

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Howard Barnard and James Frazier.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Weaver; Pat Hartley; Anne Wright; Steve Gosnell; 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. Loftus gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Mr. J. Prince led the pledge.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Lauren Ebbie was to speak on Coast RTA but was absent.
2. Hamp Shuping spoke on behalf of the Conservation Voters of South Carolina requesting Council participate in a conservation profile and a report card on issues that would be coming up.
3. Kevin Gause spoke in opposition to Fox Pens in his community. Chairman Gilland stated the issue would be addressed at the next I&R Committee meeting.
4. James Millward spoke on Taxes on food and water, and the need for more regulation of golf carts. Mr. Grabowski stated he would look into the issue of golf carts.
5. Gen. James Vaught spoke on the tourism occupancy rate for the 4th of July; Closure of the Airport in Conway, Hurricane Season and International Drive being impassable; and Horry County park on International Drive.

Chairman Gilland closed public input at 6:30 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Grabowski moved to add First reading by title only of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to provide office space for CASA, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

Mr. Schulz moved to approve payments to NESAs totaling \$200,000 that had been approved in the budget, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

Mr. Foxworth requested to remove Resolution R-97-09 from the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS: Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Loftus. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting June 16, 2009 and Special Meeting June 23, 2009: Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

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

Margaret Phipps
Cornelius Sarvis
Edith Claridy
Donald Millus
Quinby Schwitzerlett
Betty Meyer
Clarence Oliver
Annie Henry
Henry Robinson
Woodrow Holmes
Mary Gladys Spain
John LaFluer
James Henry "Buddy" Tyler
Allie Stevens
Richard Beebe
Allen Ray Floyd
Lynn Lovett
Bradley Sorenson
Lucille "Gran" Watson
Maggie Alston
Clifton Fowler
Margie Grissett
Ernest Porter
Daniel Norris
Tom McGee, Sr.
Bob Maxwell, Sr.
Lori Ann Small Pilot
Grace W. Blackburn
Don Wilch

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MONTH: Gentleness: Showing consideration and personal concern for others.

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

Third reading of **Ordinance 52-09** amending the county code pertaining to the adoption of the Coastal Carolina University Neighborhood Overlay Zone.

First reading of **Ordinance 59-09** approving the conveyance of 670' of Jones Road in the Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve to the SC Dept of Natural Resources.

First reading of **Ordinance 60-09** to amend the county code so as to provide for updated general penalty provisions applicable to certain violations of Horry County ordinances.

First reading of **Ordinance 61-09** approving and authorizing the administrator to execute an amendment to the lease agreement with General Services Administration of property located at Myrtle Beach Int'l Airport for use by the Transportation Security Administration.

First reading of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **62-09** Robert Guyton, agent for Grey Plantation PDD; **63-09** Phyllis Washington, agent for Clara Ford and **64-09** Horry Furniture Co. Minor PDD.

First reading of **Ordinance 65-09** to amend the county code pertaining to property maintenance requirements.

Resolution R-86-09 honoring the life of Edith Marie Claridy.

Resolution R-89-09 approving continuation of the contract with the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce to manage and direct the 30% tourism promotion funds.

Resolution R-90-09 approving the county's Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2010-FY 2014.

Resolution R-91-09 to approve the replacement of Horseshoe Circle Road with the remaining unpaved portion of Smith Blvd. on the District #6 local road improvement list for Year 12.

Resolution R-92-09 to approve the dirt roads in District #9 to be constructed and paved during Years 15/16.

Resolution R-93-09 to approve the replacement of Blanton Circle with Norris Lane on the District #9 local road improvement plan.

Resolution R-94-09 to accept dedication of the road and drainage at Forest Square Phase 3B (Postal Way) in the county system.

Resolution R-95-09 to approve the improvement of less than 50' right-of-way on Doodle Hill Lane.

Resolution R-96-09 to approve the amendment of the bylaws of the Horry County Board of Zoning Appeals so as to change the time for applicants to file reconsideration requests from 60 days to 30 days.

First Reading by Title Only of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to provide office space for CASA.

Approval of \$200,000 distribution for NESA.

The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Schulz recusing himself from Resolutions R-94-09 and R-97-09. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Resolution R-87-09 congratulating the Burgess Community on the occasion of the dedication of an historical marker for the St. James Rosenwald School. Mr. Loftus, along with Dr. Cindy Ellsberry, presented the resolution to members from the Burgess Community. **Mr. Loftus moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Foxworth. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)**

Resolution R-98-09 proclaiming July 26, 2009 as Parent's Day. Julia Costeo, South Carolina Parenting Education Network, spoke briefly on the resolution. **There was no motion made but a vote was taken that passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)**

Resolution R-88-09 authorizing and approving accommodations tax funding. **Mr. Worley moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Loftus. Mr. Worley moved to amend to fund Loris Chamber of Commerce \$10,000, Aynor Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 and Little River Chamber of Commerce \$95,000 with the money coming from the Myrtle Beach Campground Association in which it would be funded at \$62,832, seconded by Mr. P. Prince. The motion to amend passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.) The main motion as amended passed with Mr. Foxworth voting nay. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)**

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 53-09** to approve the request of The Earthworks Group, agents for Quinn Thompson, Thompson Rentals Industrial Park PDD, to amend the official zoning maps. **Mr. P. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Worley. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)**

Second reading and public review of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **54-09** Johnny Hoffman, agent for Westfield Ross LLC; **55-09** Billy Joe & Gwen Sawyer; **56-09** Alexis Funes, agent for Conway National Bank, Funes Pools Minor PDD and **57-09** Brooks & Joan Lewis. **Mr. J. Prince moved to approve, seconded by**

Mr. Worley. There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)**

Second reading of **Ordinance 58-09** to amend the county code so as to provide for a revised ordinance summons and particulars of use with respect to enforcement of certain county ordinances. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)**

Resolution R-97-09 authorizing a special source credit agreement between Horry County and Project Real. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski.** Hugh Owens spoke briefly on the resolution. **The motion passed with Mr. Foxworth voting nay. Mr. Schulz recused himself earlier in the meeting. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on credit card fees. Roddy Dickinson, Treasurer, stated that rising credit card use and declining interest rates were affecting Horry County financially. He proposed to implement a Pay-By-Cashier Program. He had discussed this with Mr. Weaver and Ms. Wright and they concurred and didn't feel any Council action was needed. Information would be on the tax notices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. in memorial of Margaret Phipps; Cornelius Sarvis; Edith Claridy; Donald Millus; Quinby Schwitzerlett; Betty Meyer; Clarence Oliver; Annie Henry; Henry Robinson; Woodrow Holmes; Mary Gladys Spain; John LaFluer; James Henry "Buddy" Tyler; Allie Stevens; Richard Beebe; Allen Ray Floyd; Lynn Lovett; Bradley Sorenson; Lucille "Gran" Watson; Maggie Alston; Clifton Fowler; Margie Grissett; Ernest Porter; Daniel Norris; Tom McGee, Sr.; Bob Maxwell, Sr.; Lori Ann Small Pilot; Grace W. Blackburn and Don Wilch.