

**MINUTES  
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 7, 2010  
6:00 p.m.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Weaver; Pat Hartley; Anne Wright; Steve Gosnell; Paul Whitten; Arrigo Carotti; 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 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Frazier gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE:** Mr. Schulz led the pledge.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

1. Andrea Crudo was to speak on Identity Theft but was absent.
2. Ann Carris spoke on Casino Boats. Ms. Gilland stated she would get in touch with the owners of the Aquasino and she and Ms. Harrison would meet to see if they could work out some sort of agreement to alleviate the problem. Mr. Weaver spoke briefly on the issue stating he had given to Council and the press a letter from Mr. Weisburg, owner of Aquasino, dated August 27, 2010 stating what the company had done. He had asked Chief Morgan for two certified noise meter officers to take noise readings at Ms. Harrison's home at 8:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., and Midnight. When those numbers were available, he would report those to Council and how they blended in with the noise ordinance limitation.

Ms. Gilland closed public input at 6:15 p.m.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

**Mr. Barnard moved to defer Resolution R-92-10 and Resolution R-93-10 to the next Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Schulz. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Allen requested to add under Announcements a recreation disbursement in the amount of \$1500 to the Carolina Travelers Traveling Ball Team at Pee Dee Recreation Center.**

**Mr. Schulz requested to remove Resolution R-95-10 from the Consent Agenda.**

**Mr. Worley requested to add under Announcements a recreation disbursement in the amount of \$10,000 to Vereen Memorial Gardens.**

**Mr. Schwartzkopf requested to add under Announcements a recreation disbursement in the amount of \$2000 to Myrtle Trace Botanical Garden.**

**Mr. Weaver requested that Council add under Old/New Business a brief discussion on an economic development opportunity regarding Pittsburgh Institute of Aviation.**

**Ms. Gilland requested to add under Announcements the announcement of an upcoming workshop.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS: Mr. Barnard moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting August 17, 2010 and Workshop w/ Solid Waste Authority, July, 28, 2010. Mr. Allen moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Frazier. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Betty Rabon Floyd  
Giovanna Silk-Nordeen  
James M. Sealey  
Vera Powell Rankin  
Frankie Kenneth Rabon, Jr.  
Geraldine F. Taylor  
John Buster Skipper  
Rosalie B. Pearson-Colao  
Nannie Lou Shockley  
Grace Ruth Stiles Dickison  
George David Wheatley  
Iris Evans Cottingham  
Courtney Candice Beverly  
Gary S. Morris  
Billy J. Simmons, Sr.  
Tamy Gay McFall  
Col. Harold Groves  
Lloyd Dickey  
Harry L. Norris  
Irene Williams  
Genevieve Parks  
Emma Dyson  
Cecil E. Boyd  
H.G. Cox, Jr.  
John F. Frink  
Ruby Hardee  
Richard Luedee, Sr.  
Bonnie L. Stalvey

**CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MONTH: Diligence:** Investing my time and energy to complete each task assigned to me.

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

Third reading of the following Ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **49-10** Michele & Richard Rowell and **50-10** Kevin Hardee, agent for Hardee Farm LP.

Third reading of **Ordinance 51-10** granting access and parking easements to Branch Bank & Trust Company pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract for purchase (old Conway post office building).

Third reading of **Ordinance 54-10** authorizing the county administrator to execute land sale contracts and conveyances for up to 4 parcels of county-owned land at the Grand Strand Airport to raise revenue for the MYR terminal capacity enhancement project.

First reading of **Ordinance 69-10** to amend the County Code to add language to address standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board to update the section of Debt, and to address other operational matters.

First reading of **Ordinance 72-10** authorizing the county administrator to consummate the transfer of property at the Conway-Horry County Airport.

**Resolution R-94-10** to adopt the Horry County Housing & Community Development Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for FY 2009-10.

**Resolution R-96-10** that declares surplus the service weapon of Lieutenant Darris Fowler and to authorize the sale of the service weapon to Lt. Fowler.

