

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY
RON MUNNERLYN
PATRICIA BUNDY
VACANT

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: Jacqueline Hough of the Marlboro Herald-Advocate, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Ms. Jacqueline Hough and Mr. Dan McNiel of the Marlboro 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. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 770 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, opened the Public Hearing and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on Ordinance # 770.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that since the budget work session, staff had been hard at work trying to get the best possible budget. He stated that staff continued to try to cut costs and improve efficiency. He mentioned notable cost increases for next year which included Delinquent Tax costs of \$45,000; an increase in the worker's compensation insurance premium of \$40,000; as well as the state mandated retirement contribution which was estimated at \$50,000. He stated that these increases were included in the proposed budget.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff also had some requests from staff which included two School Resource Officers at a cost of \$120,000 (which would be reimbursed by the School District); vehicles, service body truck and "low boy" trailer for a cost of \$110,000; a new payroll system software package which was estimated at \$36,000; a 2% cost-of-living and/or merit based increase for employees estimated at \$135,000; as well as a 401(k) match for county employees estimated at \$25,000. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that these budget requests were also included in the proposed budget.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff continues to work to reduce costs by efficiency gains and miscellaneous reductions such as mowing crews/equipment. He stated that reductions totaling \$350,000 were made last year.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the proposed budget would require a millage adjustment of 0.83 to recover unfunded state mandate for the additional retirement contributions required by state which are estimated to be \$50,000. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that a two and a half mil increase was discussed during the budget work session but staff had worked really hard to avoid imposing such an increase on taxpayers. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the proposed budget would only require use of reserve funds in the amount of \$320,150.

Mr. Munnerlyn then stated that the county has a separate tax mil for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and stated that there have been issues with EMS due to the hospital's closing. He says that these services have been provided by Marlboro County Rescue Squad and since the closing of the hospital, Marlboro Rescue has been handling transports other than emergency to try to make ends meet. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he felt that these non-emergency transports were causing a lag in response times and spikes in calls that take a longer time to transport. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that it simply takes more money with the transports being in other towns due to our hospital closing and that adjustments needed to be made. He stated that the EMS budget for the upcoming year is \$1.1 million which is \$400,000 more than the current year's budget which would require a 7 mil tax increase. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that these funds could only be used for EMS and nothing else and would not be considered a part of the general fund. He stated that the task force continues to work to ensure that changes are made to require that reports are made in a timely fashion by Marlboro Rescue on how the funds are managed. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this tax mil increase would allow the county to pay more for EMS services to Marlboro Rescue and they would in turn cease transport services which would eliminate delays in their response times. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that by increasing this EMS millage, the county would also have the funds in place should the county ever decide to handle the EMS as a county department.

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he would be happy to answer any questions that members of Council may have.

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Munnerlyn for his and staff's work on the budget.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council. There were none. The Public Hearing regarding Ordinance # 770 was closed.

ORDINANCE # 771 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2019-2023

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, opened the Public Hearing and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on Ordinance # 771.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Capital Improvement Plan provided was a plan only that is not funded and was prepared as it had been in the past.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council. There were none. The Public Hearing regarding Ordinance # 771 was closed.

ORDINANCE # 772 – AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR THE POSSESSION, SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK TO BONA FIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE LICENSED FOR CONSUMPTION-ON-PREMISES SALES TO ALLOW THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT PERMITTED OFF-PREMISES LOCATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DAYS OR HOURS OF SALE

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that if this Ordinance was approved for third reading, the question would be on the General Election ballot for citizens to vote upon.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council. There were none. The Public Hearing regarding Ordinance # 772 was closed.

ORDINANCE # 773 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND FLAKEBOARD AMERICA LIMITED TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS OF FEES-IN-LIEU OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Ordinance # 773 provided for a tax incentive agreement to allow Flakeboard America Limited to expand its existing plant. He stated that no announcement had been made on this yet but that staff was very excited to extend these incentives to company that continues to invest and grow in our county.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council. There were none. The Public Hearing regarding Ordinance # 773 was closed.

