

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE
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

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations & Election of Chairman

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to nominate Mr. Ron Munnerlyn as Chairman to Council.

No other nominations were made.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to bring the nominations of Chairman to a close and to appoint Mr. Ron Munnerlyn as Chairman by acclamation. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations and Election of Vice-Chair

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to nominate Dr. Carolyn Prince as Vice-Chair to Council.

No other nominations were made.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to bring the nominations for Vice-Chair to a close and to affirm the appointment of Dr. Carolyn Prince as Vice-Chair to Council. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Carolyn Prince recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn as Chairman and he took command of the meeting and Dr. Carolyn Prince was recognized as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of Council but asked Dr. Carolyn Prince, Vice-Chair, if she would be willing to cover the meetings with the SC Association of Counties and other meetings as his schedule did not permit the time for him to be involved in many of these meetings. Dr. Prince agreed to continue to serve and attend future meetings with the SC Association of Counties as Vice-Chair.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 722 – AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked staff to make brief comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that this was an Ordinance to approve the renewal of the existing Franchise Agreement with the existing vendor for residential trash pickup and that most of the terms remain the same and appear to have been satisfactory.

Mr. Munnerlyn addressed the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

ORDINANCE # 723 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR PROJECT JAKE AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORDINANCE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked staff to make brief comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Ron King, Director of Economic Development, stated that Project Jake is a project that will bring service industry to our county. He stated that the company is expected to employ

approximately 25 employees over the next two years with an investment of approximately \$2,000,000.00. He stated that it was a standard low cap project and would be locating in the Wallace area of the county.

Mr. Munneryn addressed the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2013

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2013 as presented. Vote in favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 722 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE – THIRD READING

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, stated that Council had heard from staff on this and that this was simply an Ordinance to renew the existing Franchise Agreement for the collection and disposal of household solid waste.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 722 – an Ordinance to Provide for the Renewal of the Franchise Agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Household Solid Waste. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 723 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR PROJECT JAKE AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORDINANCE – THIRD READING

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, stated that Council had been briefed on this Ordinance and asked if there were any comments or questions. None were heard.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 723 – An Ordinance Providing Economic Incentives for Project Jake and to Authorize County Officials to Take Such Action as Necessary to Effectuate the Purposes of this Ordinance. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF PRICING ESTIMATE AND AGREEMENT WITH GABRIEL ROEDER SMITH & COMPANY FOR GASB-45 UPDATE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, for comments on this contract.

Mr. Haynes stated that there is a rule about annual audits of governmental agencies and this is an actuarial study as to the number of employees that are expected to retire and will be dropping health insurance and things such as this. Mr. Haynes stated that the numbers do not generally change with a county this size and the study is done in three year increments. This study has been provided by the existing vendor which we have used in the past for an annual fee of \$6,820.00 which is \$310.00 more than the prior fee of \$6,510.00. This increase is approximately a 5% increase from last year. Mr. Haynes confirmed that the pricing also assumes an administration fee of \$1,125.00.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Pricing Estimate and Agreement with Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company for GASB-45 update with an annual fee of \$6,820.00, as well as the administration fee of \$1,125.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Council Districts are as follows:

- District 1 – Jason Steen
- District 2 – Willie Gladden
- District 3 – Ron Munnerlyn
- District 4 – Corrie Plato
- District 5 – Dr. Carolyn Prince
- District 6 – Ken Allen
- District 7 – Steve Blackmon
- District 8 – Anthony Woods

No appointments/reappointments 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 December were as follows: Kenneth Allen (15

years); Brooke Freeman (9 years); Mark Heath (12 years); William Parker (6 years); Walter Pratt (14 years); and Roger Roller (39 years).

Expenditure & Revenue – The County expenditure and revenue report for the month ending December, 2013 was distributed to Council members. Expenditures were 48% at \$4,595,428.93 while Revenues were 31% or \$2,963,031.655.

2014 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) Report – Reminded Council members that the 2014 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) Report (Ethics Report) should be filed by all elected officials on or before March 30, 2014. In the past, the deadline to file these forms was April 15th, but the deadline has changed to March 30th. He asked that Council members please keep this in mind and file prior to the deadline date. Instructions for filing this form electronically were provided to Council members and must be filed electronically – no exceptions.

Planning Commission – The Marlboro County Planning Commission met again yesterday and elected officers. This was the second meeting we have had recently and the Commission is beginning to get back up to speed on items of interest to the community. In an effort to make sure that the meetings can successfully occur, the Planning Commission established meeting dates for 2014 as follows...March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8, and November 10.

Grieving Families - Asked that all still remember the families that are grieving due to loss of loved ones. Several deaths have occurred lately with the passing of Mr. Billy Wallace, Ms. Ethel Mae McQueen, Mr. Hollis Palmer, Mr. Jason Steen's uncle, John "Buddy" Williams, and most recently, Mr. James Williams, the step-father of Channing Covington, who works in the Treasurer's office. Asked that all continue to remember these families during the difficult days ahead.

