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August 8, 2017

The Marion County Council held its regular meeting & public hearing on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. in the Marion County Council Chambers, Administration Building, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Chairman; 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 G. Timothy Harper, 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: Vice Chairperson Smith.

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.

The minutes for the July 27th meeting was not ready.

Motion was made by Councilman Foxworth, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously, to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing for Ordinance #2017-07.

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 Foxworth, 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. third reading for ordinance 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 ready. Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously, to approve third reading of Ordinance #2017-07.

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

The County Attorney told Council after researching the statute regarding the agriculture tax request for Larry Hayes based on the Tax Assessor's plat there are 6.34 acres, which 5.30 acres are being used for timberland. Therefore, Mr. Hayes does qualify under the statute. Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously.

Ms. Brenda Housand and Mr. Carroll Turner appeared before Council to complain about the noise and sewage problem in Victoria's Mobile Home Park. Ms. Housand stated that the sewage is flowing onto her property in a State ditch into Catfish. Chairman Collins told Ms. Housand that DHEC has been contacted regarding this matter. The Administrator told Ms. Housand that the Sheriff would be contacted regarding the noise. Mr. Harper advised Ms. Housand to contact Ms. Lee Plummer with DHEC.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the last two projects are moving forward the Saffold Building and the Mullins Fire Station. Mr. Harper told Council by the end of the month the Saffold Building will be completed. The Mullins Fire Station plans have been completed.

The Administrator updated Council on Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Harper introduced Mr. Bill Crowther with Congressman Rice Office. Mr. Harper reported to Council that \$29.7 million is coming to Marion & Horry County for additional housing. He stated that Horne LLC will be the main contractor. A Subcontractor's meeting will be held on Friday, August 11th from 3:00-5:00 pm. at CD Joyner Auditorium. The applications deadline for Disaster Recovery is November 1, 2017. The goal of the mission complete is October 2019.

The Administrator told Council that the County is in possession of the Old Nichols Library. Mr. Harper asked Council to consider listing the Old Nichols Library with a Realtor. It was the consensus of Council to table this said matter.

The Administrator introduced Mr. Justin Ballew the Horticulturist with Clemson Extension and Mr. Dall Black the Public Works Director.

The Administrator reported to Council that there are two (2) parks that are being worked that are not owned by the County. They are as follows: Columbus Williams Park and the basketball courts in Britton's Neck. Mr. Harper stated that both parks are owned by the school district. Mr. Al Blake has been contacted and will discuss this with the school board about turning them over to the County. Mr. Harper asked Council's permission to move forward with the school district regarding this said

matter. Motion was made by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator welcomed former Councilman Simon Jenkins.

Councilman Troy wanted to know the status on the tables and benches for the Nichols Outdoor Wellness Center. Mr. Harper told Mr. Troy that the County has money in Parks & Recreation to have them replaced.

Councilman Atkinson mentioned that Marion County won the 2017 Honorable Mention J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award for counties with populations under 50,000 at the SCAC's 50th Annual Conference. Council thanked Mr. Jody Martin the Director of the Pee Dee Food Hub for a great job. Mr. Harper stated that a picture of Council and an article will be submitted to the newspaper.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Foxworth, seconded by Councilman Floyd, 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.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, to adjourn the meeting at approximately: 11:45 A.M.

Buddy Collins, Chairman

Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council