**The motion passed with Mr. Barnard voting nay on Ordinance 51-10.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**Update Presentation on the Horry County Census.** Vermelle Simmons, SC Census Bureau, reported that Horry County had increased its mail participation rate by 12% over the 2000 rate. The overall rate for South Carolina was 73%.

**Discussion on an Economic Development Opportunity for Pittsburgh Institute of Aviation.** Mr. Weaver reported that an agreement was reached between Pittsburgh Institute of Aviation, Horry-Georgetown Technical College and the Horry County School District to establish a training center in Building 325 on the former Air Base that would be operational in the Fall 2011. Building 325 was presently unusable; he had obtained a cost estimate of approximately \$1.7 million to renovate it. The funding for the renovation would be accomplished through several sources- \$700,000-\$800,000 from the Myrtle Beach Redevelopment Authority, \$100,000 from the City of Myrtle Beach, and from other money that was available to the County from other sources. There would be a funding shortage of approximately \$400,000, which could be made up through the County's economic development fund, which had a balance in excess of \$3 million. He anticipated that at the first Council meeting in October a request would be made to Council to fund the shortage from the economic development fund.

**Presentation on the removal of abandoned boats on the Intracoastal Waterway and First Reading of Ordinance 68-10** amending the County Code to authorize for the removal and destruction of abandoned watercraft from the waterways and to criminalize the unlawful abandonment of watercraft. Mr. Schulz displayed photographs of abandoned boats and stated they had the opportunity to collect grant money that would help with the excavation of the boats. Mr. Carotti spoke on taking all reasonable steps to notify the lien holder as part of the process. **Mr. Worley moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schulz. The motion passed with Mr. Barnard voting nay.**

**Resolution R-97-10** authorizing the administrator to enter into negotiations with Avcraft Support Services, Inc., for amendment of the currently existing lease of facilities located at the Myrtle Beach International Airport. Mr. Carotti stated due to the economy Avcraft had been struggling and in an effort to try to make the business work there had been an outside investor group that was interested in acquiring interest in the company. They proposed to take the business and shore it up and grow it for the future and provide continuing opportunity for jobs for the area. In order for them to do that they needed to revisit the lease agreement that was currently in place. Franklin Daniels, Attorney, spoke briefly stating they would like to get the lease back in line to what it was in 2005 so they could invest and make a positive impact for the future. Derrick Neece, CEO of Indaer International, spoke stating he represented a group of investors that had an interest in investing in Avcraft Support Services. Mr. Barnard requested from Mr. Weaver the rank of the buildings. **Mr. Worley moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schulz. The motion passed with Mr. Foxworth voting nay.** Mr. Weaver stated they would move forward and when the details of the lease was negotiated, it would be a three reading ordinance.

#### **READING OF ORDINANCES:**

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 48-10** to enter into one or more lease purchase transactions relating to the financing of the relocation of fiber optic lines and the acquisition of computer and other technology-related equipment not to exceed \$2.1 million. **Mr. Schulz moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Loftus.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 63-10** to approve the request of The Earthworks Group, agent for Hucks Limited Partnership LLC, Cypress Resort RV Park PDD, to amend the official zoning maps. **Mr. Grabowski moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Worley.** The following people spoke at public review: Bill Felder and Frances Laban. Mr. Weaver spoke briefly on a letter that he received that day that was dated August 31<sup>st</sup> from Dr. Cindy Elsberry, Superintendent of Horry County Schools, that stated they found no real objections to the PDD. The letter further stated that in an effort to assist with traffic congestion on River Road during the school year, they requested that Council require gates be installed at the road entrances and that the gates be closed on school days during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He further stated he didn't know about the safety concerns there would be by having the gates but Ms. Carter had told him that because of the width and the problems turning on Hwy. 544, River Road was going to be the primary entrance and exit into the campground facility, and to close it four hours a day, Monday-Friday, nine months out of the year, was something to consider. Mr. Gosnell stated they recommended that the entrance remain on River Road. The biggest problem on the road was traffic from the solid waste recycling center and when that went away, and was removed, the traffic volume would be cut in half to two-thirds. Ms. Carter spoke on the gates stating if they were going to put in gates they needed to go ahead and put a provision in the PDD stating that the PDD was subject to review at a later date and a possible amendment if gates were required. **Mr. Grabowski moved to amend that Council reserved the right to relook at the PDD in the future and to require that gates be put in place on River Road to restrict traffic during certain school hours if a need arose, seconded by Mr. P. Prince. The motion to amend passed unanimously. The main motion as amended passed with Ms. Gilland voting nay.**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 55-10** to amend the zoning ordinance to establish conservation districts. **Mr. Schulz moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf.** The following people spoke at public review: Pam Creech and Stacy Williams. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to remand to the I&R Committee for their October meeting. The motion to remand failed. The vote was as follows:**