ORDINANCE # 774 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PALMETTO BRICK, TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; (2) THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTY TO BE OWNED OR OPERATED BY PALMETTO BRICK IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Ordinance also dealt with an expansion of an existing industry. He stated that Palmetto Brick is a company that has been in business since 1917 and they are in the process of expanding their plant. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he is excited about this expansion and that no public announcement had been made yet but would be made soon.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council. There were none. The Public Hearing regarding Ordinance # 774 was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 8, 2018 – Regular Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Council meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 29, 2018 – Budget Work Session

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2018 Budget Work Session as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 29, 2018 – Called Council Meeting

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Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of May 29, 2018 Called Council meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 770 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was the third and final reading for this Ordinance and that Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, had gone over the details of the proposed budget during the Public Hearing.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Jason Steen thanked staff for sharpening their pencils and stretching every tax dollar to prepare the budget for the upcoming year. He stated that everyone understands how important EMS is to the citizens in the county. He stated that it takes money to provide the services that every citizen deserves and that is what staff and Council are trying to do. He stated that staff has worked hard with accounting for every dollar in the budget and he appreciated their efforts.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 770 – an Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 771 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2019-2023 – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was the third and final reading to approve the Capital Improvement Plan and that Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, had made comments during the Public Hearing which was held earlier.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 771 – an Ordinance to Approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the Period of FY 2019-2023. Vote in favor. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE # 772 – AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR THE POSSESSION, SALE

AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK TO BONA FIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE LICENSED FOR CONSUMPTION-ON-PREMISES SALES TO ALLOW THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT PERMITTED OFF-PREMISES LOCATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DAYS OR HOURS OF SALE – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was the third and final reading of this Ordinance.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 772 – an Ordinance ordering a referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption-on-premises sales to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 773 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND FLAKEBOARD AMERICA LIMITED TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS OF FEES-IN-LIEU OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this Ordinance dealt with an expansion of an existing industry and that comments were made during the Public Hearing.

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

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 773 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Flakeboard America Limited to Provide for Payments of Fees-in-Lieu of Taxes; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits; and Other Related Matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 774 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PALMETTO BRICK, TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; (2) THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTY TO BE OWNED OR OPERATED BY PALMETTO BRICK IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – THIRD READING

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Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that she found it interesting to hear that this business has been in operation since the early 1900s.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that Palmetto Brick was the oldest company in the county. Chair Prince agreed and stated that council was happy to provide the additional tax incentives to them to expand their existing plant.

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

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 774 – an Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Palmetto Brick, to Provide for Special Source Revenue Credits; (2) the Inclusion of Property to be Owned or Operated by Palmetto Brick in a Joint County Industrial Park; and (3) Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 06-18-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY TO THE S.C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR THE FY 2018 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG) AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was a Resolution which would authorize staff to submit an application to the SC Emergency Management office for the FY 2018 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant which is applied for each year.

Chair Prince asked if there was a match to this grant and Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he was unsure but that it was the same grant that is applied for each year and the funds would be used for Emergency management.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 06-18-01 – a Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application by Marlboro County to the S.C. Emergency Management Office for the FY 2018 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) and Authorization to Accept Grant if Awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 06-18-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARLBORO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD PROVIDING PARAMEDIC LEVEL EMERGENCY SERVICE AND TRANSFER SERVICE THOROUGHOUT MARLBORO COUNTY

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was a very important Resolution that comes after much thought and cooperating of all parties to provide medical services and transport services to the citizens of Marlboro County. She stated that Mr. Munnerlyn stated earlier losing the local hospital has put a strain on Marlboro Rescue who currently handles the emergency and transfer services for our county. Chair Prince stated that there were significant changes to the agreement but that the citizens will not notice any difference in the services other than response times should be shorter.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that the contract with Marlboro Rescue had been in place for a number of years.

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 06-18-02 – a Resolution Authorizing Marlboro County to Renew the Agreement with the Marlboro County Rescue Squad Providing Paramedic Level Emergency Service and Transfer Service throughout Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous.

OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

MACADAM BASE “CRUSHER-RUN”

Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, stated that staff had advertised requesting bids for crusher run that would be used to maintain current roads that have crusher run on them. He stated that staff would be working towards looking at cheaper options such as slag for the future as it is about half the price of crusher run but wanted to go ahead and get enough crusher run to maintain the roads that currently have that down already. He stated that one bid was received from Furr Grading & Paving for 2,375 tons for a price of \$50,000 and staff recommended that this bid be accepted.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. to accept the bid from Furr Grading & Paving for a total of 2,375 tons for a payment of \$50,000. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments made.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director.

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, stated that expenditures were approximately 6.5% under budget for this point in the fiscal year. She stated that revenues and expenses continue to trend consistently for this fiscal year as they have in prior years.

Ms. Moore stated that according to the SC Association of Counties, the Local Government Fund would be funded at the same level as last year at \$222,619,411. She stated that both the House and the Senate funded the same 1% PEBA employer retirement credit that they funded last year. She stated that counties will still be required to increase their employer contribution 1% for FY 18-19 as mandated, therefore when more employees are hired or increases are given, it does not equal a full 1% credit to the County.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Jason Steen asked if Ms. Moore had a total amount of funds that were unfunded by the Local government Fund to date. Ms. Moore stated that she did have the information and that she would pull it together and get it to him for review. Mr. Steen stated that he thought that it would be a good idea to let citizens know how much the county has lost due to the Local Government Fund not being funded as it should have been.

Chair Prince stated that due to the Local Government Fund not being properly funded, results in higher taxes to the county residents. She stated that due to the lack of proper funding by of the Local Government Fund affects services which the County provides to the citizens. She stated that if the Local Government Fund was properly funded, the County would be in a position to provide more services and essentials to the residents.

Chair Prince thanked Ms. Moore and her Finance Department for the work to produce a budget for the upcoming year. She stated that the budget puts the County in pretty good shape and that this was the first year that that the County has used less than \$500,000 in reserve funds. She stated that she knew that staff had worked really hard but that hard work pays off and she appreciated the staff's efforts.

Chair Prince stated that before she recognized Mr. Munnerlyn for his Administrator's Report, she wanted to call attention to the letter that was placed at each Council members' desks. She stated the agreement for exchange services which the County has had with the City for a number of years which calls for the City to provide fire service for county residents within the five mile radius of the city has not yet been signed by the City. She stated that County Council adopted the agreement back in May and immediately forwarded it to the City but no action has been taken on the matter. She stated that the letter was hand-delivered to Bennettsville Mayor Heath Harpe, Mr. Max Alderman, City Administrator, and members of City Council. Chair Prince stated that it was very important that the County work with the City Council to get this matter resolved in order to provide the citizens in the county the public safety services they need.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that City Council was meeting tonight at this same time and that staff wanted to get the letter in the hands of the members of City Council so that they would be aware of the lapse in the agreement. He stated that technically the citizens within the five mile radius do not have fire protection and stated that he would hope that the City would respond to a fire if needed but that there was no executed agreement confirming that they will do so. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he would try and work with Mr. Max Alderman in getting the agreement executed but that if further action needs to be taken by County Council, there may be a need to meet to discuss the matter.

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

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated he would like to mention one bit of good news regarding the budget. He stated that the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) credit provides a reduction in taxes to the citizens. He stated that the Treasurer figures out how much the County will receive from sales tax and a percentage of the amount is returned to the taxpayers. He stated that this year it looks like the County may have an extra \$200,000-\$300,000 to give back to the residents in a reduction of their taxes which will help with the EMS rate going up this year.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that his report was as follows:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees are recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of May: Jackie Baldwin (14 years); Keith Bingham (9 years); Cynthia Deaver (7 years); Johnny Fair (13 years); Tonya Harmon (13 years); Pat Odom (12 years); Charles Peterkin (11 years); and Deborah Weldon (18 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tomorrow morning the MC Economic Development Partnership will tour the NETC Vocational Training Center at the old Winn-Dixie Building. The tour will start at 9:00 am and council is welcome to attend.

