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July 11, 2017

The Marion County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 9:00 A.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 Oscar Foxworth, Councilman Thomas E. Shaw and Councilman Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were 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: G. Timothy Harper, Administrator.

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 Shaw, seconded by Councilman Troy, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on June 22, 2017.

The County Attorney told Council that item A second reading for ordinances listed on the agenda as follows was ready: **A.** Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-07 An Ordinance of Marion County, South Carolina to Amend An Amended and Restated Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial and Business Park by and Among Marion County, Dillon, County, South Carolina and Marlboro County, South Carolina, So As to Enlarge the Park and Modify the Distribution of Park Revenues in the Event of the Issuance by Dillon County to Certain Special Source Revenue Bonds; and Other Matters Related to the Foregoing.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda; Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-07 An Ordinance of Marion County, South Carolina to Amend An Amended and Restated Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial and Business Park by and Among Marion County, Dillon, County, South Carolina and Marlboro County, South Carolina, So As to Enlarge the Park and Modify the Distribution of Park Revenues in the Event of the Issuance by Dillon County to Certain Special Source Revenue Bonds; and Other Matters Related to the Foregoing. Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously.

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

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

Ms. Katherine Bell appeared before Council to present the Compensation and Classification Study vendor availability presentation dates. Ms. Bell presented to Council the vendor that responded to the proposal. She asked Council to choose a date to hear the presentations. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the presentations for Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Brenda Jackson with Kenneth Cobb & Company appeared before Council to present the Fiscal Year 2016 audit report. Mrs. Jackson thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as their auditor and thanked the staff for their hard work. She directed Council to page 7 and informed them that an unmodified opinion was expressed in the financial statements. Mr. Troy then inquired as to the repeat findings in this year's report and expressed his concerns that these had not been corrected. Each finding was discussed at length and Council expressed their desire to have them corrected. Mr. Williams also addressed the question from Mr. Troy. Mrs. Jackson directed Council to the Statement of Net Position and highlighted key items including the total debt and the net position. She addressed the balance sheet on page 19 and the various fund balances were reported in comparison to the prior year. The general fund had a fund balance of \$1.9 million in comparison to \$2.4 million in the prior year. The general fund showed an excess of expenditures/transfers out over revenues/transfers in of \$572 thousand. The detailed general fund budget to the actual statement was reviewed and key budget variances were noted to explain the deficiency. Mrs. Jackson informed Council that there were two other letters in the report on internal control and compliance on pages 60-64 in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance. Hearing no further questions. Chairman Collins thanked Mrs. Jackson for her presentation.

The Deputy Administrator asked Council to table item 10 bids on rocking roads.

The Deputy Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Williams told Council that the projects are moving forward.

The Deputy Administrator updated Council on Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Williams told Council that the Long Term Recovery Committee will be accepting applications in a few weeks for those victims that were affected by Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Williams mentioned to Council that Mr. Ben Duncan with the Palmetto Disaster Recovery will hold a contractors meeting in Council Chambers on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Councilman Troy brought up several calls he received from the citizens in the Town of Nichols and the outline area of Nichols regarding the drainage problem. He advised the citizens to call a meeting with the Senator, House of Representatives both State and Federal and the County to address these issues.

Councilman Troy reported that the July celebration at the Swamp Fox Amphitheater Complex was good. It was brought to his attention that a female was wearing a Confederate hat in one of the concession stands. He also mentioned that items were

displayed that were not suitable for children. Mr. Troy stated that the County should not sponsor events that celebrate Confederacy.

Councilman Shaw asked about the Road & Bridges Director position. Mr. Williams replied an offer has been made.

Councilman Atkinson asked if the County passed a policy or procedure what control does the County have over elected officials? Mr. McLain replied its mainly budgetary.

Councilman Floyd reported good news from the City of Mullins. He stated that the girls ten (10) and under softball team will participate in the State playoffs. The boys twelve (12) and under baseball team are participating also.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Vice Chairperson Smith, to adjourn the meeting at approximately:: 10:25 A.M.

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Buddy Collins, Chairman

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Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council