

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009 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	Paul Livingston
Vice Chair	Damon Jeter
Member	Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Bill Malinowski (via telephone)
Member	Jim Manning
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Kit Smith
Member	Kelvin Washington

OTHERS PRESENT – Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Tamara King, Larry Smith, Daniel Driggers, Dale Welch, Latausha Hopper, Anna Almeida, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Geo Price, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Manning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Jim Manning

PRESENTATION

City Year – City Year gave a brief update on their program.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Called: December 30, 2008 – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Regular Session: January 6, 2009 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Pope stated that he had received a letter from Thomas Lavender, Jr. of Nexsen Pruet regarding the stormwater ordinances that are currently on the January Zoning Public Hearing agenda. Mr. Lavender has requested that the public hearing be deferred until the February Zoning Public Hearing.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to add this item to the motion period. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The following items were potential Executive Session items:

- a. **Treasurer/Auditor Compensation Update**
- b. **Allied Waste Settlement Agreement**
- c. **Approval of 2009 Retreat Items: Personnel Matter**

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

United Way Campaign Update – Ms. Tamara King gave a brief update on the contributions by Richland County employees to the United Way.

Treasurer/Auditor Compensation Update – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

Allied Waste Settlement Agreement – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

Richland County Organizational Chart Update – Mr. Pope stated that an updated organizational chart was distributed to Council.

Condolences for Sparty Hammett – Mr. Pope stated that Mr. Hammett's mother had passed away and arrangements would be forthcoming.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Agenda Software Update – Mr. Dale Welch from IT gave Council a brief update on the agenda software and Mr. Livingston requested that staff come back with a recommendation as to the disadvantages and advantages of proceeding with the current software.

Bobby Gist Roast & Toast, Seawell's, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. – Ms. Finch stated that the Roast & Toast for Bobby Gist would be February 27th at Seawell's. Council members interested in tickets are to contact the Clerk of Council's Office.

Secretary of State Certification of Newly Elected Council Members – Ms. Finch presented the newly elected Council members with their certificates of certification.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

2009 Committee Liaison Assignments – Mr. Livingston stated that the 2009 Committee assignments have been made, although there may be minor adjustments.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 General Fund Annual Budget to decrease Business License revenue by one million five hundred and thirty-six thousand (\$1,536,000) due to fee adjustments and appropriate undesignated General Fund Balance of one million five hundred and thirty-six thousand (\$1,536,000) to offset** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

Alternative Dirt Road Paving Program/Ordinance to permit adoption of countywide dirt road paving program standards – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to defer this item until the February 3rd Council meeting. Ms. Smith requested that the Flexibility in Highway Design published by the Federal Highway Administration be researched and to have staff bring information back to Council.

A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

OTHER ITEMS

Report of Joint City/County Transit Ad Hoc Committee

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; so as to temporarily suspend the collection of a portion of the Hospitality Tax (By Title Only)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Hutchinson	Jackson
Jeter	Manning
Livingston	Kennedy
Dickerson	
Smith	
Washington	

- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Road Maintenance Budget, so as to increase the Road Maintenance Fee and appropriate such increase in funds for Mass Transit (By Title Only)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
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- c. **Direct Staff to develop a draft agreement among the three parties (Richland County, City of Columbia and the CMRTA) outlining the terms and conditions of funding, and to bring this draft agreement back to County Council during the first meeting in February** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of 2009 Retreat Items – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS' INPUT

Mr. Wayne Kirby spoke regarding the smoking ban.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:53 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:54 p.m.
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- a. **Treasurer/Auditor Compensation Update** – No action was taken.
- b. **Allied Waste Settlement Agreement** – No action was taken.
- c. **Approval of 2009 Retreat Items** – No action was taken.

MOTION PERIOD

Harambee Funding Request – Mr. Livingston referred this item to the A&F Committee.

Resolution Honoring Ms. Katherine Bellfield for her community service – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to adopt a resolution honoring Ms. Bellfield. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Resolution Honoring Mr. Bernie McGuire for his 30 years of service to Richland County by running the Parklane Tennis Center – Mr. Hutchinson moved, seconded

by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt a resolution honoring Mr. McGuire. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Motion requesting staff to identify the green spaces in Richland County and their current zoning designations to see if they qualify for rezoning under the TROS zoning – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

Zoning Public Hearing re: Stormwater Ordinance -- The Zoning Public Hearing on this item was deferred until the February Zoning Public Hearing.

Richland County be responsible for 25% of the bus finances and the City of Columbia 75% and that Richland County not raise the vehicle registration fee more than \$10 per vehicle per person. Meaning if someone owns more than one vehicle they only pay for one. This will cover the County and the City will take responsibility to fund their part – This item will be addressed at 2nd Reading of the CMRTA funding ordinances.

Repeal the Business License fee as it hurts recruiting business to Richland County – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.

To purchase property in Lower Richland for tourism related activities with Hospitality Tax funds – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Paul Livingston, Chair

Damon Jeter, Vice-Chair

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