

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005 5:30 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.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT: Tony McDonald, Monique Walters, Marsheika Martin, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Carrie Neal, Ashley Jacobs, Michelle Onley, Cary McSwain, Joe Cronin, David Adams, Kendall Johnson, Roxanne Matthews, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Susan Britt, Stephany Snowden, Edith Caudle, Chief Harrell, Judy Carter, Larry Smith, Harry Huntley, Michael Criss

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting started at approximately 5:40 p.m.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Overriding the Rollback Millage Rate

Mr. Harry Huntley, County Auditor explained why it is necessary to have Council override the millage limitation. Mr. Huntley stated that the consequences in not overriding a millage limitation and setting the millage rate to low will cause agency budgets to come up short.

Mr. Pearce opened the floor for the public hearing.

Mr. Charles Brooks and Ms. Evelyn Bush signed up to speak regarding this issue.

1. Mr. Charles Brooks

2. Ms. Evelyn Bush

Ms. Bush opposed the millage increase.

The public hearing was closed by Mr. Pearce.

Mr. Livingston questioned Mr. Huntley regarding whether the millage rate for each entity to be voted on will increase. Mr. Huntley stated that if a millage is not set at a level that brings in enough money one year the deficit will rollover to the next year.

Mr. Montgomery briefly discussed the unfunded property tax relief the County is required to provide in the tax bills. Mr. Montgomery stated that the millage is not totally being driven by the county operations and budget, but also by outside agencies.

Operation for School District Two

Mr. Montgomery moved, Ms. Scott seconded, to override the millage. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Operation for Recreation

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to override the millage. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Operation for Midlands Tec Capital

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to override the millage. The vote in favor was unanimous. Mr. Livingston abstained due to his place of employment.

Operation of General Fund

Mr. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to override the millage. The vote was in favor.

Operation for Capital Replacement

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to override the millage. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Operation for Mental Health

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to override the millage. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Operation for Library

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern to override the millage. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Operation for Conservation Committee

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston to override the millage. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Operation for Neighborhood Redevelopment

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott to override the millage. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Submitted by,

L. Gregory Peace, Jr., Chair

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