



**MINUTES OF  
RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
OCTOBER 15, 2013  
6:00 PM**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair	Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Julie-Ann Dixon
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Jim Manning
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Seth Rose
Member	Torrey Rush
Absent	Greg Pearce

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Tony McDonald, Roxanne Ancheta, Sparty Hammett, Warren Harley, Brad Farrar, Amelia Linder, Quinton Epps, Buddy Atkins, Geo Price, Beverly Harris, Justine Jones, Rob Perry, Charlie Fisher, Chanda Cooper, Rudy, Curtis, Tiaa Rutherford, Kecia Lara, Daniel Driggers, Chris Eversmann, Ismail Ozbeck, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Torrey Rush

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 397

### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **National Friends of the Library Week Proclamation [MANNING]** – The proclamation was presented by Mr. Manning, Ms. Dixon and Mr. Rose.
- b. **Resolution honoring EAA Chapter 242 for their completion of 10,000 flights in the Young Eagles program [PEARCE, ROSE, and RUSH]** – Mr. Rose and Mr. Rush presented a resolution to the members of EAA Chapter 242 for completing 10,000 flights in the Young Eagles program.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Session: October 1, 2013** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to move the presentation of the Soil and Water Conservation's poster winners to immediately following the Adoption of the Agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. **Richland County Soil and Water Conservation District's "Where Does Your Water Shed" poster contest winners:**
  1. **First Place: Jacintha Ravindran, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Pontiac Elementary School**
  2. **Second Place: Fiona Aldighieri, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Longleaf Middle School**
  3. **Third Place: Joseph Ravindran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Pontiac Elementary School**

Ms. Chanda Cooper recognized the winners of the Soil and Water Conservation District's poster contest.

### **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- a. **Proposed Property Purchase**
- b. **Carolina Walk/Serrus Litigation Update**
- c. **Personnel Matter**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:22 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:39 p.m.**  
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- a. **Carolina Walk/Serrus Litigation Update** – No action was taken.

## CITIZENS INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Budget Book Presentation** – Mr. McDonald stated that the budget books and budget overview pamphlets were placed at each Council member's seat prior to the meeting. Mr. McDonald also thanked the Finance and Budget staff their putting the information together for the budget books and pamphlets.
- b. **Bond Rating Upgrade** – Mr. McDonald stated that Richland County's bond rating has increased to AAA. As a result of the new bond rating, the \$50 Million bond anticipation note was sold at 0.9% interest rate.
- c. **Transportation Penny Disbursement** – Mr. McDonald stated that the first disbursement was received from the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$12.3 Million.

## REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

- a. **REMINDER: Charleston County Transportation Program Site Visit, October 16<sup>th</sup>** – Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming Charleston County Transportation Program site visit. Those attending need to meet at the County Administration Building at 8:00 AM.
- b. **Internal Audit Work Session: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 PM** – Ms. Onley stated that the Internal Audit Work session is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM.
- c. **Hospitality Tax Review Committee Meeting, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM** – Ms. Onley stated that the Hospitality Tax Review Committee is scheduled to meet October 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.
1. **Proposed 2014 Retreat Dates: (1) January 23-24, 2014 and (2) January 30-31, 2014** – Ms. Onley stated that the January 23-24 and January 30-31 had been recommended to hold the Annual Council Retreat.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to hold the Annual Council Retreat on January 23-24, 2014. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recommendations for locations should be forwarded to the Clerk's Office by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

