

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

5:30 PM

CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
ADMINISTRATOR	CECIL KIMREY
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

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 685A – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE # 685 TO ALLOW MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE MILLAGE RATE BY RESOLUTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 – 2012 IF NECESSARY DUE TO TAX REVALUATION. – THIRD READING.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 685A – An Ordinance to amend the budget ordinance # 685 to allow Marlboro County Council to change the millage rate by resolution for the fiscal year 2011 – 2012 if necessary due to tax revaluation. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 694 – AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ADVERTISEMENT, POSSESSION, PURCHASE, SALE, OR USE OF “BATH SALTS”, “BATH-SALTS-LIKE SUBSTANCES” AND “SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA” WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MARLBORO COUNTY. – SECOND READING.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 694 – An Ordinance prohibiting the advertisement, possession, purchase, sale, or use of “Bath Salts”, “Bath-Salts-Like Substances”, and “Synthetic Marijuana” within the unincorporated areas of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 650A – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASING POLICIES FOR MARLBORO COUNTY BY AMENDING SECTION 1. IN GENERAL BY ADDING A SECTION FOR THE INCLUSION AND IDENTIFICATION OF MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES. – SECOND READING.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 650A – An Ordinance amending the purchasing policies for Marlboro County by amending section 1. IN GENERAL by adding a section for the inclusion and identification of minority owned businesses. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING – DATES AND LOCATIONS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised the proposed dates for the first strategic planning session were: October 17th – October 20th (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday). The session would begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. He advised food would be provided. Mr. Munnerlyn question which night would be better for all council members. All council members were agreeable to Tuesday, October 18th for the first session. It was agreed the location would be decided upon at a later date with the Partnership Building as a possibility.

REDISTRICTING

Plan 3 maps were made available to council members. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised it contained the changes that were completed after council’s previous work session. Mr. Munnerlyn advised a public hearing would have to be held for input from the citizens. Council members requested a maps with more details (zoom and list of streets) before the next council meeting.

Mr. Munnerlyn advised the first reading would be on the next agenda.

LAKE PAUL WALLACE LEGISLATION

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Council Chairman advised the City of Bennettsville had agreed to send a letter to the Delegation opposing Bill 947. He advised the bill would create a separate government which would control the lake. The bill would also require the City of Bennettsville to purchase water which they in turn would pass the burden off to the citizens. The bill would also require both the City of Bennettsville and County to provide per diem

mileage and staff for operation of the lake. Mr. Willie Gladden stated it was his belief the county should also send a letter to the delegation opposing Bill 947. Mr. Munneryn stated that if the county is forced into this situation, they would have to cut services which they cannot afford. He requested council send a letter to the delegation.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, approving sending a letter to the South Carolina Delegation members for Marlboro County opposing Senate Bill 947 with particulars on the funding burden it would place on the citizens of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISASTER COMMAND POST/HAZARD EQUIPMENT

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the cost for the repairs of the Command Center (\$1,200) and replacement of HAZ MAT suits (\$9,000) would total approximately between \$10,000 - \$11,000. Mr. Roy Allison, E911 Director was present and requested to address council

Mr. Roy Allison advised the HAZ MAT suits and gas monitors were out dated. They were purchased with Homeland Security Funds which are no longer available. He said the suits were only good for two (2) years and had to be replaced. He advised after two (2) years they could still be used for training. Chief Dixon Odom with the Bennettsville Fire Department is the HAZ MAT leader. Normally the County is backup for the City in HAZ MAT situations. Mr. Allison stated the equipment needed updating. The air packs and gloves are fine.

Mr. Allison stated the \$1200 needed for the Command Center is for general maintenance.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked whether the City of Bennettsville HAZ MAT responded to the whole county. Mr. Allison advised they were the First Responders with the County as backup. He advised there was a "Mutual Aide Agreement" in place with the various fire departments.

Mr. Jason Steen stated he would talk with the various Fire Chiefs to find out if they are going to participate and would get input from them.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Council discussed a situation of where members of the Humane Society had placed pictures taken at the Animal Shelter on Face Book with information which put the county in a unfavorable situation. The county had previously pledged funds and land to the Humane Society. Council members were concerned on how the photos had been obtained. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the Humane Society had been actively involved in adopting out animals and had keys to the building. Dr. Carolyn Prince stated she was concerned with the lack of oversight of management of the property. Mr. Kimrey advised he along with Mr. Grover McQueen had been spot checking the property and situation. He advised it was not a perfect situation. Mr. Grover McQueen was present and addressed

council. He said he and the administrator had both been spot checking the shelter. He stated the building was not originally built for an animal shelter. It was over crowded because of not being able to put animals down. He advised there was no room to work with. Mr. McQueen stated a picture could be taken and made to look worse than it really is.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman questioned what the law is concerning the minimum requirements for handling animals. Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., County Attorney stated the county “may” maintain a shelter. They must take in “strays” which are animals where the owners are not identified. The county must also keep dangerous animals under observations.

Mr. Jason Steen stated he had received calls from concerned citizens who had seen the pictures on face book. He suggested the county lease the Animal Shelter to the Humane Society. Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr. stated this was possible, however, the county must go through the Ordinance process.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Council Chairman stated the building was junk. He stated the county needed to prioritize. All council members were in agreement to get lease the Animal Shelter to the Humane Society. It was requested the county administrator change the locks on the building to eliminate access to the building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to enter executive session for discussion of a personnel issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Because of a scheduled Public Committee Meeting concerning Lake Paul Wallace, the Executive Session was put on hold until after the committee meeting..

A Lake Paul Wallace Committee meeting was held with members of the City Council to discuss the issues of Bill 947 as proposed by Senator Gerald Malloy. The meeting was open to the Public.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to reconvene the Council Meeting and to enter back into executive session for discussion of an executive session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised no action had been taken and no votes had been taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PERSONNEL ISSUE

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to freeze all hiring with the exception of the Clerk to Council. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman questioned the county attorney on whether when filling a vacancy and both parties are equally qualified, is it allowable to set a policy for hiring within the county. Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., County Attorney advised he would have to research it.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to authorize the county attorney to research how to legally set a employee policy for hiring within the county. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon authorizing the County Administrator and County Attorney to contact the Humane Society about a possible lease of animal control. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

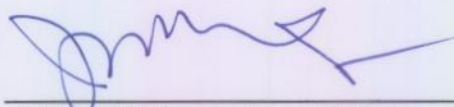
Council requested

ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned

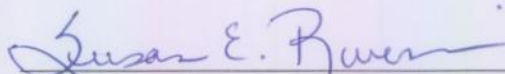
Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

(SEAL)



J. Ronald Munnerlyn, Chairman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Susan E. Rivers, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: October 11, 2011