

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2009
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: 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. Barnard led the pledge.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Mustafa Abdula was to speak on Construction & Development but did not speak.
2. Robert Bonadonna spoke on bike rallies.
3. Joe Estock spoke on bike rallies.

Chairman Gilland closed public input at 6:20 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. J. Prince moved to defer Ordinance 129-08 to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Frazier moved to add discussion on ATI and the Budget under Old/New Business, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS: Mr. P. Prince moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting January 20, 2009: Mr. Barnard moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. P. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Doris Clark
Leslie Paige Rexroad
Francis Mitchell Hardwick
Henry George King
Frankcena Jackson
Bobby Skipper
Daniel Manuel
Tommy Grimm
Mitchell C. Sanders
Gladys Gause
Mary Ciminello
Brenda E. Boyd
Randy Faulk
Reba Buffkin
Kirwin Bell
Don Exum
Kathleen Wilkins
Bill Duncan
Lloyd Stevens
Agnes Gause
Carl McNeil

CHARATERISTIC OF THE MONTH: Forgiveness: Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and not holding a grudge.

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

Third reading of **Ordinance 01-09** amending the FY 2009 budget so as to authorize and provide funding for the design and construction of Harrelson Boulevard.

Third reading of Ordinances granting beach franchises to designated franchises as follows: **03-09-A** North Beach Service, Inc., for the North Beach area; **03-09-B** South Strand Beach Services LLC for the Central Beach area and **03-09-C** Beach Services LTD for the South Beach area.

First reading of **Ordinance 16-09** to postpone one year the implementation of the Horry County's real property reassessment.

District 7 Appointment of Raymond Smith, Jr. to the Stormwater Advisory Committee and District 11 Appointment of Mickey Howell to the Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Introduction of Clifton Boyer, new Library Director. Karyl Brown, Library Board Member, introduced Mr. Boyer. Mr. Boyer spoke briefly.

Resolution R-09-09 congratulating the 2009-09 South Carolina AAA Varsity High School Boys Football Champions, the Myrtle Beach Seahawks. **Mr. Foxworth moved to defer, seconded by Mr. Schulz. The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution R-19-09 commemorating the 139th anniversary of Silent Grove Missionary Baptist Church. **Mr. Allen moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.** Chairman Gilland presented the resolution to Mangro Floyd. Mr. Floyd thanked Council.

Resolution R-18-09 relating to the declaration of intent by Horry County to reimburse certain expenditures prior to the issuance of airport revenue bonds. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously.**

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Second reading of **Ordinance 04-09** to amend the County Code so as to provide for a revised system of special events permitting. **Mr. Allen moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Barnard.** Mr. Carotti pointed out an oversight that needed to be deleted in the proposed amended version. In Paragraph Three, delete, “unless the business is licensed to operate as a sexually oriented business”. **Mr. Grabowski moved to approve the proposed amended version including the deletion that Mr. Carotti referred to, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.** There would be public review at third reading.

Second reading of **Ordinance 05-09** amending the FY 2009 budget so as to include state funding for the Public Defender and to incorporate the Public Defender’s Office as a county department. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Frazier. The motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading of **Ordinance 06-09** amending the FY 2009 budget so as to include funding for the Public Defender Georgetown Division and to incorporate the Public Defender’s Georgetown Office into the county budget. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Allen. Mr. Schulz recused himself from voting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading of **Ordinance 07-09** to amend the FY 2009 budget so as to authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$500,000 from the Industrial Park Fund to the Airport Fund for the purpose of providing infrastructure for the Myrtle Beach Int’l Commerce Park. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. Mr. Schulz recused himself from voting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **10-09** Robert Guyton, agent for Raccoon Run Golf Club; **11-09** Carolina Site Design, agent for Paddy Village PDD; **12-09** Gail Olive, agent for Habitat for Humanity and **13-09** James & Alice Allen. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **08-09** Thomas & Hutton, agent for Landbank LLC and Horry County, Tract 20 PDD and **09-09** Thomas & Hutton, agent for Landbank LLC and Horry County, Ten Oaks Tract PDD. Ms. Carter spoke briefly on issues with the rezoning. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve second reading and remand to the Planning Commission. Mr. Worley moved to defer and send to the Planning Commission without second reading approval, seconded by Mr. Barnard. The motion to defer passed. The vote was as follows:**

In favor

**Worley
Schulz
Loftus
Barnard
Schwartzkopf
J. Prince
Allen**

Opposed

**Grabowski
Frazier
Foxworth
P. Prince
Gilland**

Second reading of **Ordinance 14-09** to add the following cemeteries to the Horry County Historic Property Register as individual historic properties: Rogers Cemetery, Stevenson Cemetery, Johnson Cemetery, Stroud Cemetery, Elliott Cemetery, Royals Cemetery, St. Peter AME Church Cemetery, St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Centenary United Methodist Church Cemetery, Sweetwater Baptist Church Cemetery, Socastee United Methodist Church Cemetery, Hughes Cemetery, Daniel Chestnut Cemetery, Barnhill/Martin Cemetery, Hamilton Cemetery, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Ridgefield Baptist Church Cemetery, Noie Blanton Graveyard, Harrelson/Mills Cemetery, McCracken Cemetery, and the Waller Burying Ground. Adam Emmrick, Planning, gave a powerpoint presentation on the cemeteries. **There was no motion or second to approve but a vote was taken that passed unanimously.**

Second reading of **Ordinance 15-09** authorizing the administrator to execute and consummate a settlement agreement between the Myrtle Trace Homeowners Assn and Horry County which will include conveyance by the county to the homeowners association of roads located within the Myrtle Trace Retirement Community previously dedicated to the county. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schulz. The motion passed unanimously.**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ATI. Mr. Knight spoke briefly stating there would be a public hearing the next day in Columbia that staff would be attending to present the County's position on ATI. If the Legislature passed the law to do away with ATI, the County would have to refund perhaps as much as \$15 million.

Budget. Mr. Knight spoke briefly on the budget stating there were 143 positions vacant. There was going to be a reduction in employee salaries by 2.22% this year which equated to two days of pay. It would be spread over eight or nine pay periods and would begin March 20th. **Mr. Barnard moved to reduce County Council's salary by 2.22% as well, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on Public Project Procurement. Mr. Foxworth spoke briefly on the economic downturn and the development industry in Horry County and asked about a possible provision to put out of work people in the County, or at least in adjoining counties, to work as they could. Mr. Rick Ott, MB Kahn, stated that the general aviation terminal construction was almost all local contractors. The main terminal project would be put out in a similar manner encouraging local participation.

Budget Retreat- Schedule/Accommodations. Discussion took place on the upcoming retreat. The date for the retreat was set for April 16th and 17th. Chairman Gilland suggested using the meeting room at the Solid Waste Authority. Mr. P. Prince suggested having the retreat at Willow Tree Resort. No decision was made as to the location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Gilland announced the distribution of \$2,000 from her recreation funds to the Long Bay Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Schwartzkopf announced that the I&R meeting would be held on February 10th at 4:00 p.m. rather than February 12th.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. in memorial of Doris Clark; Leslie Paige Rexroad; Francis Mitchell Hardwick; Henry George King; Frankcena Jackson; Bobby Skipper; Daniel Manuel; Tommy Grimm; Mitchell C. Sanders; Gladys Gause; Mary Ciminello; Brenda E. Boyd; Randy Faulk; Reba Buffkin; Kirwin Bell; Dox Exum; Kathlene Wilkins; Bill Duncan; Lloyd Stevens; Agnes Gause and Carl McNeil.