Retirement Drop-in for Kenneth McLain – Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there would be a retirement drop-in for Mr. Kenneth McLain, Tax Assessor, on Friday, June 22nd from 2 – 4 pm at the Tax Assessor's Office at the Marlboro County Courthouse. He stated that Mr. McLain would be retiring on July 6th.

Retirement Drop-in for Grover McQueen – Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there would also be a retirement drop-in for Mr. Grover McQueen, Director of Human Resources, on Friday, June 29th from 2 – 4 pm at the Economic Development Partnership office. He stated that Mr. McQueen would be retiring on June 29th but would be coming back on a part-time basis.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Baldor Building

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that things were progressing with the Baldor Building prospect. He stated that the company was reviewing incentives and up-fit costs and he anticipated a decision in the next 30 days. He stated that this was an exciting project as it will add more than 100 jobs to our county.

Delta Project

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was moving along with the Delta Project. He stated that he had met with the environmental attorney and consultants and were working on the next steps to begin clean up and redevelopment of the site.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

McColl Police Firing Range

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he, Councilman Verd Odom and Doug Carabo met with McColl Police Chief Billy Stubbs last week regarding a police shooting range McColl currently has which they wish to improve on property adjacent to property Marlboro County owns. Councilman Odom and Chief Stubbs requested that the County move some dirt into banks. He stated that once staff took a more detailed look, it may be that Councilman Odom will request a small portion of the county's land be donated to McColl to "square off" the property. Also, the County will install a gate to the dirt road leading to the property to protect the County's property and the Town of McColl.

Blue's Landing

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Public Works has finished installing "rip-rap" rocks along the sides of the concrete boat ramp at Blue's Landing to help keep mud and dirt from washing onto the ramp when the river is high. Staff plans to next install lighting at the landing in the next 30 days. Mr. Munnerlyn thanked Steve Blackmon for pushing the project. He stated that once staff determined that the County owned the property Public Works moved quickly to begin improvements.

Animal Control/Codes Enforcement Officer

Mr. Munnerlyn welcomed Mr. Donald Hamilton who came on board yesterday as the County's new Codes Enforcement Officer. He stated that Mr. Hamilton, along with Mr. Keith Williams would now be cross trained to handle litter control, animal control and other county codes enforcement issues. Mr. Hamilton was present at the Council meeting.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Munnerlyn for his report.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Chair Prince stated that four citizens had signed up to address Council.

Mal Hyman – a candidate for the 5th Congressional District. Thanked Council for allowing him an opportunity to speak. He stated that he had taught in the public school system for 42 years, and has also taught at Coker College in Hartsville.

He gave a brief overview of his views and asked for support in the upcoming election.

Polly McAlpine – stated that it was long overdue that Marlboro County begin a recycling program. She stated that Hartsville and Laurinburg have successful recycling programs and strongly encouraged Marlboro County do begin one. She stated that the landfill is being filled daily and three-fourths of the stuff could be recycled.

Mr. Pete Robyn – stated that he had provided a hand-out to all members of Council. He stated that he felt that it was very important that our Christian Heritage be taught in our local schools to every student, at every age, every year and in every grade level. He also stated that “In God We Trust” should be displayed at every school.

Ms. Rena Smith – No comments.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Verd Odom – stated that he appreciated again Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, and Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, meeting with the Police Chief and himself in McColl to discuss the firing range.

Mr. Odom stated that the number of folks that came out to vote last week was very disappointing. He stated that only 2,700 out of 17,000 voted. He stated that the weather was not very good but that we as citizens have a responsibility to vote. He stated that Steve Blackmon would be in the run-off election scheduled for June 26th and encouraged all to get out and vote.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – echoed everything that Mr. Verd Odom stated regarding the election. He thanked staff for the work on the budget and stated that a lot of things had been accomplished over the last few years. He stated that he felt that that things were going in down the right road and expected great things in the year ahead.

