

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley; Brent Schulz; Marion Foxworth; Gary Loftus; Howard Barnard; Bob Grabowski; James Frazier; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Jody Prince and Al Allen.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mr. Foxworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Mr. Schwartzkopf led the pledge.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Teresa Cannon was to speak on the Noise Ordinance but was absent.
2. John Sanders was to speak on Grand Strand Tech Expo but was absent. Ms. Gilland stated there would be an expo at the Crown Reef Resort Conference Center on February 11th from Noon until 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Gilland closed public input at 6:06 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Schulz requested to add the appointment of Chuck Martino to the Airport Advisory Board. Ms. Gilland stated she would add that to the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Allen requested to add the appointment of Calep Brown to the Affordable Housing Committee. Ms. Gilland stated she would add that to the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Barnard requested that he and Mr. Loftus add an announcement of recreation fund disbursements.

Mr. J. Prince requested to add the announcement of a recreation fund disbursement to Boy Scout Troup #822 in the amount of \$500.

Ms. Gilland requested to add a three-minute movie to be shown at the end of the meeting. Mr. Barnard moved to add, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS: There was no motion nor a second made to approve the agenda as amended but a vote was taken that passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was no motion made to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

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

George Allen Burroughs
Estella Vaught
Jack L. "Jackie" Monroe, Jr.
Jeffrey Lloyd Roberts
Betty Roberts Hucks
Austin Douglas "Doug" Duncan
David Manuel Stalvey
Amanda Pauline Housand Hughes
Henry "Earl" Harrelson
Laverne "Buddy" Dozier Larrimore
Cornie Anderson Lupo, Jr.
Bertha Elizabeth Mincey
Viola Jones Leigh
Richard Eugene Moore
Alva L. Randall
Eulee Goff "Skinner" Hulon
Betty Roberts Hucks

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MONTH: Punctuality: Showing esteem for others by doing the right thing at the right time.

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

First reading of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **06-10** Beazer Homes, Fox Horn Phase 2-C PDD; **07-10** Stephen Saxon, agent for Shirley Suggs, et al and **08-10** Jonathan Boling, agent for Benjamin Pinckney.

Resolutions to approve acceptance of roads and drainage into the county system at the following locations: **R-04-10** Forest Village Professional Park (Wellness Dr) and **R-05-10** Hampton Place PH1 (Bancroft Dr, Macarthur Dr, Tulley Ct, Oakham Dr, Stamford Rd.)

At-Large Appointment: Wendy McKewen to Shoreline Behavioral Health Services Board of Directors.

Appointment of Chuck Martino to the Airport Advisory Board.

Appointment of Calep Brown to the Affordable Housing Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Update on the Brooksville CDBG Project. Mike Davis, Grants Coordinator, stated the County had received a \$1 million grant to provide sewer service to the Brooksville community and the project would be complete in two to three weeks. Mr. Ralph Gore, resident of the Brooksville community, requested Council's help in extending the project to help other residents in the Brooksville area. Fred Kyzer, Little River Water and Sewer spoke briefly on the project. Mr. Frazier suggested that Mr. Davis meet with Waccamaw Regional Planning Council to see if there was any assistance available there.

Resolution R-09-10 providing for the selection of a new county administrator. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Loftus.** A man from the audience stated that his understanding of the South Carolina Code of Law was that the county administrator could not act as the county attorney and vice versa. Ms. Gilland stated that if he had something in writing, he could pass it up.

Mr. P. Prince asked if this meant they were going forward with the ones they already had. He asked if other people could apply for the job too. Ms. Gilland said it was just as written in the resolution. Mr. Foxworth said when he got his packet on Friday he read the resolution with interest and first he had to say he was disappointed that he wasn't invited to coffee to share but he was glad that someone stepped up to the plate and he congratulated the five that put it together. He said had they come to him and asked for his input, he probably would be listed amongst the sponsors because he thought for the most part it codified and gave direction to staff and to the communities as to how they would proceed. It didn't vary that much from what the Chairman said a couple of months ago but did in a few respects but it also was good he thought to put it in writing so that they were all speaking from the same hymnal, so to speak. The one small problem that he had stemmed from a desire to not replicate the situation they found themselves in just a few months ago. He said in an effort to do that, in the "Now Therefore Be It Resolved portion 4"- the one problem he had was where it read "one (1) or more names". He said coming from somebody who had been counting votes since he was way too young to drive that bothered him because he believed led to a situation where votes tended to get weighted depending on the number of names submitted by individual Council members. He said the number of names was immaterial and could be any number they would pick. He said the Chairman a couple of months ago chose six and that was probably a little (inaudible) but he was okay with it. He thought three or four would be a better number. With that in mind and in an effort to not end up where they were just a few months ago, he wanted to offer an amendment to Number 4 under Now Therefore Be It Resolved, and he had no idea how this would be received by any of the authors or the rest of Council and if it were defeated then that was okay but being that as it may he thought it was important that they attempt to avoid that. **Mr. Foxworth moved to amend so that it read: "by no later than February 2, 2010, three (3) names from the**

list of applicants, representing those who they desire be interviewed.” He said just a static number from each of them. **Mr. Schwartzkopf seconded the motion.**

Mr. P. Prince said he wanted to make sure, he knew they had the list that the Mercer Group did but where were they as far as any other people that wanted to fill out an application and send it in. Ms. Gilland said it was her understanding that that had been closed. Mr. P. Prince said if somebody wanted to apply why couldn't they apply, why couldn't they put that in the resolution. Ms. Gilland said they had a time where people could apply and if he was talking about anybody in particular they could have applied then but she believed that time had passed unless Council would like to open it and start from scratch again. Mr. P. Prince said Mr. Foxworth had said February. Mr. Schwartzkopf said February 2nd. Mr. Foxworth said that was in the resolution. Mr. Schwartzkopf said it was in Paragraph 4 in the resolution. Mr. Foxworth said that was in the resolution that was already before them that they were about to vote on. He said his only change was that instead of leaving it open ended that each of them put forth a static number that would make numbers easy.

