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May 25, 2017

The Marion County Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Marion County Council Chambers, Administration Building, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Chairman; 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 was not present and duly notified.

Absent: Councilman Oscar Foxworth.

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order and asked Chaplain Allen W. Floyd to lead the Invocation, after which he welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on May 9, and a budget workshop held on May 17, 2017.

The County Attorney asked the Mullins High School Auctioneers Ladies Varsity Basketball Coach Myron Gerald along with the Auctioneers Ladies Varsity Basketball Team to come forward for the presentation of a resolution. On behalf of Council, the County Attorney read the resolution. The Lady Auctioneers played the state defending Class A State Champions Christ Church Episcopal School Lady Cavaliers in the 2017 State Championship that was held at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Marion County Council does hereby congratulate the Mullins High School Auctioneers Ladies Varsity Basketball Team on their 2017 State Championship title.

The County Attorney asked the Mullins Rec Coach Keith Ford to come forward for the presentation of a resolution. On behalf of Council, the County Attorney read the resolution. The Mullins Rec defeated Bamberg in the South Carolina Athletic Program 10 and under State Championship played on March 11, 2017. Marion County Council does hereby congratulate the Mullins Recreational 10 and under Boys Basketball Team players and their coaches on their 2017 State Championship title.

Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Smith, seconded by Councilman Floyd, and carried unanimously, to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing for Ordinance #2017-04.

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 Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting.

The County Attorney told Council that item A& B. first, second and third reading for ordinances listed on the agenda as follows was ready: **A.** Third Reading of Ordinance #2017-04 An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of a not Exceeding Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$375,000) General Obligation Bond of Marion County, South Carolina, To Prescribe the Purpose for Which the Proceeds of Said Bond Shall be Expended, to provide for the Payment of Said Bond, and Other Matters Relating Thereto; **B.** Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-05 Fiscal Year Budget 2017-2018; **C.** First Reading of Ordinance #2017-06 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in an amount of \$243,607.00 Relating to the Purchase of Certain Vehicles and Rolling Stock for County Purposes, and Payment of Related Costs for Marion County Authorizing the Execution of Other Necessary Documents and Papers, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda; Third Reading of Ordinance #2017-04 An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of a not Exceeding Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$375,000) General Obligation Bond of Marion County, South Carolina, To Prescribe the Purpose for Which the Proceeds of Said Bond Shall be Expended, to provide for the Payment of Said Bond, and Other Matters Relating Thereto was ready: Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Vice Chairperson Smith, and carried unanimously, to approve third reading of Ordinance 2017-04.

The County Attorney told Council that item B. on the agenda; Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-05 Fiscal Year Budget 2017-2018 was ready: Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously, to approve second reading of Ordinance 2017-05.

The County Attorney told Council that item C. on the agenda; First Reading of Ordinance #2017-06 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in an amount of \$243,607.00 Relating to the Purchase of Certain Vehicles and Rolling Stock for County Purposes, and Payment of Related Costs for Marion County Authorizing the Execution of Other Necessary Documents and Papers, and Other Matters Relating Thereto was ready: The County Attorney introduced the title of the ordinance and stated that this constitutes first reading of Ordinance 2017-06.

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

The County Attorney reported to Council that the Governor signed the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) legislation into law on May 19, 2017. The 15-day response time has been reduced to 10 days if the documents requested are two years old or

less and the documents have to be produced on later than 30 calendar days after the response date. If the documents requested are more than two years old, the response time is 20 days, and the documents must be produced no later than 35 calendar days from the response date.

Mrs. Jackie McGill Chairperson of the Marion County Voter Registration Commission appeared before Council to discuss a personnel matter. She requested that this matter is discussed in executive session.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that revenues are coming in higher than projected. He stated there is a possibility the Capital Sales Tax may be able to sunset earlier than the eight years. Mr. Harper told Council that a Capital Sales Tax Committee needs to be formed soon. The Saffold Building and the Mullins Fire Station are the last two projects. The alternate projects are the Recreational Department with the City of Marion and the Training Grounds for the Britton's Neck Fire Department.

The Administrator updated Council on Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Harper told Council that the Palmetto Disaster Recovery Group is continuing to work in regards, to Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Harper told Council that there may be an additional \$1million coming from the Federal Government for additional help for those homeowners who meet the requirements for housing.

The Administrator scheduled a budget workshop for Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

The Administrator asked Council to extend those privileges to the retirees with dependent coverage until January 1, 2018. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Floyd, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Atkinson asked Council to adopt a resolution for Pee Dee Academy Boys Baseball Team for winning the State Championship. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Floyd and carried unanimously.

Councilman Shaw requested that Mr. Harper and Chairman Collins meet with the Fire Chiefs regarding the fire fees. Mr. Harper told Councilman Shaw that the figures shown on that list are the same amounts on the checks that were issued to the fire departments.

Vice Chairperson Smith reported to Council that the Hope Emporium has been working very hard for the victims of Hurricane Matthew. She stated that clothing and food have been distributed to those in need. Vice Chairperson Smith also reported that Hope Emporium assisted eleven young ladies who completed their courses under the leadership of Mrs. Patricia Atkinson.

Councilman Troy stated that he was informed that the recycling center was no longer accepting items for recycling. Mr. Harper stated that he was not aware of this and would check into this said matter.

Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for economic development matters and a personnel matter.

Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Chairman Collins stated that no action was taken during executive session called for economic development matters and a personnel matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Troy, to adjourn the meeting at approximately: 8:28 P.M.

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Buddy Collins, Chairman

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Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council