Mr. Blackmon also thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, and Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, for their help with Blue’s Landing.

Mr. Willie Gladden – stated that the number of folks that voted in last week’s election was bad. He stated that Mr. Steve Blackmon is running in the run-off election. He stated that everyone on Council worked together really well and he wanted things to continue. He stated that sometimes change is needed but that we did not need a change in County Council.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the event scheduled at Brightsville-Adamsville Park on Friday, June 29th beginning around 6:00 pm. He stated that trophies would be provided to the t-ball participants and to the basketball participants and that jump houses would be available for the children. He stated that there would be refreshments for the children as well. Mr. Gladden stated that the firework show would begin around 9 pm and encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy a time of fellowship with family and friends. He stated that the Fire Department would be out there for the kids. He encouraged all to attend.

Mr. Jason Steen – stated that he was disturbed that the City did not agree to sign the exchange agreement which had been in effect for years. He stated that hopefully the agreement would be signed so that we could move forward and have fire protection in place for the citizens outside the city limits. He thanked Dr. Carolyn Prince for taking action in contacting the members of City Council. He stated that public safety was very important to County Council.

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Mr. Steen thanked Sheriff Lemon for his Deputy Chief for attending the Council meeting.

Mr. Steen thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, for all his work and efforts with the budget for the upcoming year. He stated that it would be nice to reduce taxes but that maybe one day that could happen if the Local Government Fund is funded appropriately.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – thanked staff for their work on the budget.

Mr. Midgley welcomed Mr. Donald Hamilton on board as Codes Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Midgley thanked Ms. Polly McAlpine and stated that he was inspired by her efforts to begin a recycling program and all that she does in the community.

Ms. Corrie Plato – stated that she would like to thank staff for all that they do. She thanked Chair Carolyn Prince and Mr. Ron Munnerlyn for their work in trying to get the exchange services agreement executed by the City of Bennettsville. She stated that stumbling blocks always seem to come up but that County Council always overcomes them and comes out victorious.

Ms. Plato says that County Council is made up of hard-working people. She wished Mr. Steve Blackmon the best in his run-off election and stated that she would be pulling for him.

Mr. Anthony Woods – thanked everyone that voted for him.

Mr. Woods thanked Clio Fire Department for allowing him to use the building for an event. He stated that Representative Jackie Hayes and Steve Blackmon was also there. He stated that there were enough Council members there to have a quorum. He appreciated the efforts of the members of County Council to attend his event and stated that it meant a lot to have Council backing him for his re-election. He stated that County Council was a strong unit that worked well together.

Thanked Sheriff Lemon and his side kick, Chief Deputy Steve Weaver, for attending the meeting. He stated that the County had a good Sheriff and thanked them for what they do for the citizens in the County.

Mr. Woods stated that County Council acts as one. He stated that they have their ups and downs but they do what they have to do.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that County Council does have a good team and stated that they set the bar high and work hard to get a lot accomplished. She stated that staff has worked hard to work more efficiently and pass on cost savings with the LOST credit. She stated that there will be some announcements about improvements to existing industries and prospects of new business.

Dr. Prince stated that Northeastern Technical College is on target to open in August and she hoped that would be a great opportunity for the County to grow.

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Dr. Prince stated that Council does not take anything for granted and they work hard and well together for the common good for all.

Dr. Prince thanked members of Council for their confidence in her leadership and thanked the administrative staff and stated that nothing could be accomplished without them.

Dr. Prince reminded everyone to keep check on the pets and the elderly with the heat that we are having.

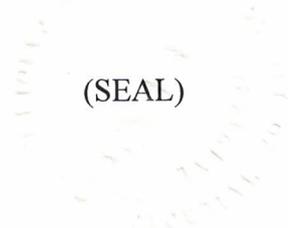
NON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

ADJOURN

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that since there was no other business that the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

(SEAL)


Dr. Carolyn A. Prince
Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Bundy
Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

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