MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013 6:00 PM

CHAIR  DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
VICE-CHAIR  RON MUNNERLYN
ADMINISTRATOR  JIM HAYNES
COUNTY ATTORNEY  HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:
JASON STEEN,
RON MUNNERLYN,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND
WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
KEN ALLEN,
ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

ADD PROCLAMATION DECLARING THAT MARLBORO COUNTY WILL OBSERVE WORLD AIDS DAY ON DECEMBER 1, 2013 AND EACH YEAR FORWARD. ADD AS ITEM D UNDER NEW BUSINESS.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the agenda with item added as Item D under New Business. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

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 THEREO
Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this Ordinance was being considered at the request of Lancaster County due to a new law that requires that counties be contiguous in order to have properties in industrial parks.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, addressed the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this Ordinance would approve the renewal of an existing lease of property located in Blenheim where the Solid Waste Convenience Center is located.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, addressed the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 8, 2013

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Anthony Woods, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Ken Allen, and Dr. Carolyn Prince. Abstain: Mr. Jason Steen (Mr. Jason Steen was absent from the October 8, 2013 meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion Carried.

OLD 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 – SECOND READING

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second 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 – SECOND READING
INVOCATION – Dr. Carolyn Prince

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

No items were added.

Motion made Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

RALI MARLBORO – Mr. Pat Rogers presented members of RALI Marlboro Board members to council. He stated that RALI stood for Rural Area Leadership Initiative and was founded in 2008. Mr. Rogers stated that the purpose of RALI was to cultivate leadership and development in rural areas. They chose as their first project Recreation Development in which they are dedicated to improving the quality of life for citizens. He stated they are not a recreational group, they are trying to facilitate change. He advised their board members went through a year long training program through Francis Marion College.
Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve Proclamation Declaring that Marlboro County will observe World AIDS Day on December 1, 2013. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

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 October were as follows: Lori Davis-Moses (10 years); John Grooms (13 years); Christina Hagan (7 years); Garry Harrington (8 years); Jessica Jones (10 years); Kathea Pegues (6 years); Jamie Seales (6 years); Patricia Starnes (16 years); and Earl Hood (26 years).

Expenditure & Revenue – The County expenditure and revenue report for the month ending October, 2013 was distributed to County members. Expenditures were 34% at $3,212,952.93 while Revenues were 17% or $1,629,942.70. These figures should begin to change rapidly in the next few months as the tax bills for the year have been mailed.

Marlboro County Humane Society Lawsuit – The Marlboro County Humane Society has been named as a Defendant in a lawsuit brought by Josh Goins who was bitten by a dog while performing duties on behalf of Marlboro County as an Inmate. Needless to say, the County may very well be involved since it occurred on county property and because the inmate was in the County’s custody at the time of the incident. We have not yet been named as a party to this lawsuit but we have notified our liability carrier of this lawsuit and will wait and see what happens next.

Sign for the Administrative Office Building – Met with company representative/brick mason who constructed the brick structures along some of the highway entrances to the County with the idea of constructing a similar structure and sign for the Administration building and received a quote of $4,160.00 to construct a brick structure very much like the ones we see along the most of the entrances to the County.

Re-rooﬁng of Back of Administrative Building – We have obtained a total of six proposals from three roofers for the re-rooﬁng of the back of the Administrative Building which consists of two from Dach Enterprises, two from R. W. Nunnery Roofing, and two from Robin Rosser. The bid from Rosser suggests a pitch roof with metal covering. I am having Mr. D. T. Turner review these and we are not in a position to make any recommendations but will review more closely and make recommendations to Council at a later time with bids. We are receiving a great amount of pressure from various officials for
space, one of which is Probate Judge Mark Heath which sent a letter to each of you requesting storage space.

**Planning Commission Meeting** – There is a Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, November 14th here in the Council Chambers and it is very important that we have a quorum present to take care of some road name changes and tower requests for which the County has been paid substantial funds. According to our information, the commission has not had a quorum present for a meeting since March 19, 2012 and there are many issues pending that really need attention. I am requesting that each Council member contact the Planning Commission member in your district to stress the importance of having a quorum present at this meeting. A list of the commission members with contact information is attached to this report for Council’s use.

**Brightsville Outdoor Trails Project** – We received notification from SC Department of Parks and Recreation that our Outdoor Trails Project was not selected for funding from the 2013/2014 Recreational Trails Program.

**NACo Membership** – Marlboro County became a member in October so Council members should be receiving newsletters and information from them.

**Probate Judge’s Office to be Closed on December 11th and 12th** – Probate Judge Mark Heath advised that his office will be closed on December 11th and 12th for training on the new code per the Supreme Court’s instructions.

**Metrocast Airing Schedule of Taped Council Meetings** – Mr. Don Patterson has confirmed with Metrocast that the taped Council meetings are aired on the third and fourth Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. on Channel 97.

**Metrocast Rate Changes** – Rate Changes will go into effect in January, 2014. These rate changes have been included with this report.

**Second Annual Holiday Turkey Give Away** – The second annual Holiday Turkey Give Away is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2013 in the parking lot of the Marlboro County High School beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until all turkeys are gone. This event is sponsored by Piggly Wiggly, Scotties Discount Drugs, USA Waste & Recycling and Marlboro County Council. Councilman Willie Gladden and other council members have been very active in planning and implementing this event.

