

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

October 21, 2014
6:00 PM
County Council Chambers

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Breast Cancer Awareness Resolution – Ms. Dickerson presented a resolution in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Rose stated that an Run/Walk event at Lake Carolina for Patrick Allen, a Richland County EMS worker, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Resolution Honoring Carolyn Cliett – Mr. Jackson presented a resolution to Ms. Cliett recognizing her community service.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resolution – Ms. Dixon presented a resolution to SisterCare in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month Proclamation – Mr. Pearce presented a proclamation to Mr. Hanna in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: October 7, 2014 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.



Council Members Present

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

Others Present:

Tony McDonald
Sparty Hammett
Roxanne Ancheta
Warren Harley
Laura Saylor
Daniel Driggers
John Hixon
Justine Jones
Monique Walters
Rob Perry
Brandon Madden
Beverly Harris
Quinton Epps
Brad Farrar
Michelle Onley
Donny Phipps
Larry Smith
Cheryl Patrick
Tracy Hegler
Amelia Linder
Dwight Hanna
Monique McDaniels
Anna Lange
Nelson Lindsay
Elizabeth McLean

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Smith stated that the following items were potential Executive Session Items:

- a. **Contractual Matter: Medicare Advantage Retiree Insurance**
- b. **PDT Contract**

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- a. **PDT Contract** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to direct staff to proceed as directed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Tremaine Energy Leadership Award** – Mr. McDonald stated that the County was awarded the Tremaine Energy Leadership Award by the South Carolina Energy Office. The award is for outstanding contributions to energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewal energy and/or alternative fuel usage.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Washington thanked Mr. Manning for his motion to develop the Sustainability Office.

- b. **Presentation of Budget Book** – Mr. McDonald stated that a copy of the 2013-2014 Budget Book was placed at each council member's seat.
- c. **GIS Recognition** – Mr. McDonald stated that Patrick Bresnahan, GIS Department, was appointed to co-chair the GIS Subcommittee of NACo last year and this year has been appointed to co-chair NACo's Essential County Technology Committee.

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- d. **Public Works Director** – Mr. McDonald stated that Ismail Ozbek has been appointed as the Public Works Director.
- e. **Goodwill Plantation/Cook's Mountain Update** – Mr. McDonald stated that the meeting between the Conservation Commission and DNR is been set up and staff will bring back a report at the November 18th meeting.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

- a. **October 28, 2014 – Special Called Meeting** – Ms. McDaniels reminded Council of the October 28th Special Called Meeting.
- b. **November Meeting Schedule – November 18 – Council Meeting; November 25 – Committee/Zoning Public Hearing** – Ms. McDaniels stated that the meetings for November are November 18th and 25th.
- c. **2015 Council Meeting Schedule** – Ms. McDaniels stated that the proposed 2015 Council meeting schedule was in the agenda packet.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a. **LGF Resolution** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt the proposed resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Office of Small Business Opportunity Grand Opening – November 19, 2014, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at 2000 Hampton Street (Health Building), Suite 3014** – Mr. Jackson stated that the Office of Small Business Opportunity Grand Opening will be held on November 19th, 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM.

PRESENTATION

LRADAC – Gayle Aycok, President & CEO – This item was deferred until a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- 14-16MA, Hansel L. Carter, RU to GC (.46 Acres), 115 Congaree Run, 30600-05-02(p) [THIRD READING]
- 14-20MA, Craig & Martha Addy, RU to RS-MD (1.33 Acres), Gate Rd. & Wise Rd., 02412-02-02(p) & 02509-04-02(p) [THIRD READING]

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- 14-21MA, Patrick Palmer, RU to RC (2.99 Acres), Killian Rd. & Hwy. 21, 14600-03-55 & 02 [THIRD READING]
- 14-22MA, Quadir Muwwakkie, RM-HD/RS-HD to GC (.31 Acres), 510 Dartmouth Ave. & 515 Club Rd., 09309-12-12 & 17 [THIRD READING]
- 14-23MA, Joe Jackson, MH to OI (1 Acre), 2803 Padgett Rd., 22105-03-65 [THIRD READING]
- 14-24MA, Sherry Jaco, RM-HD to NC (.20 Acres), 1170 Olympia Ave., 11203-06-04 [THIRD READING]
- An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; so as to provide regulations for the construction, use, maintenance, and occupancy of mobile home parks, mobile home park sites, mobile homes, permanent buildings, accessory buildings or structures, and building components located within a mobile home park or a mobile home site, in all parts of the unincorporated areas of Richland County [SECOND READING]
- An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article II, General Traffic and Parking Regulations; Section 17-9, Through Truck Traffic Prohibited; Subsection (A); so as to prohibit through truck traffic on Longreen Parkway in Richland County, South Carolina [SECOND READING]
- An Ordinance Authorizing a lease to United Way of the Midlands for 1205.3± Square Feet of space at 2000 Hampton Street, 3rd Floor [SECOND READING]
- An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Hospitality Tax Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$30,000 of Hospitality Fund Balance to provide funding for Palmetto Capital City Classic [SECOND READING]
- An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; so as to add the Township Auditorium as an agency [SECOND READING]
- An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$162,500 of General Fund Revenue received from a rate increase of \$.25 per ton on host fee charges to be used for Economic Development operating cost [SECOND READING]

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

THIRD READING ITEM

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration: Article X, Purchasing Division 7, Small Local Business Enterprise Procurement Requirements; so as to require a business to be established in the County at least one year before certification application – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. the vote in favor was unanimous.