Heat at Courthouse – There have been some serious heating issues in the Courthouse this week. The issues have appeared after the cold snap of last week and don't seem to be related to the cold, but are related to the age of the heating equipment. Specifically, a heating unit or exchanger leak was found to be leaking water in one of the hallways. When staff attempted to isolate the unit by shutting off the water flow through the exchanger, they inadvertently created other leaks throughout the system. The heating contractors have been contacted and have come on site to evaluate our situation. He reminded Council that this is an older boiler type system that has probably received minimal maintenance over the past years.

Kinney Building Demolition - Specifications are being drawn by the COG engineers that will allow us to move forward with the demolition of the recently purchased Kinney property across the street and the creation of a new parking area.

Humane Society Expansion - The Humane Society is beginning to move forward with plans to expand the animal housing and runs at the shelter. This is not an expansion of the building, but will expand the animal holding areas.

SCAC Mid-Year Conference - The 27th Annual Mid Year Conference of the SC Association of Counties will be held in Columbia, South Carolina, on Wednesday February 19. Council members were provided with a copy of the registration information.

Veterans Affairs Office Report - As required by SC Statute 25-11-60, the Veterans Affairs Office has presented a semi-annual report for the six month period ending December 31, 2013. The report indicates that the office assisted with 321 claims while having 253 interviews, consultations, or other contacts. Additionally, the staff attended three days of training in October.

Freedom of Information Requests - a number of Freedom of Information Requests have been received recently that staff wanted to share with Council. These requests have generally come from vendors who seem to be requesting detailed information concerning current practices or existing contracts so that they can offer to our county or others a competing deal. While Council supports open government, it is interesting that our last few requests are related to gathering of information for potential vendors.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that no citizens had signed up to speak.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – stated that the basketball season had began and that they were having good attendance. He stated that they were proud to have girl's teams in all four areas this year, including Wallace, Bennettsville, Clio and Blenheim. The season has started off great with no trouble.

Mr. Woods stated that he had a couple of requests from citizens but that he is working with Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, on these.

Ms. Corrie Plato – stated that a lady came to her house and stated that she had fed a dog one night and woke up the next morning to the dog and nine new puppies. She stated that the Humane Society was called and they were helping the lady with the new additions.

Ms. Plato stated that Ms. Carolyn Garner has stated a complaint about the condition of Pebble Road and asked for help on this. Ms. Garner stated that the road was recently worked on and that big holes were left in the road. Ms. Plato asked that the county help her in any way possible.

Ms. Plato also mentioned that Ms. Sharon Morrison who owns a daycare on McLeod Street is requesting that the County make a donation to the child care center. Ms. Morrison is aware of several unfortunate children that need help. Ms. Morrison is requesting donations of any kind, monetary, canned goods, socks, clothes, or any help of any kind that can be given to her so that these children may be cared for.

Mr. Jason Steen – thanked Mr. Ron King, Director of Economic Development, for assisting with Project Jake in making a move to Marlboro County. Mr. Steen stated that 25 additional jobs and \$2,000,000.00 was a huge investment and he was excited about the company coming to the Wallace area.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that Project Jake came to our county from Chesterfield County and he was happy that the County could offer them a better deal. It benefits the company and the county.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – thanked Council for working with her the past year and stated that Council had a good team. She stated that there were no major events in 2013 but that it was a good year. Dr. Prince stated that she looked forward to working with Mr. Munnerlyn and the other Council members as all move forward in 2014. Dr. Prince also stated that the budget discussions would begin soon and that we should all work hard to benefit all of our citizens.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated that they are hoping to move forward with Blenheim recreation. Mr. Blackmon that Blenheim currently has no recreation but that they are trying to find a location for the recreation area and will be working on getting things started. He stated that he appreciated the help from Council on this.

Mr. Ken Allen – No comments.

Mr. Willie Gladden – stated that he wanted to thank Thomas Memorial Baptist Church and the children's group for donating 20 trees to be planted at the Brightsville Adamsville park. He stated that the church had donated the trees and would also be donating their services in planting the trees. Mr. Gladden stated that the tree planting event was scheduled to begin on January 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. and the church group would be taking care of everything. Mr. Gladden stated that this was great project for the community and appreciated the help and the great job the church group is doing for the county.

Mr. Gladden stated that there were still a lot of problems with water runoff in the county. He stated that Knollwood Acres always gets hit the hardest and that he wanted Council to look at this area again to see if something can be done. He stated that this water problem with Knollwood Acres had been going on for about three years now and it was time to have something done about it. Mr. Gladden stated that it was time to move forward.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn – asked that a work session be held just prior to the next Council meeting and suggested a time of 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. and stated that food would be provided.

All were in agreement. Mr. Munnerlyn asked each Council member to begin thinking about the upcoming budget and come up with a couple of ideas for their specific district as well as a couple of things the entire Council could discuss. He stated that he wanted to get a head start on the budget discussions this year.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he appreciated the confidence of Council in electing him as Chairman and he was proud of the team the Council has. He stated that Council was doing a good job and they all should be proud.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

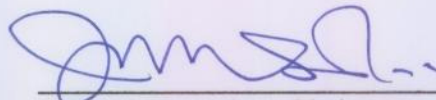
No items were heard.

ADJOURN

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

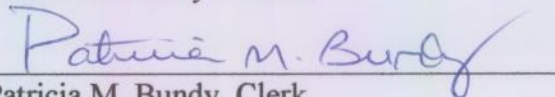
The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

(SEAL)



J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: February 18, 2014