

# MINUTES OF



## RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006 6:00 p.m.

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Anthony G. Mizzell
Vice Chair	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Joseph McEachern
Member	Mike Montgomery
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Kit Smith
Member	Paul Livingston
Absent	Doris Corley

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Milton Pope, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Ashley Jacobs, Tony McDonald, Joe Cronin, Brad Farrar, Amelia Linder, Anna Almeida, Michael Criss, Stephany Snowden, Chief Harrell, Monique Walters, Kendall Johnson, Daniel Driggers, Jennifer Dowden, Michelle Onley

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:04 p.m.

### INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Kit Smith

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Kit Smith

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Session: January 3, 2006** – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous

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

Mr. Farrar stated there were no Executive Session items listed on the agenda. However, Council may want to receive a legal briefing regarding:

1. **Storm Water Permit Compliance**

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

**Storm Water Permit Compliance** – [Suggested Executive Session Item.]

Mr. Pope thanked everyone for their participation at the Council Retreat and advised Council that staff will be submitting a follow-up report regarding the issues discussed at the Council Retreat.

### **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

No report given at this time.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Mizzell thanked staff for the wonderful job and for being prepared for the Council Retreat. Mr. Mizzell thanked Council for their attention to the issues discussed at the Council Retreat. Mr. Mizzell suggested that staff send evaluations out to Council for recommendations in preparation for next year's Council Retreat.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- **Ordinance Authorizing General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage** [Third Reading] – No one signed up to speak.
- **Ordinance Authorizing Deed to Midlands Fire Protection (RNE Industrial Park)** [Third Reading] – No one signed up to speak.
- **Ordinance Authorizing Deed to Forum Development II, LLC (Richland NE Industrial Park)** [Third Reading] – No one signed up to speak.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the following consent items:

- **05-106MA, City of Columbia, RU to HI (120 acres), Wastewater Treatment Plant, 11000-01-03, NW Quadrant of I-77 and Congaree River** [Third Reading]
- **05-107MA, Nick Leventis, RU to RS-E, Single Family Subdivision, 17800-04-39, Rimer Pond Road** [Third Reading]
- **05-86MA, Seamon Hunter, RU to GC, Non-Identified Use, 15000-05-06, West Side of Farrow Road** [Third Reading]
- **Ordinance Authorizing Deed to Midlands Fire Protection (RNE Industrial Park)** [Third Reading]
- **Ordinance Authorizing Deed to Forum Development II, LLC (Richland NE Industrial Park)** [Third Reading]

The vote in favor was unanimous.

### THIRD READING ITEMS

**Ordinance Authorizing General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage** – Mr. Pope requested that Council defer this item to the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to defer this item to the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and waive Council rules to allow public input. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### SECOND READING ITEM

**An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Approval of Floodplain Management Permits for Development or Construction within a Portion of the Congaree River Floodplain** – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item.

Ms. Smith moved to amend the motion to hold a special called meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> for Third Reading of this item. A discussion took place. Ms. Smith withdrew her amendment.

The vote was in favor.

### REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

#### I. Notification of Vacancies on Boards, Commissions and Committees

**Accommodations Tax Committee-3** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended for staff to advertise the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Employee Grievance Committee-1** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended for staff to advertise the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Music Festival-2** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended for staff to advertise the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Performing Arts Center Board-2** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended for staff to advertise the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**II. Notification of Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees**

**Historic Columbia Foundation-1** – Mr. McEachern stated that there are no applicants at this time.

**Performing Arts Center Board-1**

Mr. McEachern stated that there is one vacancy with one application received.

Mr. Henry Counts was appointed.

**REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Livingston stated that the Committee had met, but further backup material was needed before those items could be brought to Council. Therefore, Mr. Livingston stated that there was no report at this time.

**APPROVAL OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RESOLUTION—4**

- a. **David Y. Gillespie**
- b. **Brandon C. Hooker**
- c. **Christopher James Netherton, Sr.**
- d. **Richard M. Thompson**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the resolutions for the four code enforcement officers. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

**MOTION PERIOD**

**1612 Marion Street** – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to direct the County Administrator to forward any, and all, offers received on 1612 Marion Street to the A&F Committee so that a recommendation can be forwarded to Council on how to proceed. The vote was in favor.

**POINT OF ORDER** – Ms. Smith stated that the motion period does not require a vote. It is only for the introduction of items. The only time a vote is necessary is when unanimous consent is needed to take action during that meeting. e.g. resolutions, letters of support, etc.

**Blueprint on Homelessness** – Mr. Pearce referred to the D&S Committee the site selection criteria. Mr. Pearce requested that the County Administrator recommend an appropriate staff member to act as a liaison.

**Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. Resolution** – Mr. Pearce moved, to endorse a resolution for Mental Illness Recover Center, Inc. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Project Fish Fry** – Ms. Scott directed staff to bring back a report to the February 7<sup>th</sup> work session on the two options discussed at the Council Retreat. A discussion took place.

**POINT OF ORDER** – Mr. McEachern stated that Council needed to receive the two proposals introduced at the Council Retreat since one included a multi-county industrial park that changed the proposal that the Economic Development Committee had reviewed.

**Township Property Acquisition** – Ms. Smith asked that the A&F Committee consider the acquisition of the properties related to the Township Auditorium. Ms. Smith asked that the final contract proposals be brought before the A&F Committee for a recommendation.

**Kahn Proposal** – Ms. Smith requested an independent third-party review of the economic data submitted on the Kahn proposal to be submitted to the A&F Committee.

**Marvin Bryant Resolution** – Mr. McEachern moved to adopt a resolution for Mr. Bryant, the President of Parents of Murdered Children. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Ms. Scott stated that Ms. Corley was absent because her mother was having surgery.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:32 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:57 p.m.**  
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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.

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