

MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
September 7, 2004
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley; Marion Foxworth; Mike Ryan; Howard Barnard; Gene Smith; James Frazier; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Kevin Hardee; and John Boyd.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Lazarus.

OTHERS PRESENT: Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; Paul Whitten; Anne Wright; Janet Carter; and Lisa Bourcier.

In accordance with the FOIA, notices of the meeting were provided to the press stating the time, date, and place of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gilland called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: The Honorable Harold Worley gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Honorable Howard Barnard led in the Pledge.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Scott Higbe spoke regarding cab vouchers at the Myrtle Beach International Airport. He said that one cab company was breaking the rules, taking vouchers from short-term parking, and soliciting business at the Airport. Chairman Gilland suggested that Mr. Higbe relay his concerns to the Airport Advisory Board. She also stated that the issue may be sent to a council committee.

Chairman Gilland closed public input.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Foxworth **moved to add under Old/New Business a discussion on Interconnectivity and Public Safety**, seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith **moved to defer Resolution R-124-04 as requested by the Administrator**, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hardee **moved to add Resolution R-130-04 as requested by the Administrator**, seconded by Mr. Boyd. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gilland **deferred the Presentation on the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study to the next meeting.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS: Mr. Barnard **moved to approve the agenda contents**, seconded by Mr. Boyd. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 17, 2004 Regular Council Meeting and August 26, 2004 Special Council Meeting: Mr. Boyd **moved to approve the minutes as submitted**, seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORIAL DEDICATION OF MEETING: Council adjourned the meeting in memorial of Davis & Althea Heniford; Lorine Hardee Pennywitt; Hester Medlin; Sadie Hunt; Carter Breeze; Joe Owid; and James Blanton.

Announcement of New Police Chief: Mr. Knight introduced Johnny Morgan as the new Horry County Chief of Police. Chief Morgan thanked Council and looked forward to continuing his work on a permanent basis with the Horry County Police Department.

Mr. Worley stated there had been a 20-inch line break in the Little River Water System in which there was a water boil alert for the Little River area. He wanted to remind the residents of this because there was no mention of it in *The Sun News*. Mr. Whitten stated there would be a system in place within the next several months that would notify residents of matters of this nature.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Hardee **moved to approve the consent agenda**, seconded by Mr. Ryan. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- Third reading of **Ordinance 73-04** to approve the request of Berry Coggeshall, BEC2, agents for Longwood Island Investors LLC, Prince Creek West PDD, to amend the official zoning maps.
- Third reading of **Ordinance 75-04** authorizing the administrator to execute amendments to concession and service facility lease agreements with various rental car concessionaires to raise the contract facility charge from \$2 per contract day to \$4 per contract day.
- First reading of **Ordinance 94-04** authorizing the administrator to execute a permanent easement to Michael Goodson across property owned by Horry County at Gunters Lake boat landing.
- First reading of **Ordinance 95-04** authorizing the administrator to execute a lease agreement with the FAA for airport surveillance radar equipment.
- First reading of **Ordinance 96-04** authorizing the administrator to execute a merchandise concession and lease agreement at the Myrtle Beach Int'l Airport,

- First reading of **Ordinance 97-04** authorizing the administrator to execute a food and beverage concession and lease agreement at the Myrtle Beach Int'l Airport.
- First reading of **Ordinance 98-04** amending the zoning ordinance pertaining to tattoo parlors.
- First reading of **Ordinance 99-04** amending the county code pertaining to the storage of junked vehicles.
- First reading of **Ordinance 100-04** to amend portions of the business license ordinance and county code.
- **Resolution R-122-04** proclaiming September 18, 2004 as Multiple Sclerosis 150 Bike Tour Day.
- **Resolution R-125-04** authorizing the administrator to execute documents to convey ownership and title to a surplus ambulance to the Children's Museum.
- **Resolution R-126-04** proclaiming the week of September 12-18, 2004 as National Assisted Living Week.
- **Resolution R-105-04** proclaiming September 27, 2004 as Family Day- A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children.
- **Resolution R-129-04** in support of the establishment of a South Carolina Veterans Cemetery to be located in Horry County.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gilland requested that Ordinance 100-04 be referred to the Administration Committee before it came back to Council for second reading.

Mr. Bob Davies spoke briefly regarding Resolution 129-04 that Council passed in support of a South Carolina Veterans Cemetery to be located in Horry County. He thanked Council for their support.

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Update on the Worthless Check Program. Solicitor Hembree reported the total amount that had been collected through the program was \$72,812, of which \$43,960 had been dispersed to victims.

Resolution R-41-04 congratulating Hazel Jeanette Hughes on her retirement from the Auditor's Office. Mr. Boyd presented the resolution to Ms. Hughes. Mr. Boyd **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hughes thanked Council for the recognition.

Resolution R-127-04 congratulating Terry Gore on his many accomplishments. Mr. Boyd presented the resolution to Mr. Gore. Mr. Hardee **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gore thanked Council for the recognition.