- a. **Planning Commission: Appointee's Absences** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation.
- b. **Fuel Cell Collaboration—County Participation** – Mr. Washington stated that EngenuitySC is coming forward with an initiative with fuel cells. EngenuitySC has entered into a partnership with Hyundai wherein 20 vehicles are available for lease and the County has an opportunity to participate by leasing these vehicles.
- c. **Coming Soon SC** – Mr. Washington stated that Economic Development recommended staff begin work on this item.
- d. **SC Equality's "Through the Looking Glass of Equality" Inaugural Gala Scholarship Request** – This item was taken up in the motion period.
- e. **Bible Way Church of Atlas Road's "Year of Jubilee" 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Scholarship Request** – This item was taken up in the motion period.
- f. **Famously Hot New Year's Celebration** – This item was taken up in the motion period.
- g. **"The Sustainers: Builders and Preservers of Civil Rights sites in the United States" Funding Request** – This item was taken up in the motion period.
- h. **SICA Funding Request** – This item was withdrawn.
- i. **Sewer Ad Hoc Committee** – Mr. Washington appointed Mr. Rush, Mr. Jeter, Mr. Rose, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Washington.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Article I, In General; so as to create a new section to handle roadway improvements in the Town of Irmo, South Carolina; and Amending Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Article I, In General; Section 21-6(a); so as to accommodate the new section [SECOND READING]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations; Article III, Building Codes; Section 6-84, Boarded-Up Structures; so as to provide regulations for commercial boarded-up structures, as well as residential boarded-up structures; and to reference the**

**“Property Maintenance” Division rather than the “Unsafe Housing” Division  
[SECOND READING]**

- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article II, Administration; Division 4, Licensing and Bonding of Builders, Contractors and Craftsmen; Section 6-66, so as to delete the requirement of Craftsmen Qualification Cards [SECOND READING]**

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the consent items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**SECOND READING**

**An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Hospitality Tax Budget to appropriate \$100,000 of Hospitality Tax Unassigned Fund Balance for the EdVenture—Next Exhibit Capital** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

**An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Transportation Tax Fund Budget to add one full time position** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

**REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Bagging Yard Debris in Solid Waste Collection Service Areas 2 and 6** – Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item.

Mr. Rush withdrew his motion to defer for further discussion.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to attempt to renegotiate the 2 hauling contracts to remove the bagging of yard debris provision with the expectation that if renegotiated the curbside rate per household would increase. A discussion took place.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Rush, to defer this item.

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Opposed</u></b>
Dixon	Jackson
Malinowski	Washington
Rose	Manning
Livingston	Jeter
Dickerson	
Rush	

The vote was in favor of deferral.

**An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Garbage, Trash and Refuse; Article I, In General; and Article II, Collection and Disposal; Section 12-12, Definitions and Section 12-16, Conditions for Residential and Small Business Solid Waste Collection-Yard Trash and Other Household Articles; so as to remove reference to “Franchise” and so as to require trash to be bagged in a phased-in manner [FIRST READING]** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to defer this item. The vote was in favor.

### CITIZENS’ INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Ms. Dixon stated that Richland County, City of Columbia and USC will be hosting a small and minority business summit at Parklane Adult Activity Center.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:45 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:06 p.m.**  
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- a. **Proposed Property Purchase** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to proceed as directed in Executive Session with the advice of our attorney relative to a property acquisition. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Personnel Matter** – No action was taken.

### MOTION PERIOD

- a. **Place “Hopkins SC” on the water tower in Hopkins community [WASHINGTON]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- b. **ComingSoonSC County Council Ad [WASHINGTON]** – This item is being handled administratively.
- c. **SC Equality’s “Through the Looking Glass of Equality” Inaugural Gala Sponsorship Request [WASHINGTON]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- d. **Bible Way Church of Atlas Road’s “Year of Jubilee” 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Sponsorship Request [WASHINGTON]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- e. **Famously Hot New Year’s Celebration Sponsorship Request [WASHINGTON]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.

- f. **“The Sustainers: Builders and Preservers of Civil Rights sites in the United States” Funding Request [WASHINGTON]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- g. **I move that the Council Meetings scheduled for January 2014 only include—the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to Select the Chair, Vice Chair and Seats, Time Sensitive Items and Motions; the Annual Council Retreat and the January 21st Development & Services, Administration & Finance and Zoning meetings [MANNING, WASHINGTON, and MALINOWSKI]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- h. **SICA Funding Request [WASHINGTON]** – This item was withdrawn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

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