**Christmas Festivities** – In addition to the second annual Employee Christmas Dinner which is scheduled for December 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Berea Center on Highway 38, there will also be a County Employee Christmas Drop-in held at the Administration Building offices on Wednesday, December 18th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Also, the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership office will have their Holiday Drop In on Monday, December 16th from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please mark these dates and make every effort to attend.
RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN’S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that guests had signed up to make comments and recognized them:

LORI HESLEWOOD – thanked Council for allowing her to come and speak on behalf of AMI Kids Infinity. She stated that she simply wanted to share information and share her appreciation for all the support that Marlboro County has shown to them as well as the service that Council provides to the citizens of Marlboro County. She stated that AMI Kids partners with the School District and has just began their 10th year here in Marlboro County. She stated that AMI Kids Infinity is a national non-profit organization out of Tampa, Florida, that has a vision to serve children and families. She stated that they help in meeting challenges and differences of children and families that just need a hand and push in the right direction.

Ms. Heslewood recognized Councilman Willie Gladden for his service on their volunteer Board of Trustees and stated that she appreciated his efforts and involvement. She then recognized two of her students which have participated in AMI Kids Infinity:

JAKERIUS POUNCY – stated that he was very thankful for being able to speak of what AMI Kids has done for him. He stated that he was sent to AMI for having a knife on a High School campus. He stated that AMI Kids always puts kids first. He mentioned a student that attended AMI Kids last year whose family had financial problems, among others, and that a group of adults from AMI Kids got together and gathered canned goods, toiletries and money to help this family. He stated that while he was at AMI Kids at first he played around but that his counselors talked with him and helped him realize that he needed to focus on his school work and the important things. He described his life as if while driving a car in a large new place like Paris and being so involved in looking around and viewing all the things that you fail to pay attention to your driving and you hit another car. He stated it was a real wake-up call and his now on the right path. He stated that he was 16 when he was sent to AMI and 18 now and felt that he was a man. He thanked AMI Kids for all they do for the children.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, thanked Mr. Pouncy for coming forward and sharing his story.

BRENDON PADGETT - stated that he was from Orangeburg, South Carolina, and served 3 ½ years of his sentence in Columbia. He has been at Camp Bennettsville/AMI Kids now for three months and stated that Marlboro County was a strong community. He stated that he has been inspired and gotten involved in many projects. He stated that is studying to major in Human Resources and hopes to receive a minor in Business Management. He stated that he is now focused for the first time. He stated that his life has changed since he has been serving his sentence and this experience has made him a much better person.
JEROME PLATT – stated that he was there on behalf of Camp Bennettsville/AMI Kids Bennettsville. He gave Council a brochure of information about which lists some of the services provided to the children that attend AMI Kids Bennettsville. He stated that AMI Kids Bennettsville currently partners with Sheriff’s Department and Marlboro County High School and the local Civic Center. He stated that the kids are always out in the community being involved in many activities. He stated that the children that attend AMI Kids Bennettsville go to school just like any other child but are at their facility on the weekends. He encouraged all of Council and the public to visit their facility to see the wonderful things that are taking place.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated to Mr. Platt that they are doing a good job with the program through various donations.

PATRICIA BROUGHTON – stated that she was representing Berea Association HIV/AIDS Coalition and thanked Council for approving the Proclamation designating December 1, 2013 as World AIDS Day so as to teach awareness and prevention of this dreaded disease, HIV/AIDS. She asked that all in the community come together on December 1, 2013 and recognize that we have a lot to do in spreading awareness about this dreaded disease. She stated that there was a lot of misconception about this disease. She again thanked Council for signing the Proclamation.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – stated that things are moving along at the Clio Park and stated that they were awaiting the dug outs for the fields. He asked that the dug outs not be done at this time and consider having this done in the Spring since they would not be used anyway this time of the year. He stated that he wanted to continue to monitor his funds and make sure that his district had enough funds for the things they needed done. He reported that concession stands and the gym and swings have been implemented but stated they did not want to overspend.

Mr. Woods also mentioned the death of Ms. Peggy Johnson and stated that she was the Treasurer for the Parks and Recreation and she would certainly be missed. He stated that Clio wanted to do something in her memory and would get some ideas together on this.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, also stated that Ms. Peggy Johnson was on the Library Board and would the community would have a big void due to her passing.

Ms. Corrie Plato – stated that one person had complained to her about dogs being walked in the fishing area at the Lake. She stated that some of these dogs are rough and citizens who are fishing at the lake worry about this. She stated that she advised the person that she would bring this up to Council to see what could be done.

Mr. Jason Steen – thanked everyone for the cards, calls and visits during the loss of his father last month. He stated that all of the acts were greatly appreciated.
Mr. Ron Munnerlyn - no comments.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – no comments.

Mr. Ken Allen – no comments.

Mr. Willie Gladden – stated that AMI Kids would have an Administration Day on December 12, 2013 and that all local legislators would be invited to attend. He stated that Mr. Vincent Sheheen from Columbia would be invited, as well as Congressman Tom Rice and Senator Lindsay Graham. He stated that it did not matter if a person was a Democrat or Republican but that this was a time for all to come together and support this folks. He stated that County, Council and School Board members would be involved as well and welcomed all to come out and support this event. He also stated that there would be food provided.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – Asked that all council members please contact the person in their district on the Planning Commission meeting and ask them to attend the meeting which is scheduled for Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. It is very important that they have a quorum present at this meeting.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

(SEAL)

Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: December 10, 2013