

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

RON MUNNERLYN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR  
CLERK TO COUNCIL  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
COUNCIL:

JIM HAYNES  
PATRICIA M. BUNDY  
HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

JASON STEEN,  
RON MUNNERLYN,  
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,  
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

\* WILLIE GLADDEN,  
CORRIE H. PLATO,  
KEN ALLEN,  
ANTHONY WOODS

\* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Lynn McQueen, Herald-Advocate, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director

A notice of the Public Hearing Notice and Regular Meeting of Marlboro County Council appeared in the February 22, 2015 edition of the HERALD ADVOCATE. 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.marlborecounty.sc.gov](http://www.marlborecounty.sc.gov)).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, opened the meeting by advising that Councilman Jason Steen would not be present at the Council meeting due to the death and funeral of his father-in-law. Chairman Munnerlyn also announced that Councilman Steen and his wife were the proud parents of a baby girl.

Chairman Munnerlyn also reported that Mr. Jim Haynes, our Administrator, lost his father-in-law earlier in the. Chairman Munnerlyn asked that we remember all of these families in our thoughts and prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 733 – AN ORDINANCE TO POSTPONE THE IMPLEMENTATION REVISED VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION PROGRAM (REASSESSMENT)

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that this Ordinance postpones the implementation revised values (reassessment) so as to allow staff to be kept in line with the process which we have been using for some time. This process has been delayed for an additional year for some time in the past and this Ordinance allows us to keep the same schedule.

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this item. There were none.

ORDINANCE # 734 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY FOR A SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE CENTER IN WALLACE, SC

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that this Ordinance provides for the renewal of a lease of a portion of the property owned by Pee Dee Ice & Fuel, Inc. which serves as a convenience center site in Wallace, SC. We are asking that this lease be renewed for an additional three years.

Mr. Munneryn stated that this convenience center had been very successful.

Mr. Ron Munneryn, Chairman, asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this item. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 13, 2015

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 733 – AN ORDINANCE TO POSTPONE THE IMPLEMENTATION REVISED VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION PROGRAM (REASSESSMENT) – THIRD READING



Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that this was the third and final reading on the Ordinance and that Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, had made comments earlier. He asked members of Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 733 - An Ordinance to postpone the implementation revised values resulting from the equalization program (Reassessment). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 734 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY FOR A SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE CENTER IN WALLACE, SC – SECOND READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that this was the second reading on this Ordinance and that Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, had made comments earlier on this. He asked members of Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 734 – An Ordinance to provide for the renewal of the lease of certain property by the county for a solid waste convenience center in Wallace, SC. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 02-15-01 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL HEALTHCARE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that this item was placed on the agenda to confirm council's support to our local hospital and healthcare facilities. He stated that we were all aware that we may lose our local hospital and the impact that the loss would make on the community and economic development would be a large one. He read the proposed Resolution aloud and asked if there were any questions.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she had been invited to a meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to meet with folks of the hospital and that she would be attending this meeting as information only not necessarily as a council member. Other members of Council also stated that they were invited as well.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve Resolution # 02-15-01 – A Resolution Supporting Local Healthcare. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

**Motion made by Chairman Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve the**

**nomination of appointment of Ms. Ashley Taylor to the Library Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that there were boards and commissions for which appointments needed to be made and suggested that Council members review this and consider making nominations. He suggested that staff prepare a list of the current vacancies so that members of Council would be aware.

## REPORTS

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY A. MOORE

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, stated that the expenditures for the month of January were at 56% of the budgeted amount. Revenues this month increased 8% from December, primarily from tax collections. She stated that staff anticipated a large amount of collections for next month, which should level out budgeted versus actual revenues.

Ms. Moore stated that there have been some recent developments in the Local Government Funding legislation. She stated that last week the Ways and Means Subcommittee reported favorably on H.3374, which would permanently change the LGF. She stated that under this new legislation, there would be no increase in the LGF for the next two years. The legislation would call for the LGF to be increased for the FY 17-18 by only 2% maximum, but only increase for the years that the General Fund increases by at least 4%. She also stated that the costs of mandated state services were expected to continue to exceed the minimal LGF increase.

Ms. Moore stated that another bill being considered was H.3429, which would return the LGF to full funding of the current LGF formula over a three-year phase-in period. The bill currently has 40 sponsors, and our newly elected Representative, Ms. Pat Henegan, is one of the supporters.

