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The Marion County Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 27, 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 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 present and duly notified.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on July 11, 2017.

The County Attorney told Council that item A second reading for ordinances listed on the agenda as follows was ready: **A. Third 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; Third 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 was not ready.

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

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

The Administrator passed out bid tabulations in reference to rocking roads. Mr. Harper told Council that bid includes the rocks and transportation. They are as follows: Heritage Hauling Inc. \$17.80/ton, Wake Stone Corporation \$16.90/ton, and Lewis Services \$17.45/ton. Mr. Harper provided a list of roads highlighted in red that would be rocked. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award that bid to Wake Stone Corporation. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that the Town of Sellers has requested a car for their Police Department. The Police Officer had requested the old Mustang that the Sheriff's Department has that has been taken out of service. Mr. Harper stated that he has spoken with the Sheriff and the vehicle needed some repairs. He stated that there is a 2005 Crown Victoria that was used by the Victim's Advocate. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to transfer the ownership of the 2005 Crown Victoria over to the Town of Sellers Police Department. Motion was made by Councilman Foxworth, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council after a discussion with Ms. Katherine Bell regarding the Classification & Compensation Study proposals. He recommended awarding the bid to Management Advisory Group, Inc. in the amount of \$39,845. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator presented to Council a copy of the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board FY 2017 Budget. Mr. Harper told Council that this is a formality and executed by the chairman. Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Smith, seconded by Councilman Troy, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator presented to Council a special assessment as agriculture for Milton Edward Baxley Jr. Tax Map Number 96-76. A total number of acres 28.80. Mr. Harper provided Council a copy of the application requirement/qualifications for special assessment. Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator presented to Council a special assessment as agriculture for Larry Hayes. Tax Map Number 31-113. A total number of acres 5.30. The County Attorney asked Council to table this agriculture assessment until further research. Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Smith, seconded by Councilman, Foxworth, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the projects are moving forward. He stated that the County should know by the end of the year whether to start the alternate projects.

The Administrator updated Council on Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Harper told Council on August 3rd at 2:00 pm Senator Williams has coordinated a meeting with Mr. Ben Duncan with the Palmetto Disaster Recovery to give an update regarding HUD funding. Mr. Harper reported to Council that a Subcontractors meeting will be held on Friday, August 11th from 3:00-5:00 pm. at CD Joyner Auditorium. He also reported that the Disaster Recovery office has moved to 1003 East Godbolt Street.

The Administrator told Council that the County has submitted pre-applications for Hazard Mitigations funds. He stated this includes cleaning out canals and generators for those sites that did not have one during the storm. Councilman Troy stated he has received several calls regarding canals. He stated that one is located on the corner of Main, Canal Street and First Friendship in Nichols. Mr. Harper stated that he would check to see if they were on the list.

The Administrator provided Council information from the NACo Conference in reference to CDBG, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse, Infrastructure Projects etc. Mr. Harper mentioned two new programs that the County will be working on. He mentioned working with the Boy Scouts on proper disposal of American Flags. He stated for rural counties less than \$50,000 a free software program that can be used for building inspections.

The Administrator told Council that the United Fund Banquet will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at WoodHaven. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval to purchase a table for \$300.00. Motion was made by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that County has been receiving several requests regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Mr. Harper stated that the County Attorney will be updating the department heads on the changes to the FOIA on Monday, August 7th at 10:00 am.

The County Attorney told Council that the agriculture tax request from Milton Edward Baxley, Jr. needed to be modified. Mr. McLain stated that the County can go back up to three (3) years for errors that were committed. He read the statute that applies to this type of situation. Mr. McLain asked Council's approval to modify the request approve it for 2017 and also ask for written verification from the applicant as to why they didn't send it in before January 15th for 2016. Motion was amended as stated by Councilman Troy, and seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Troy brought up the canal off of Main Street in Nichols. He stated that it was brought to his attention that animal carcasses are being dumped in the canal. Mr. Harper stated that **no dumping** signs have been posted and the Sheriff has been contacted.

Councilman Shaw brought up the vacant lots located in Centenary. Mr. Harper told Councilman Shaw that he would get Code Enforcement involved in order to get the correct locations.

Councilman Floyd entered the meeting.

Councilman Troy asked Mr. Harper about the list of the long term detainees that are in the Detention Center. Mr. Harper stated there are none over two (2) years. He also asked about the tables that were stolen from the Nichols OutdoorWellness Center. Mr. Harper told Councilman Troy that the County is in the process of applying for PARD money to replace the tables.

Motion was made by Council Floyd, seconded by Councilman Atkinson to adopt a resolution for the Mullins Dixie Youth Majors 12 and under Boys Baseball Team Runners-up in the State. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Shaw brought up Capps Corner Road in Rains. Mr. Harper stated that the County will continue to work the road, however, the County does not own the road, therefore, the County cannot rock or pave the road. Mr. Williams stated that the Marion County Transportation Committee cannot use public funds to rock a private road. After a discussion by members of Council; Councilman Shaw suggested writing a letter to Mr. Leonard regarding this said matter.

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

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

The County Attorney told Council in May they voted to extend a 90-day option on project Matthew. He asked Council's approval to retract their previous grant of that option and terminate that offer. Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Vice Chairperson Smith, seconded by Councilman Floyd, to adjourn the meeting at approximately: 9:24 P.M.

Buddy Collins, Chairman

Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council