SECOND READING ITEMS

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Hospitality Tax Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$89,250 of Hospitality Fund Balance to provide funding for Famously Hot New Year – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item.

FOR

Rose
Dixon
Dickerson
Jackson
Washington
Manning

AGAINST

Pearce
Malinowski
Rush

The vote was in favor.

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration: Article X, Purchasing: Division 7, Small Local Business Enterprise Procurement Requirements; so as to change overall management of the program to the Office of Small Business Opportunity; and Amending Chapter 2, Administration: Article V: County Departments: Division 5A, Office of Small Business Opportunity; so as to create two divisions within the department – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item.

FOR

Dixon
Dickerson
Jackson
Washington
Rush

AGAINST

Pearce
Malinowski
Rose

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The vote was in favor.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Changes to Teleworking and Alternative Work Schedules in Handbook as it Relates to Supervisory Personnel – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Investment Period Under a July 28, 2009 Fee Agreement by and between Richland County and Unum Group, Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, and Unum Life Insurance Company of America – Mr. Washington stated that the committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an amendment to the fee agreement between Richland County, South Carolina, and Arum Composites, LLC its affiliates and assigns, to provide for a new effective date and millage rate; and other matters [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY] – Mr. Washington stated that the committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- a. **Internal Audit Committee – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board – 4** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Riverbanks Zoo Commission – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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- b. **Airport Commission - 1** - This item was held in committee.
- c. **Board of Zoning Appeals -1** - Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Building Codes Board of Appeals - 3** - Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- e. **Business Service Center Appeals Board - 1** - Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- f. **Central Midlands Council of Governments - 2** - Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- g. **Employee Grievance Committee - 1** - Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Ms. Florence Chretien.
- h. **Historic Columbia Foundation - 1** - This item was held in committee.

III. DISCUSSION FROM RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- a. **Council review why varying boards have varying terms and consider if terms should be consistent [Dixon, Malinowski, and Manning]** - This item was held in committee.
- b. **Procurement Review Panel** - This item was held in committee.
- c. **Procurement Review Panel - 1** - This item was held in committee.
- d. **Citizens Input/Public Hearing Language** - Mr. Malinowski stated that committee recommended that any input from Council members on this item should be submitted to Ms. Walters by December 1st.

OTHER ITEMS

Medicare Advantage Retiree Insurance - This item was taken up in Executive Session.

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REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. **Bonding and Insurance Program Options** – No action was taken.
- b. **Business Development Division**
 1. **Educational Assistance**
 - a. **Seminars, workshops, courses related to business development**

Ms. Dickerson stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to direct the SLBE Office to work with the PDT and once the OSBO Office is fully developed the educational assistance program will be managed by that office.

Mr. Rose made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to accept the committee's recommendation and direct staff to provide a list of programs and courses available at the October 28th Council meeting. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor of the second substitute motion.

2. **Technical Assistance** – No action was taken.
 - a. **Pilot Mentor Protégé Program**
 - b. **Access to Financial Capital Program**
 - c. **Bonding and Insurance Program**

REPORT OF THE JAIL AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. **Alvin S. Glenn Drop Off** – Mr. Rose stated the committee recommended proceeding with the procurement process to obtain the costs and scope for local providers to offer transportation from the Detention Center. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center Compensation Study** – Mr. Hanna stated that Buck Consultants recommended increasing the salaries at the Detention Center.

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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward the compensation study report to the 2015 Council Retreat. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:23 p.m.
and came out at approximately 7:34 p.m.*

- a. **Medicare Advantage Retiree Insurance** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to authorize staff to negotiate and award contract for Medicare retiree health insurance that will include coverage for eligible Richland County Government Medicare retirees and disability retirees. This will not change the premium percentages paid by the County based on continuous years of service with Richland County Government. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

- a. **A review of the dirt road paving list reflects at least 8 roads that do not have occupants (homes/businesses), yet they are prioritized over roads that have buildings on them. Based on this information I make the following motion: all dirt roads to be paved will be prioritized so that those with buildings will be done prior to those with no buildings, since the purpose of paving is for residents [MALINOWSKI]** – This item was referred to the Dirt Road Ad Hoc Committee.
- b. **Resolution Recognizing October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month [MANNING]** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Resolution Recognizing the Importance of Environmental Systems Operators [JACKSON]** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **The penny tax has created additional work for various Richland County Departments above their normal work load. One example is the Legal Department that must assist in preparation of all the legal documents**

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presented to Council to date. Based on this additional work, I am making the following motion: Departments who utilize manpower working on penny tax projects should quarterly submit those hours, along with any other expenses for materials used, to the Administrator and Finance Director so they can be credited from the Transportation program a proper dollar amount in their budget for that work. The Administrator and Finance Director should handle this in conjunction with the Transportation Director [MALINOWSKI] - This item was referred to the A&F Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:06 PM.

Norman Jackson, Chair

Joyce Dickerson, Vice-Chair

Julie-Ann Dixon

Damon Jeter

Paul Livingston

Bill Malinowski

Jim Manning

Greg Pearce

Seth Rose

Torrey Rush

Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

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