

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 2, 2007
6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley; Marion Foxworth; Mike Ryan; Bob Grabowski; James Frazier; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Kevin Hardee; and Al Allen.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; John Weaver; Anne Wright; Steve Gosnell; Paul Whitten; Janet Carter; Westley Sawyer; 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 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mr. Grabowski gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Mr. Foxworth led the pledge.

Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to suspend the rules in order to elect the Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Vice Chairman. Mr. Frazier moved to nominate Mr. Foxworth, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion to close nominations passed unanimously. Mr. Hardee moved to elect Mr. Foxworth by acclamation, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gilland announced that the next Regular Council meeting would be January 16th. There would also be a workshop on January 9th at 6:00 p.m. on the new Airport Terminal. She stated that she would give a brief State of the County address at the January 16th meeting. She spoke briefly on upcoming citizen meetings for Envision 2025.

Chairman Gilland welcomed Al Allen, District 11 representative.

Chairman Gilland announced the following committee assignments for two years:

Administration Committee: James Frazier, Chairman; Howard Barnard; District 2 representative, and Liz Gilland.

Infrastructure & Regulation: Carl Schwartzkopf, Chairman; Marion Foxworth; Mike Ryan and Kevin Hardee.

Public Safety: Bob Grabowski, Chairman; Al Allen; Paul Prince; and Harold Worley.

Chairman Gilland announced the mid year Budget Retreat would be held in Pinnopolis on February 22nd and 23rd.

Chairman Gilland announced that Mr. Allen would have a “Meet and Greet” on January 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Aynor Magistrate’s office.

Chairman Gilland left the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Vice Chairman Foxworth presided over the rest of the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Christine Ellis, Waccamaw River Keeper, spoke briefly on zoning and development decisions related to the western portion of Horry County pertaining to the Waccamaw River Shed. Mr. Barnard requested information on measurements of the Waccamaw River and further requested the issue be taken up in the Infrastructure & Regulation Committee.
2. James Haws spoke on Illegal Immigrants. Mr. Foxworth stated the issue may be brought up in the I&R Committee within the coming week or so and then come before full Council for an up or down vote.
3. Vincent Lehotski wished Council a Happy New Year and made a brief statement regarding water monitoring.

Vice Chairman Foxworth closed public input at 6:40 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Mr. Barnard moved to defer Resolution R-08-07, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion to defer passed. The vote was as follows:

In favor

Worley

Ryan

Barnard

Grabowski

Frazier

Schwartzkopf

Prince

Hardee

Allen

Opposed

Foxworth

Absent

Gilland

Mr. Worley moved to remand Resolution R-05-07 and Resolution R-09-07 to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Barnard. The motion passed. Chairman Gilland was absent.

Mr. Worley moved to add discussion on Mosquito Spraying. There was no objection.

Mr. Worley requested Mr. Weaver give an update on the Ethics Commission ruling. There was no objection.

Mr. Hardee requested to remove Ordinance 01-07 from the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS:

Mr. Ryan moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed. Chairman Gilland and Mr. Grabowski were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting December 12, 2006: Mr. Ryan moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed. Chairman Gilland and Mr. Grabowski were absent.

MEMORIAL DEDICATION: It was requested that upon adjournment, Council adjourn in memorial of the following individuals:

Ms. Gussie Mae Sellers (Mr. Allen)
Ms. Lena Littles (Mr. Allen)
Mr. Smithy Allen (Mr. Allen)
Ms. Rosa Lee Alford (Mr. Allen)
Ms. Saddle Jordan (Mr. Allen)
Ms. Pamela Raab (Mr. Allen)
Camdon Bright (Mr. Frazier)
Elizabeth Williams (Mr. Frazier)
Chappell Ivory Brown (Mr. Frazier)
Lewis E. Cook (Mr. Foxworth)
Tom Jones (Mr. Schwartzkopf)
Thirty-Eighth President Gerald R. Ford (Mr. Schwartzkopf)

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

- First reading of **Ordinance 214-06** to approve the request of Carolina Site Design, agent for Black Bear Golf Club PDD, to amend the official zoning maps.
- First reading of **Ordinance 229-06** to approve the request of Thomas & Hutton Engineers, agent for Jeffrey Vereen et al & Louis Gaye Vereen et al, to amend the official zoning maps.
- First reading of **Ordinance 242-06** to amend the Land Development Regulations to authorize staff to perform the technical review and approval of all land development plans subject to a right of appeal to the Planning Commission.

- First reading of **Ordinance 248-06** to authorize the issuance of general obligations bonds not to exceed \$11 million.
- First reading of **Ordinance 02-07** approving the conveyance of a right-of-way known as Pine View Lane and its combination with Lot 3 on Glenns Bay Road so as to complete the alignment accessing the Surfside Beach Club and authorizing the county administrator to execute a quit claim deed.
- First reading of **Ordinance 03-07** to amend the zoning ordinance to establish trade shops as a permitted use in the RE3 and AG3 zoning districts.
- First reading of **Ordinance 04-07** to amend the zoning ordinance to eliminate the number of tenant spaces and to establish a maximum square footage in strip commercial centers for the RE2 and RE3 zoning districts.
- First reading of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **05-07** Mark Talbot, agent for International Partners LLC; **06-07** Windsor Green at Waterford PDD; **07-07** Planning Department, agent for Signature Associates, Inc.; **08-07** Jamie McLain, agent for Long Ave. Developers LLC; **09-07** George & Bonita Rabon; **10-07** Steve Powell, agent for Andrew & Henry Ridge; **11-07** Planning Department, agent for The Spa at Little River; **12-07** Etd of SC, agent for MSM Construction & Development; **13-07** Amie Drucker, agent for Bill Cox; **14-07** Habitat for Humanity of Horry County; **15-07** Celicia R. Greene; **16-07** Jefferson Bellamy, agent for Sylvia Vereen Bellamy; **17-07** William Minor, agent for Grover Rabon; **18-07** Timothy West et al; **19-07** David & Melinda Perry; **20-07** Gary Stanfield, agent for Nettie Richardson Estate; and **21-07** Marcus Clove, agent for Carl Hucks.

