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April 11, 2017

The Marion County Council held its regular meeting, & public hearing on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. in the Marion County Council Chambers, Administration Building, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Elista H. Smith Vice Chairperson Councilman John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Chaplain Allen W. Floyd, Councilman Thomas E. Shaw and Councilman Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Kent M. Williams, Deputy Administrator; Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney; and Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise and TV13 was present and duly notified.

Absent: Chairman Buddy Collins and Councilman Oscar Foxworth.

Vice Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order and asked Chaplain Allen W. Floyd to lead the Invocation, after which she welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Floyd, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on March 23, 2017.

Councilman Allen W. Floyd stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Chairman Buddy Collins voting in favor of all matters.

Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously, to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing for Ordinance #2017-03.

The County Attorney opened the floor to the public for questions. There were no questions from the public regarding this ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Floyd, and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting.

The County Attorney told Council that item A& B. second and third reading for ordinances listed on the agenda as follows was ready: **A.** Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-02 An Ordinance to Approve a utility easement to Grand Strand Water and Sewer to install a water/sewer line over that certain area of the County's old railroad bed property located between Marion and Mullins which is depicted by that certain Easement Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the same or to ratify his prior execution of the same, and to authorize all other matters related thereto. **B.** Third Reading of Ordinance #2017-03 An Ordinance to Approve a Lease Agreement for the charitable organization A Father's Place to lease the former Environmental Services' office building located at 1301 North Main Street in Marion pursuant to the terms of that certain Lease Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein, to authorize the County Administrator to

execute the same or to ratify his prior execution of the same, and to authorize all other matters related thereto.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda can be removed. Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-02 An Ordinance to Approve a utility easement to Grand Strand Water and Sewer to install a water/sewer line over that certain area of the County's old railroad bed property located between Marion and Mullins which is depicted by that certain Easement Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the same or to ratify his prior execution of the same, and to authorize all other matters related thereto. Mr. McLain stated that the County does not have the necessity to need this ordinance anymore. He stated that Grand Strand was able to handle this said matter.

The County Attorney told Council that item B. on the agenda; Third Reading of Ordinance #2017-03 An Ordinance to Approve a Lease Agreement for the charitable organization A Father's Place to lease the former Environmental Services' office building located at 1301 North Main Street in Marion pursuant to the terms of that certain Lease Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the same or to ratify his prior execution of the same, and to authorize all other matters related thereto. Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve third reading of Ordinance #2017-03.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

Sheriff Brian Wallace appeared before Council requesting to transfer firearms. Sheriff Wallace told Council that he would like to trade in a .308 caliber rifle, Colt Modular Carbine, LE-901 for a more accurate precision weapon and get a Savage 10BA Stealth bolt action rifle. The rifle is a precision fire rifle and will be used by members of the Sheriff's Office Sniper Team. He stated that the Sheriff's Office will be trading with Liberty Guns & Equipment in exchange for a complete rifle system, to include a scope, scope mount, bipod, and sling. Sheriff Wallace told Council that there is no cost to the County. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Floyd; Councilman Troy stated that he had some concerns as to the directions the police departments are going with these military weapons. Councilman Troy voted against the motion. The motion carried. Sheriff Wallace told Council that Sheriff's Deputy Eddie Sawyer started with the Sheriff's Department on August 5, 1997, and retired in January. Sheriff Wallace asked Council's permission to transfer Deputy Eddie Sawyer service weapon out of the County's name to his name as a retirement gift. Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Troy, and carried unanimously. Vice Chairperson Smith thanked Sheriff Wallace for his presentation.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that work will begin soon in reference to the Mullins Fire Station. He stated that work has started on the Saffold building.

The Administrator updated Council on Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Harper told Council that the Palmetto Disaster Recovery Group is taking applications regarding the Federal Funding Housing Assistance. The Long Term Recovery Group has been meeting regarding the unmet needs of the citizens throughout the County. Mr. Harper stated that funds have been directed towards Nichols for disaster relief. He mentioned that the Myrtle Beach Police Department has given them cars.

The Administrator told Council that the County received one bid on CST Project in reference to the Mullins Fire Station. Mr. Harper stated that Patrick Brady Construction bid amount is \$600,000. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the bid to Patrick Brady Construction. Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that the County is eligible for some Hazard Mitigation Funding. The State has designated \$1,000,000 that can be matched to federal funding for hazard mitigation. The funds can be used for generators for the schools etc. Mr. Harper told Council that he has met with FEMA to discuss the canal problems in Sellers and Nichols. Vice Chairperson Smith told Council that Mr. Harper stated that Nichols would be helped regarding the canals. Vice Chairperson Smith asked Mr. Harper to check into this said matter as soon as possible.

The Administrator provided Council a letter from Pee Dee Workforce Development Board requesting the reappointment of Mr. Darrell Jameson who term expires on June 30, 2017. Mr. Jameson has expressed a desire to be reappointed for an additional three-year term. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator provided Council a letter from Trinity Behavioral Care requesting the reappointment of Mr. Joe Powell who has served on the board since 2002 and terms expire on June 30, 2017. Mr. Powell has expressed a desire to be reappointed for an additional three-year term. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Floyd, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator provided Council a Resolution in reference to the State Retirement System expressing concerns over the fiscal impact of H.3726 on small counties of the State of South Carolina. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval to send the resolution to the legislative delegation. Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Troy, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator presented two requests for special assessment as agriculture. They are as follows: Mr. Steven Baxley & Sons LLC Tax Map Number 97-42 a total number of acres 34.58. Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Floyd, and carried unanimously. Bishop Michael & Malinda Blue Tax Map Number 43-8 a total number of acres 28.23. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Troy, and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for economic development matters on project Matthew, Genesis, and Dominator.

Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Vice Chairperson Smith stated that no action was taken during executive session called for economic development matters on project Matthew, Genesis, and Dominator.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Shaw, to adjourn the meeting at approximately: 10:30 A.M.

(absent)
Buddy Collins, Chairman

Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council