

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, DEEMBER 19, 2006 6:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT – Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Kendall Johnson, Donny Phipps, Anna Almeida, Michael Criss, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Chief Harrell, John Hixon, Rodolfo Callwood, Audrey Shifflett, Tiaa Rutherford, Teresa Smith, Sandra Haynes, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Mizzell recognized that Councilman-Elect Norman Jackson was in the audience.

Mr. Mizzell also recognized that his wife and children were in the audience.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Val Hutchinson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Val Hutchinson, a guest Boy Scout Troop and Sybil Mizzell

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Scott recognized Ms. Corley's niece was in the audience.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized Mayor Pete Amoth was in the audience.

COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Plaques – Ms. Finch presented plaques to Mr. Mizzell and Ms. Corley in honor of their service to Richland County.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Blakeley Hallman, Nat'l Kidney Foundation of SC – Ms. Hallman presented Council with the Counties that Care Award from the National Kidney Foundation.

Ms. Tiaa Rutherford, Neighborhood Improvement Update – Ms. Rutherford gave a brief update regarding the Neighborhood Improvement program and the grants that have been awarded this year.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Blythewood High School – This presentation was moved to the January 16th meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Finch stated that Item 6b needed to be removed from the agenda.

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adopt the agenda as amended.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

The citizens were not allowed to speak at this time. The item they wished to speak to will have a public hearing scheduled in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: December 5, 2006 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Smith stated the following item was a potential Executive Session item:

a. **Employee Grievance**

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Employee Grievance – Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to uphold the Administrator's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Budget Process – Mr. Pope stated that a meeting was held with elected officials and direct report department directors regarding the upcoming budget process. The department directors were requested to provide a base budget for the upcoming Council Retreat.

Council Retreat – Mr. Pope stated that the Council Retreat will be held January 11-13 at Hickory Knob. Council members were requested to provide any additional items that they would like taken up at the Retreat, so that the Retreat agenda can be finalized.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

20th Annual SCAC Mid-Year Conference and the Institute of Government – Ms. Finch stated the Institute of Government will be held on February 20th. The conference will be held on February 21st at Embassy Suites. Ms. Finch requested that Council members contact here regarding registration for this conference.

Certificate of Appreciation – Ms. Finch stated that Richland County Council had received a Certificate of Appreciation from Senior Resources.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Mizzell presented gifts to all of his fellow Council members.

Mr. Mizzell gave a brief farewell speech.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Mr. Mizzell opened the floor to the following public hearings:

- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 General Fund Annual Budget to Add One Full Time Position to the Coroner's Office for a New Secretary Position** – No one signed up to speak.
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 General Fund Annual Budget to Add \$25,396 to the Election Commission's Budget for the Purpose of Providing Hardware and Software Maintenance on the New Voting Machines Beginning January 2007** – No one signed up to speak.

- **An Ordinance Authorizing a Deed to William H. Godshall and Bryan Chassereau, for a Certain Parcel of Land Known as Lot 25 in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park, a Portion of Richland County TMS# 25800-04-01 – No one signed up to speak.**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing the Granting of a Water Line Right-of-Way Easement to the City of Columbia Across Property Identified as a Portion of TMS# 08716-01-02, to Serve Sloan Construction Asphalt Plant – No one signed up to speak.**

The public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to approve the following consent items:

- **06-58MA, Frank Casen, RU to RS/MD, Residential Use, 03500-04-09, Old Tamah Road [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 General Fund Annual Budget to Add One Full Time Position to the Coroner's Office for a New Secretary Position [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 General Fund Annual Budget to Add \$25,396 to the Election Commission's Budget for the Purpose of Providing Hardware and Software Maintenance on the New Voting Machines Beginning January 2007 [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing a Deed to William H. Godshall and Bryan Chassereau, for a Certain Parcel of Land Known as Lot 25 in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park, a portion of Richland County TMS# 25800-04-01 [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing the Granting of a Water Line Right-of-Way Easement to the City of Columbia Across Property Identified as a Portion of TMS# 08716-01-02, to Serve Sloan Construction Asphalt Plant [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing the Entering into an Agreement with the City of Columbia in Order to Resolve a Dispute Over the Expenditure of Monies Generated by the Congaree Vista Tax Increment Financing District and Other Matters Related Thereto [Third Reading]**
- **Assessor's Office: Budget Amendment to Approve and Fund an Additional Appraiser I Position [Second Reading]**
- **Industrial Park Account: Budget Amendment to Provide Funds (\$50,000) for the Industrial Park Budget for Economic Development Uses [Second Reading]**
- **Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$512,500.00 to Provide Funding to the Historic Columbia for Renovations to the Woodrow Wilson Home [Second Reading]**

