that a draft of the agreement would be provided for review by Council prior to second reading.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 785 – an Ordinance Authorizing Marlboro County to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between Marlboro County School District and the Marlboro County Sheriff's Department and Marlboro County for the School Resource Officer Program. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 05-19-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND MARLBORO COUNTY

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was a standard agreement which Council approves every year with the State of South Carolina to help us and also allows us to help them for emergency and disaster response/recovery. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in order to help one another there must be a legal document in place.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve Resolution # 05-19-01 – a Resolution Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the State of South Carolina and Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 05-19-02 – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WAIVING THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 166 INDUSTRIAL LANE, BENNETTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MARLBORO COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was a document about which staff and members of Council had many questions. He stated that the company in the old ACC Building at the Industrial Park called Probitas, has had a couple of public hearings where applications had been made for loans from JEDA. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the company has had to meet many requirements but the county has always had the right to repurchase the property where the building is located. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he spoke with Attorney Sam Moses about concerns in signing the proposed Resolution and the cost to repurchase the property would be somewhere around \$2 million. Attorney Moses has recommended that Council approve this Resolution.

Chair Prince stated that she agreed and stated that she did feel that the County should buy something that it could not afford.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 05-19-02 – A Resolution in Support of Waiving the Right to Purchase Property Located at 166 Industrial Lane, Bennettsville, South Carolina, in the Marlboro County Industrial Park. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR. SAM BASS TO THE PEE DEE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that Council had received a letter from Ms. Joette Dukes, the Director of the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board, requesting that Mr. Sam Bass be reappointed to the Workforce Development Board for an additional three year term.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Sam Bass to the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board for an additional three-year term. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. RON MUNNERLYN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, for his reports.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that expenses for the month of May were in line and where he thought the county should be at this time of the year and that revenues were on track as well as expected for this time of the year.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of April: Ainsley Moore (6 years); Teresa Burgess (17 years); Brian Oxendine (6 years); Arthur Hamer (21 years); Sheriff Charles Lemon (12 years); and Sharon Thomas (14 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. The 52nd Annual SC Association of Counties Conference has been scheduled for August 3 – 7, 2019 at the Hilton Head Marriott with classes for the Institute of Government being available on August 3 – 4th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Arris Job Fair-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he was pleased to announce that Arris had scheduled a job fair for Saturday, May 18th from 10 am to 2 pm at their location on Highway 9 south in Clio, known as the former Baldor plant. He stated that the company would be hiring all positions and would offer competitive wages and benefits. He also stated that the factory would be heated and air conditioned!

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2nd Annual Countywide Cleanup Event –

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this event was held on Saturday, May 4th and was another great success! He stated there were many events held on Saturday but approximately 600 folks participated that staff could account for, with some folks doing cleanup on Friday. He thanked everyone that participated in the event and the County staff for their hard work in organizing the event.

Solid Waste Collection Community Meetings –

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff would be scheduling community meetings to allow folks to review options for solid waste collection and to provide their input. He stated that there will be some changes in the upcoming year due to the contract with the existing vendor expiring soon and members of Council would appreciate citizens' input prior to any decision being made.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that one citizen had signed up to address Council.

Kristen Miller - stated that she wanted to take a minute to thank members of Council for allowing her to work with them for the past five year on the Literacy Team to video the council meetings. She stated that the opportunity had made a big impact upon her. She stated that tonight's meeting was her last working meeting and that she would be leaving to attend the Living Arts College, in Raleigh, in the fall.

Chair Prince, on behalf of Marlboro County Council, thanked Ms. Miller for her dedicated service over the past five years in assisting the Literacy Team with videoing the council meetings and wished her well in her future endeavors. Chair Prince presented Ms. Miller with a small token of appreciation from Marlboro County Council for her services.

Chair Prince stated that there was one other team member graduating but he was not present at the meeting. She stated that his name was Mr. Phillip Purvis and that she would be sure that he received his gift.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – thanked Ms. Kristen Miller for her service over the past years. He addressed the Literacy Team members assisting with the videoing of the meeting and encouraged them to talk to members of Council about any questions they may have. He thanked all of them for their time and service.

Ms. Corrie Plato – thanked Ms. Kristen Miller for her time over the years and stated that she did a great job. She stated that she hoped Ms. Miller would continue to do well and prosper in all of her future endeavors.

Ms. Plato addressed Sheriff Lemon who was present at the council meeting and stated that she had heard that folks saw a couple of alligators in Bennettsville lately. She asked if that was true and Sheriff Lemon confirmed that a 10 foot long alligator had been found in Wallace at someone's door steps and one on West Main Street. He stated that the Department of Natural Resources had taken care of them.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – No comments.

Mr. Jason Steen – thanked Ms. Miller for her service of five years and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

Mr. Steen stated that he and Councilman Verd Odom had talked about the roads in the county and stated that he saw that the SC Department of Transportation were paving Level Green Church Road. He stated that Old Wire Road has approximately 11,000 vehicles that travel on it each day and Level Green Church Road has about 100 cars that travel on it per day. He stated that he felt that the SC Department of Transportation should be making efforts to repair the roads that were traveled by thousands every day instead of paving secondary roads where just a few folks live and travel. He stated that there were roads in the county that needed repairing to include Adamsville Road, Old Wire Road and others. He

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stated these numbers were provided by the Highway Department. He stated that he hoped that some answers would be provided as to why this was happening.

Mr. Willie Gladden – thanked Sheriff Lemon and his staff for working on getting a program to reduce the costs for new cars for their department.

Mr. Gladden also wished Ms. Kristen Miller the best.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – thanked Ms. Kristen Miller for her time and wished her good luck. He asked her to please come back to visit Council.

Mr. Verd Odom – thanked Ms. Kristen Miller for her work over the last five years and wished her good luck in the future.

Mr. Odom mentioned Highway 381 and stated that the owners of the pond and folks from SC Department of Transportation were talking and felt that they were getting close to having the problems and hoped that paving would begin soon. He stated that approximately 1,600 vehicles travel on Highway 381 per day. He stated that the SC Department of Transportation was also paving a bridge in the county that only has 125 vehicles travel on it per day.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – thanked the County Administrator and Finance Department for all of the hard work on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. She asked the Clerk to Council to please pool members of Council when they would be ready to schedule another budget work session.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

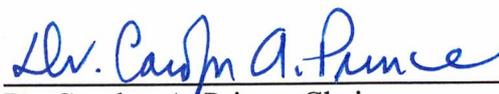
There were no non-agenda items.

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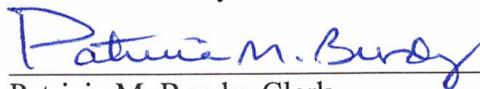
Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, she adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: June 11, 2019