Ms. Moore asked members of Council if there were any questions. Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned line item #4772 (Other Finance Sources) on the Revenue statement which reflected a receipt of \$250,000.00 and asked what this amount consisted of. Ms. Moore was unsure at the moment but advised Dr. Prince that she would research that line item and get back with her.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Recognition of Employees** - the following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of January: Councilman Steve Blackmon (8 years); Timothy Brown (30 years); Shirley Dunsford (14 years); Councilman Willie Gladden (6 years); Sheriff Fred Knight (10 years); Judge Ronald McDonald (22 years); Grover McQueen (12 years); Councilman Ron Munnerlyn (6 years); Nikki Pruitt (6 years); Melissa Skipper (20 years); Kevin Treadaway (8 years); Councilman Anthony Woods (8 years); Chief Charles Lemon (10 years); Councilwoman Corrie Plato (16 years); Kevin Thomas (26 years); and Billy Cheek (10 years).



**Economic Development Administrative Assistant** – We have a new Administrative Assistant/Industry Coordinator for the Economic Development Partnership Office. Ms. Brandi Ritter began her duties earlier this month.

**Update on Ms. Virginia McCraw** - Ms. Virginia McCraw is now home recuperating from her broken hip, Ms. Virginia's last day as our County Librarian was scheduled to be February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our new Library Director, Ms. Bobbie Jo Grooms, began her duties the first of this month. I am sure that once Ms. Virginia is back up and going, we will try and have her appear before council for recognition for her services to the county.

**Conversations with new House Representative** - I have had some communication and conversations with our new member of House of Representatives, Ms. Pat Henegan, and as I understand she is working hard to get an increase of allocations from the Local Government Fund. We appreciate her efforts and help on this.

**Update on Landfill case** - As all of you know, the US Supreme Court denied the writ of cert on the landfill case. This is another small victory for the county but as we all know, it continues on. We will now wait to find out what the next move will be by MRR and then we will know what the next step of action will be.

**NACo Prescription Discount Cards** - The NACo Prescription Discount Cards have now been displayed at the Marlboro County Courthouse, the Economic Development Partnership office, the Administration office and cards have also been delivered to each pharmacy. We hope that the citizens will take advantage to the savings that may be received with the use of this card.

**Council to Host Dinner Meeting with School Board Members** - Marlboro County Council will be hosting a dinner meeting with the School Board members on Monday, March 9, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Magnolia on Main Café. This will be an informal meeting to discuss working together in order to meet the various needs of our citizens.

**Council to Host Dinner with Bennettsville City Council Members** - We are also attempting to schedule a dinner meeting with the members of Bennettsville City Council and we hope to also schedule this meeting for March. We have forwarded two dates to the City for consideration of March 16 or March 23. Once we hear back from them we will confirm with you.

**Statement of Economic Interests Report Filing** - Just a reminder that it is time to file the 2015 Statement of Economic Interests Report which we refer to as the Ethics form. All elected officials and a few employees must file this form electronically not later than 12:00 noon on March 30, 2015. There will be a late filing penalty of at least \$100.00 after March 30, 2015 at 12:00 noon. I have attached the forms for your review.

**Council Meetings now on YouTube** - Thanks to help from Mr. Don Patterson, Patricia has been able to upload the November, December and January council meetings on YouTube. To view these meetings, you can search for Marlboro County Council and these meetings will come up.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Chairman reported that one citizen, Mr. James Woods Johnson, had signed up to speak before Council but has left the building. No other citizens have signed up to speak.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – No comments.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – No comments.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – No comments.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – No Comments.

**Mr. Ken Allen** – No Comments

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – Stated that he attending the meeting with Congressman Rice which was held at the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library on Monday and there appeared to be a good turnout. Mr. Gladden stated that Congressman Rice reached out to him and asked what our county needs were and stated that he wanted to help us. Mr. Gladden stated that when someone reaches out and asks what they can do to help us, we need to have a list prepared of things that we need help with. He stated that he mentioned the park in the Brightsville area and that he was given a check by the Congressman.

Mr. Gladden also stated that eight months have passed and we still do not have a Veterans Affairs office appointed. He stated that he understood that the applicants had to travel to Hartsville to the Senator's office for an interview and this was just uncalled for. Mr. Gladden also stated that he had met with Roosevelt Wallace and other veterans about getting a vehicle for transporting veterans to their various doctor and hospital appointments. He stated that this was greatly needed and that we needed to take better care of our veterans.

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**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn** – thanked the council members and staff for attending the workshop meeting earlier today and stated that he felt that they had gotten a lot done. He stated that some actions items would follow later on.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

ADJOURN

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

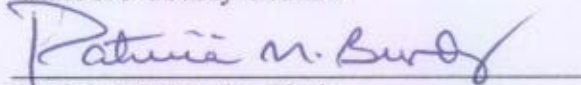
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m..

(SEAL)



J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: March 10, 2015