THIRD READING ITEMS

06-50MA, Brantley Manor, RS-LD to RU, Bed & Breakfast, 02307-01-07, 10 Leitner Point – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to the zoning to RR with the special requirements to facilitate a bed and breakfast. The vote in favor was unanimous.

06-38MA, Boyleston Plantation, RU to PDD, Mixed Use Development, 14600-03-27/43/44, Wilson Blvd., Blythewood – Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
McEachern	Montgomery
Corley	Hutchinson
Jeter	Smith
Pearce	Dickerson
Mizzell	
Livingston	
Scott	

The vote was in favor.

SECOND READING ITEMS

Ordinance Authorizing Not to Exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds for a County Animal Shelter and a Contribution to the Nonprofit's Animal Shelter – Mr. McEachern moved to defer this item. The motion died for lack of a second.

POINT OF ORDER – Ms. Smith inquired if the question could be divided.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item and refer the proposed animal shelter MOU to the A&F committee and report back to Council when the MOU is ready. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

FIRST READING ITEMS

Owens Field Engineering Consultant [Time Sensitive Item] – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- a. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee—4** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended staff to advertise for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Community Relations Council—2** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended staff to advertise for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. **Hospitality Tax Committee—2** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended staff to advertise for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

- a. **Farmers' Market Committee—1** – Mr. McEachern stated there were no applicants for this vacancy. The committee's recommendation was to re-advertise for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council—2** – Mr. McEachern stated there were three applicants and two vacancies.

Ms. Smith voted in favor of Ms. Peggy Cannon.

Mr. Montgomery, Mr. McEachern, Ms. Corley, Mr. Jeter, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Mizzell, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Hutchinson, Ms. Scott, and Ms. Dickerson voted in favor of Mr. Phillip Florence.

Mr. Montgomery, Mr. McEachern, Ms. Corley, Mr. Jeter, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Mizzell, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Hutchinson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Scott and Ms. Dickerson voted in favor of Mr. Sam Morton.

Mr. Phillip Florence and Mr. Sam Morton were appointed to the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council.

- c. **Midlands Workforce Development Board—2** – Mr. McEachern stated there were two applicants and two vacancies. The committee's recommendation was to appoint the two applicants. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Cicely Walker and Mr. Gilbert Walker were appointed to the Midlands Workforce Development Board.

- d. **Performing Arts Center Board—1** – Mr. McEachern stated there no applicants for this vacancy. The committee's recommendation was to re-advertise for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- e. **Transportation Study Commission—11** – Mr. McEachern stated the applicants did not specify on their applications which committee they were interested in. All the applicants have now done so. The committee also recommended extending the application submission date until January 5, 2007. Mr. McEachern also reminded Council members that they need to get their appointments to the committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

An Ordinance Authorizing Deed to F. N. Manufacturing Inc., or It's Assignee, Parcel A and Parcel B in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended First Reading approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

Township Renovations – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item.

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
McEachern	Montgomery
Jeter	Corley
Pearce	Hutchinson
Mizzell	
Livingston	
Smith	
Scott	
Dickerson	

The vote was in favor.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

MOTION PERIOD

Council Luncheon at Capital City Club – Mr. Jeter requested that Ms. Finch check on dates in January at the Capital City Club for a Council Luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Anthony G. Mizzell, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr. Vice-Chair

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