Ms. Gilland said they would take care of that first and that Mr. P. Prince's was a separate issue and she would get to that in a minute. She said there was a motion and a second on this one and asked if there was any other discussion about three names. Mr. Schulz said the only problem he had was that he had been through all of this and he was not going to recommend someone he felt was not qualified for the job. He was not just going to put names down so if it was two, one, three or four, he wasn't just going to put names down and just wanted to put that out there. Ms. Gilland said they had Mr. Mercer's team go through each of them and cull out the ones that weren't qualified. She didn't know...on paper everyone they had in their book was qualified so that was kind of hard to say that they weren't qualified.

Mr. Grabowski said he was pretty much going to say the same thing she did. They already eliminated the ones that were not qualified. They were all qualified. The review of the resumes was to find the best qualified. They were all qualified. He said he had no problem at all choosing three names out of twenty. Ms. Gilland said the question was going to be what happened if somebody only turned in one and the ordinance said they had to turn in three. Mr. Grabowski said that was what they wanted to avoid. He would rather see them all turn in the same equal number and see where they were at the end of that.

Mr. Foxworth said that was the point of the motion, if that didn't happen then basically a Council member would not be following the directive of the resolution he guessed. He said mathematically was where he was coming from in trying to avoid the stalemate they found themselves a couple of months ago. Ms. Gilland said then almost the only way they could do that was to say they would have to turn in three names or however many, he suggested three...Mr. Foxworth said three, four, whatever. Ms. Gilland said if they didn't their vote wouldn't be counted. She said otherwise they would be doing the same thing they did before and if they did the same thing they did before and failed and did it again then there was a problem. She said this Council could make that decision and a majority could vote on it and then that would be the rule but they had to put it in the ordinance. Mr. Foxworth stated okay and that he would accept that as an amendment to his motion if the second would also accept it. He said that would be Mr. Schwartzkopf. Mr. Schwartzkopf said he would second that, he seconded the first one and would second this one.

Ms. Gilland said the motion was that each Council member given the list of 20 some names should chose three names for submission that they would then interview and if they didn't submit three their submission of one or two would not count. **The motion passed. The vote was as follows:**

In favor

**Foxworth
Schwartzkopf
Grabowski
Loftus
J. Prince
Allen
Gilland**

Opposed

**Worley
Schulz
Barnard
Frazier
P. Prince**

Mr. P. Prince moved to amend to extend the application process for at least a certain amount of days to allow other applicants to apply for the job. Ms. Gilland asked if Mr. P. Prince had any idea if there was anybody that wanted to apply that hadn't. Mr. P. Prince said yes. He said he didn't know them but knew the names. **The motion died for lack of a second.**

Mr. Schulz said just for clarification, he asked if the resolution provided money out of the budget to bring the people back. Ms. Gilland said yes, from the Administrator's contingency. Mr. Schwartzkopf said Paragraph Seven addressed that issue.

The main motion as amended for Resolution R-09-10 passed. The vote was as follows:

In favor

**Foxworth
Loftus
Barnard
Grabowski
Frazier
Schwartzkopf
J. Prince
Allen
Gilland**

Opposed

**P. Prince
Worley
Schulz**

Ms. Gilland stated she couldn't help but mention that this was really close to what she suggested they do the first week in December and they would have thought she suggested that they hang somebody in effigy. She said it was a wonderful thing what time would do. She said she appreciated those of them that got together and hammered it out and put it in resolution form and thanked them for their service.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 01-10** to amend the FY2010 budget so as to recognize a projected revenue shortfall, delete budgeted revenue of \$2 million, and delete the same amount of funding set aside for FY2011. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading and public review of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **03-10** Louis & Francis Conti; **04-10** Palm View Apartments at Lakeside Crossing Minor PDD and **05-10** Randolph Graham. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Loftus.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously.**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Vice Chairman. Mr. Worley moved to nominate Mr. P. Prince as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. Mr. Barnard moved to select Mr. P. Prince by acclamation, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. There was no vote taken but there was no objection.

Recreation Fund Disbursements: Mr. J. Prince: \$500 to Boy Scout Troup #822. Mr. Barnard and Mr. Loftus: a distribution each of \$927.17 to the Burgess Community Center for a Sound System.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Budget Workshop- Update on FY2010 Budget- February 2, 2010, 3:00p.m., Council Chambers. Spring Budget Retreat- April 8-9, 2010, North Strand Community/Recreation Center.

Three-Minute Movie: Ms. Gilland presented a three-minute movie on teamwork.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. in memorial of George Allen Burroughs; Estella Vaught; Jack L. "Jackie" Monroe, Jr.; Jeffery Lloyd Roberts; Betty Roberts Hucks; Austin Douglas "Doug" Duncan; David Manuel Stalvey; Amanda Pauline Housand Hughes; Henry "Earl" Harrelson; Laverne "Buddy" Dozier Larrimore; Cornie Anderson Lupo, Jr.; Bertha Elizabeth Mincey; Viola Jones Leigh; Richard Eugene Moore; Alva L. Randall; Eulee Goff "Skinner" Hulon and Betty Roberts Hucks.