



**MINUTES OF  
RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 18, 2014  
6:00 PM**

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Tony McDonald, Roxanne Ancheta, Sparty Hammett, Warren Harley, Beverly Harris, Rob Perry, Sara Salley, Chris Gossett, Nelson Lindsay, Daniel Driggers, Dwight Hanna, John Hixon, Buddy Atkins, Justine Jones, Nancy Stone-Collum, Tracy Hegler, Amelia Linder, Rodolfo Callwood, Elizabeth McLean, Melinda Edwards, Quinton Epps, Ismail Ozbek, Monique Walters, 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 Julie-Ann Dixon

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Julie-Ann Dixon

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. Pearce gave an update on the passing of former Councilwoman Hutchinson’s daughter.

Mr. Malinowski thanked everyone for their expressions of sympathy at the loss of his mother.

### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**Richland County Sheriff’s Department – Darral Lane Week [JACKSON]** – Mr. Jackson presented a proclamation to Deputy Darral Lane’s family on behalf of County Council.

**Resolution Celebrating March as Red Cross Month [JACKSON]** – Mr. Jackson presented a resolution to Mr. Bill Cronin, Executive Director of the Central SC Red Cross, on behalf of County Council.

**Resolution Honoring Heathwood Hall’s A’ja Wilson as the National High School Player of the Year [LIVINGSTON]** – This resolution will be presented at a later date.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Session: February 4, 2014 – Appraisal for Huger Street Properties** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Regular Session: March 18, 2014** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

Ms. McLean stated that the following item was a potential Executive Session Item:

- a. **Personnel Matter**
- b. **Transportation Penny Update**

### **CITIZENS INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Richland County Conservation Commission** – Ms. Carol Kososki, Chair of Conservation Commission, gave a brief update on the findings of the Conservation Commission’s Opinion Survey conducted by the University of South Carolina.
- b. **Comprehensive Plan Update** – Ms. Hegler gave a brief update on the upcoming Comprehensive Plan community meetings. A schedule of these meetings will be forwarded to Council members.
- c. **Richland School District I Election Fees Update** – Mr. McDonald stated Richland School District I had remitted reimbursement to the County for the elections costs.

## REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

**REMINDER: Chairman Jackson’s State of the County Address, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, Council Chambers** – Ms. Onley reminded Council of the State of the County Address that is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. **Personnel Matter** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.
- b. **Trip to Taiwan** – Mr. Jackson gave a brief report regarding his recent Economic Development trip to Taiwan.

## PRESENTATION

**Bull Street Project** – This presentation will take place at a future Council meeting.

**Richland Library/Columbia Museum of Art Joint Announcement: Robert Gahagan, Chair-Richland Library Board of Trustees** – Mr. Gahagan stated the Richland Library and Columbia Museum of Art have collaborated to make the Columbia Museum of Art’s 6,000 volume library available to the citizens of Richland County.

**SC Philharmonic, Jude Fox** – Ms. Rhonda Hunsinger, Executive Director, thanked Richland County Council for their continued support of the arts. Mr. Morihiko Nakahara, Music Director; Audrey Harris, Philharmonic student and Brianna, Youth Orchestra participant were also in attendance.

### OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement to 2T Properties LLC for a sanitary sewer line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS # 14900-01-02 – No one signed up to speak.**

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. Manning recognized that Ms. Callwell, a Family Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Assistant Professor with the College of Nursing at USC, who is pursuing an advanced degree was in the audience observing the Council meeting for one of her classes.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for Special Source Revenue Credits to CD/Park 7 Columbia SC High Rise Owner LLC; and other related matters [THIRD READING] – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.**
- **Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for designation of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park dated April 15, 2003 by and between Fairfield and Richland Counties so as to enlarge the park (Project Compact) [THIRD READING] – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.**
- **14-01MA, E. B. Purcell, PDD Amendment (2.99 Acres), 425 Summit Terrace Court, 23000-03-19 [THIRD READING]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the “2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan”, by incorporating the “Spring Hill Strategic Community Master Plan” into the plan [THIRD READING]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the “2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan”, by incorporating the “Lower Richland Strategic Community Master Plan” into the plan [THIRD READING]**
- **Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for Special Source Revenue Credits to University Residences Columbia, S=LLC; and other related mattes [SECOND READING]**