Resolution R-106-04 to add the magistrates to the Horry County Step Plan. Mr. Hardee **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Worley	Barnard	Lazarus
Foxworth		
Ryan		
Smith		
Frazier		
Schwartzkopf		
Prince		
Hardee		
Boyd		
Gilland		

Resolution R-123-04 authorizing the administrator to change the format on all future real property and personal property tax notices so as to include a pie chart diagram depicting distributions of tax dollars. Mr. Hardee **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Boyd. Mr. Ryan requested the issue of footing the bill for the collection of money for the School District and other agencies be placed on the Fall Retreat agenda. Chairman Gilland stated it would be an item for the retreat. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution R-128-04 authorizing and approving accommodations tax funding for South Strand Campground Association. Mr. Hardee **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution R-130-04 approving Year 3 distribution percentages for local accommodations tax collections. Chairman Gilland suggested the \$25,800 allocated to Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday be reallocated to the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce to be used for out-of-market advertising primarily with airlines who may be offering new service to different golf markets. Mr. Mickey McCamish, the spokesperson for the Tourism Industry Leadership group, advised that the group had met extensively and agreed with the recommended allocation percentages for the Chambers and Golf Holiday. Mr. Worley moved to amend that the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce receive \$122,500, of which \$25,800 would be earmarked for golf, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion to amend passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Worley	Foxworth	Lazarus
Ryan	Barnard	
Smith		
Frazier		
Schwartzkopf		
Prince		
Hardee		
Boyd		
Gilland		

The main motion as amended passed unanimously.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Third reading of **Ordinance 71-04** to amend the county code relating to off-premise signage. Mr. Smith **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Barnard. Mr. Hardee recused himself from voting. The motion passed unanimously.

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 76-04** to approve the request by James Wooten, agent for Rum Bluff Land Development Co., Rum Bluff PDD to amend the official zoning maps. Mr. Hardee **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Frazier. Mr. Boyd requested that the amendment to the Open Space Board ordinance that was favorably considered by the Administration Committee be placed on the Council agenda. There was no public review. Mike Wooten spoke regarding the project. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Gilland said the issue of 5-foot setbacks would be discussed at the upcoming workshop with the Planning Commission.

Second reading and public review of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps:

- **77-04** Lonnie Mitchell Chestnut; **79-04** Charles & Charlotte Freeman; **80-04** Lonnie T. Johnson; **81-04** John Easterling III, agent for Little River Landing LLC; **82-04** Joseph & Shari Rincionne, agents for Charlie Sing et al; **83-04** Planning Commission for Issac Lacy Cannon, Jr.; **86-04** John Poston, agent for Eagle South LLC; **87-04** James D. & Sheryl H. Stewart; **88-04** Earle & Karen McDaniel & Shirley Jean Hall; **89-04** Horry County Planning for Bleuz-In Enterprises; **90-04** Jamie McLain, agent for Hot Mix Inc.; **91-04** William & Sylvia Hackett; **92-04** John Dewitt, Jr.; **93-04** Bobby Miller, agent for Jarvis & Frances Bellamy; and **123-01** Rufus C. Perdue, agent for Judith S. Dennis.

Mr. Frazier **moved to approve** the above ordinances, seconded by Mr. Barnard. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gilland called a recess at 7:25 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

At- Large Appointments to the Construction Adjustments Appeals Board:

- Kirk McQuiddy
- Harry Dill
- Gaither Thompson
- Archie Howell

Mr. Barnard **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Amelia Wood as the Highway 90 Community Liaison to the Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Barnard **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

2004 County Government Regional Corporation Award from the SC Association of Counties.

Chairman Gilland announced that an article on this award would appear in an upcoming issue of the SCAC Magazine. She requested the article be placed on the County's website.

Acceptance of roads and drainage into the County's road system. Chairman Gilland referred the issue to the I&R Committee for discussion on future road repairs overburdening the County budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Appointment of Carl Schwartzkopf as Council Liaison to the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority. Chairman Gilland advised that Mr. Schwartzkopf would report on the Authority's activities.

Planning Workshop for September. Chairman Gilland announced a workshop with the Planning Commission had been scheduled for September 23rd from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fall Retreat. Chairman Gilland announced the Fall Retreat would be held on November 11-13th. She asked for input on the dates and noted that November 11th was Veterans Day, which was a holiday. She also asked that Council members notify her or Mr. Knight if they had certain topics they wanted to discuss.

Veterans Memorial. Chairman Gilland stated that Council had been invited to the memorial dedication on November 11th around 2:30 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

ETV Road Show. Chairman Gilland stated that the ETV Road Show would be in the County September 8-11th. She requested the information and schedule be placed on the County's website.

Interconnectivity and Public Safety. Mr. Foxworth spoke regarding the opening of the access ramp at Carolina Forest and interconnectivity between the neighborhoods and the problem with school traffic. He requested that at the next meeting, staff provide a progress report on Postal Way Road and a status report on emergency access points in subdivisions.

International Drive. Chairman Gilland stated this issue had been placed on the I&R Committee agenda.

Public Safety Committee Meeting for September. Mr. Boyd the Public Safety Committee meeting would be on September 13th at 8:30 a.m. in Council's Conference Room.

Aynor Hoedown. Mr. Boyd reminded everyone about the Aynor Hoedown that was coming up September 18th.

ADJOURN: Mr. Hardee **moved to adjourn**, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.