

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

“CALLED MEETING”

WILLIAM P. WALLACE, SR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN	JASON STEEN	
VICE-CHAIR	WILLIE GLADDEN	
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
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* Absent

Others Present: Mr. Ron Munneryn was present at the meeting but not in his capacity of Council member, but as an applicant for the County Administrator's position.

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Lynn McQueen 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.marlbocounty.sc.gov).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL – OPEN POSITIONS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that members discussed recently the position of Administrator and had agreed to talk and interview Mr. Ron Munneryn for the position. Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions.

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Ms. Corrie Plato asked how many applicants had applied for the position of Administrator. Chairman Steen stated that there were a total of five applications but only three of the candidates met the required qualifications.

Ms. Plato asked if any of the other applicants had been interviewed and Chairman Steen stated that none had been interviewed.

Chairman Steen stated that Mr. Harry R. Easterling, Jr., the county attorney, shared the law with the members of Council and it is clear that Council can interview all of them or none of them. He stated that Council could hire someone that did not even apply if they wished to do so. He stated that it was up to Council and they could hire whomever they wished.

Ms. Plato stated that if there were three applicants that met the required qualifications, should they not be interviewed? She stated that even if Council is considering one applicant, shouldn't they at least consider the other two and give them an opportunity to be interviewed?

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that one of the applicants was from Greenville and the other was from out of state and Council would need to pay them for their time and travel expenses to come and be interviewed.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that Council had the funds to pay these applicants to come for an interview and that was not an issue.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that Council knew who they were considering for the position but that he felt that others should be interviewed in case the applicant in question decides he does not want the position.

Mr. Steve Blackmon stated that today Council needed to determine the salary. He stated that if the county could meet the salary requirements, then the matter could be ended.

Mr. Ken Allen stated that if Council had a specific applicant in mind, would it really be fair to have the other applicants come from out of town/state for an interview if they really stood no chance of being offered the position? Mr. Allen stated that members of Council knew the applicant which would be interviewed tonight. He stated that if you interview and hire someone that you really do not know, you never really know what you are going to get.

Mr. Allen asked if the applicant being interviewed today would be offered both jobs, the position of Economic Development Director and the position of Marlboro County Administrator. Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that the applicant would need to answer that question. She stated that a committee may even have to be created to negotiate salary.

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Chairman Steen stated that he had asked Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator, earlier for salary ranges for Administrators in surrounding counties. The salary information provided was as follows: Marion County \$92,700; Darlington County \$80,000; Dillon County \$100,000; and Chesterfield County \$120,000. Chairman Steen stated that this is a ballpark idea of where we may be in a salary range for an Administrator.

Discussion was had as to whether or not a county vehicle could be provided. Mr. Willie Gladden stated that the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership had provided Mr. Ron King with a car so that a vehicle was available.

Discussion was had as to whether or not to offer a contract and what the term may be. The members of Council discussed the pros and cons of offering a contract to the Administrator.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that it was necessary that Council keep some flexibility with the salary in case the need for a full time Economic Director came about.

Mr. Ken Allen stated that Economic Development is tool that is greatly needed but that it was a costly tool. He stated that you do not get out of it what you put into it.

Chairman Steen suggested that Council go into executive session and asked that Mr. Ron Munnerlyn join them..

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

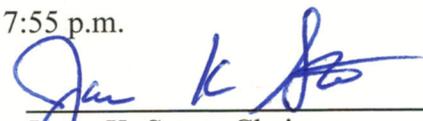
After approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes in executive session, a motion was made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to leave executive session and return to open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

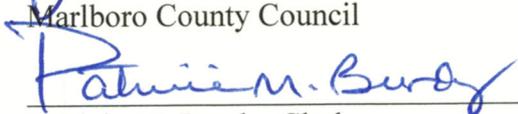
Chairman Steen stated that no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:55 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council


Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: August 9, 2016