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

### THIRD READING ITEMS

**An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement to 2T Properties LLC for a sanitary sewer line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS # 14900-01-02** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**An Ordinance Amending Section 26-151, Permitted Uses with Special Requirements; so as to remove the distance requirements between bars and places of worship in the GC, M-1, and LI Zoning Districts under certain conditions** – Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

### REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Reclassification and Promotion Handbook Revisions** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve this item with the stipulation that the policy be reviewed in a year. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

### REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

#### I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee –1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Township Auditorium Board—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Mr. John Jacob Loveday. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Planning Commission—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Mr. Christopher Anderson. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Board of Assessment Appeals—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Ms. LaShonda Outing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### III. DISCUSSION FROM RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- a. **All applicants for Richland County Boards and Commissions will be afforded a minimum of one week's advance notice as to the date and time of their respective interviews. No exceptions will be made to this rule.**  
[PEARCE] – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee has taken definitive action on this matter and staff has been instructed to notify applicants at least one week in advance of any prospective interview to take place.
- b. **Clarification on Taping Council Committee Meetings** – Mr. Malinowski stated the clarification was provided to staff based on previous action that was taken on this matter by the full Council.
- c. **Central Midlands Council of Governments Appointments** – Mr. Malinowski stated that this item was held in committee.

### OTHER ITEMS

#### REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE:

- a. **2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Application(s)** – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval of this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Perry stated staff recommended only submitting a TIGER Grant application for the Shop Road Extension project. CDM Smith will be submitting the application on behalf of the County.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Washington to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

- b. **Construction Engineering Manager** – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval of this item.

Mr. Washington requested that the job descriptions be amended as follows:

Special Certifications and Licenses: Prefer Registered Professional Engineer in the State of South Carolina.

Experience Requirements: Prefer SCDOT experience.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. **Preconstruction Project Manager** – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval of this item.

Mr. Washington requested that the job descriptions be amended as follows:

Special Certifications and Licenses: Prefer Registered Professional Engineer in the State of South Carolina.

Experience Requirements: Prefer SCDOT experience.

### CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:06 p.m. and came out at  
approximately 7:47 p.m.  
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- a. **Transportation Penny Update** – No action was taken.
- b. **Personnel Matter** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to move forward with negotiations with Applicants #2 and bring back to Council for further action. The vote was in favor.

### MOTION PERIOD

- a. **Develop souvenirs for Richland County to be sold at the State Museum and stores for tourism purpose [JACKSON]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- b. **Without any statutory requirements to do so, the Richland County Attorney's Office has been providing advice and counsel to the Richland County Election Commission at no cost for an undetermined length of time. During the past year there has been a notable increase in the amount of time the acting County Attorney has been committing to Election Commission issues. This motion requests that the County Administrator initiate an immediate review and assessment of how much time Richland County is providing legal assistance to the Election Commission. Should the Administrator determine that the County Attorney's commitment of time is excessive to the extent that his duties to Richland County government are being significantly compromised, the Election Commission will either be held financially responsible for this time or they will be asked to employ outside legal counsel [PEARCE, MALINOWSKI, AND ROSE]** – This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee.

- c. At times throughout the year Council receives service requests. We need to make sure such requests are responded to in order that those submitting these comments don't feel their comments are totally ignored. Based on this I am making the following motion: Richland County Council, with the assistance of the Legal Department, will develop a system to assure that requests and/or comments received in general by Council members, staff or the Ombudsman's Office are responded to officially. This will eliminate the possibility of the remitter receiving 11 or more different responses/opinions or possibly receiving any [MALINOWSKI]  
– This item was forwarded to the D&S Committee.
- d. Resolution Honoring Dutch Fork Girls Basketball Team [MALINOWSKI] – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 p.m.

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