The motion passed. Mr. Worley voted “yes” on Ordinance 248-06, Ordinance 03-07 and Ordinance 11-07 and “nay” on all other items.

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation on the guaranteed maximum price for the new terminal building at MBIA. Mr. Weaver presented the most recent breakdown of the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the new terminal including construction costs but also professional services, financial costs, construction monitoring and other miscellaneous. The GMP was \$228,521,279.

Resolution R-170-06 honoring the community mindedness and charitable contributions of Robert Shelley. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski.** Mr. Foxworth presented the resolution to Mr. Shelley. **The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Shelley thanked Council.

Resolution R-171-06 acknowledging thanks and appreciation to the Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees for their contribution to the Racepath community. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to defer, seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution R-01-07 to recognize the Horry County Museum and Coastal Carolina University as recipients of the Christa McAuliffe “Reach for the Stars” award in 2006. **Mr. Frazier moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf.** Anne Wright spoke briefly. Terri Hooks, Acting Museum Director thanked Council. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution R-02-07 to designate certain county-owned property for use by the Horry County Museum as a Living History Farm. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski.** **The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution R-04-07 to appoint the Horry County Affordable Housing Committee for Horry County. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Prince.** **The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolutions to disapprove the request to amend the official zoning maps: **R-06-07** Charlie & Glenda Babb; **R-07-07** John Worley, agent for Roy Dale Worley, Jr.; **R-10-07** Trinity Development LLC; **R-11-07** Jack & Chris Barnhill; and **R-12-07** Clif Smith, agent for Dingo II LLC. **Mr. Prince moved to disapprove, seconded by Mr. Ryan.** **The motion passed unanimously.**

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 231-06** to approve the request of Ed Jackson, agent for HQ LLC, to amend the official zoning maps. **Mr. Grabowski moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Prince.** **There was no public review.** **The motion passed unanimously.**

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 246-06** to provide for the lease of office space to the US Army Corps of Engineers. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Prince.** Vincent Lehotski spoke during public review. Mr. Weaver spoke briefly on the terms of the lease. **The motion passed unanimously.**

First reading of **Ordinance 01-07** to ratify previous action and to approve the continued encroachments and leases for the gates at the intersection of Myrtle Ridge Road with Myrtle Trace Drive, Timber Ridge Drive and Forest Lake Drive. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski.** Mr. Worley requested Mr. Weaver give a legal briefing at the next meeting. **Mr. Worley moved to defer, seconded by Mr. Hardee.** **The motion to defer failed.** **The vote was as follows:**

In favor

**Worley
Foxworth
Prince
Hardee
Allen**

Opposed

**Ryan
Barnard
Grabowski
Frazier
Schwartzkopf**

Absent

Gilland

The motion to approve first reading failed. The vote was as follows:

In favor

Ryan
Barnard
Grabowski
Frazier
Schwartzkopf

Opposed

Worley
Foxworth
Prince
Hardee
Allen

Absent

Gilland

Mr. Prince moved to reconsider First Reading of Ordinance 01-07, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion to reconsider passed. The vote was as follows:

In favor

Worley
Foxworth
Ryan
Barnard
Grabowski
Frazier

Schwartzkopf
Prince
Hardee
Allen

Opposed

Absent

Gilland

Mr. Hardee moved to defer First Reading of Ordinance 01-07, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion to defer passed. The vote was as follows:

In favor

Worley
Ryan
Barnard
Grabowski
Frazier

Schwartzkopf
Prince
Hardee
Allen

Opposed

Foxworth

Absent

Gilland

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Vice Chairman Foxworth announced there was an opening on the ATAX Committee and Council would be receiving more information in the next packet.

Pending Issue/Project: Burgess Fire Station, Mike Ryan, District Four, Department Public Safety. Mr. Whitten gave a brief update stating this involved a land swap, which would come before Council late February or March. Mr. Weaver stated there were two pieces of property from Burroughs and Chapin. One parcel was on the Waterway and the other was off of Hwy. 501 on Oak Forest Road. Mr. Ryan requested the property information be emailed to him.

Mosquito Spraying. Mr. Worley inquired about the County's contract on spraying. Mr. Whitten stated the weather was warmer than usual and they had ground units to deploy if need be. Mr. Worley requested information on the contract and the numbers on budgeted money this year as compared to next year.

Ethic Commission Update on District Two. Mr. Weaver stated Brent Schulz had been elected to replace Mark Lazarus, District Two, and had not been sworn in and was not in attendance. Mr. Schulz was a member of the Planning Commission. He was awaiting a decision from the full Ethics Commission on the appropriateness of his service on County Council having to do with his company, DDC Engineers, continuing to do business with the County. He spoke briefly on first reading of Ordinance 242-06 pertaining to technical review and approval of land development plans. The meeting of the Ethics Commission at the earliest would be January 17th. Mr. Schulz would not be sworn in before then.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Hardee moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. in memorial of Ms. Gussie Sellers; Ms. Lena Littles; Smithy Allen; Rosa Lee Alford; Sadie Jordan; Pamela Raab; Camdon Bright; Elizabeth Williams; Chappell Ivory Brown; Lewis E. Cooke; and Tom Jones.