<b><u>In favor</u></b>	<b><u>Opposed</u></b>
<b>P. Prince</b>	<b>Schulz</b>
<b>Schwartzkopf</b>	<b>Frazier</b>
<b>Allen</b>	<b>Worley</b>
<b>Grabowski</b>	<b>J. Prince</b>
<b>Foxworth</b>	<b>Barnard</b>
<b>Gilland</b>	<b>Loftus</b>

**The motion to approve failed. The vote was as follows:**

<b><u>In favor</u></b>	<b><u>Opposed</u></b>
<b>Worley</b>	<b>Foxworth</b>
<b>Schulz</b>	<b>Schwartzkopf</b>
<b>Loftus</b>	<b>Grabowski</b>
<b>Frazier</b>	<b>J. Prince</b>
<b>P. Prince</b>	<b>Allen</b>
	<b>Barnard</b>
	<b>Gilland</b>

Ms. Gilland called a recess at 8:23 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 56-10** to allocate revenue to taxing districts for the Coca-Cola & Metglas, Inc., multi-county business park. **Mr. Worley moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Barnard.** There was no public review. **Mr. Worley moved to amend to the amended version in the packet, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion to amend passed unanimously. Mr. Loftus moved to approve as amended, seconded by Mr. P. Prince. The main motion as amended passed unanimously.**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 57-10** to amend the 2011 budget so as to authorize and provide funding for services of a special referee to handle foreclosures for the office of Master-in-Equity pursuant to an order issued by the Chief Justice of the SC Supreme Court. **Mr. Schulz moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Frazier.** There was no public review. **The motion passed with Mr. Foxworth voting nay.**

Second reading and public review of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **59-10** Grey Plantation PDD; **60-10** County Club Villas HOA; **62-10** Myrtle Beach Farms Co., Inc.; **64-10** Evelyn Richardson and Curtis & Cindy Reynolds; **65-10** Sandhills Bank; **66-10** Cynthia Smith and **67-10** Waterside @ Longpoint PDD. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve, seconded by Mr. J. Prince.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 61-10** to approve the request of MBREIG-3 LLC to amend the official zoning maps. **Mr. Loftus moved to disapprove, seconded by Mr. Schulz.** The following people spoke at public review: Lawrence Belanges; Patricia Ferguson; Tom Brittain and Eric Pasara. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading (unadvertised public comment) of **Ordinance 70-10** to approve the request of Venture Engineering, agent for BHK of Myrtle Beach LLC, to amend the official zoning maps. The following people spoke at the unadvertised public review: Lynn Baer; Monica Riga; Mike Moyers; Steve Powell and Diane Carpino. **Mr. P. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:**

**In favor**

**Worley  
Schulz  
Foxworth  
Barnard  
Grabowski  
Frazier  
Schwartzkopf  
P. Prince  
Allen**

**Opposed**

**J. Prince  
Lotus  
Gilland**

First reading of **Ordinance 71-10** to authorize and approve an agreement for the development of a joint industrial and business park between Horry and Georgetown Counties with property located at the Myrtle Beach International Airport, to require payment of fee in lieu of ad valorem taxes by businesses located in the park, to apply zoning and other laws in the park, to provide for distribution of park revenues, and to approve an intergovernmental agreement between Horry County and the City of Myrtle Beach relating to the park. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf.** Mr. Schulz requested that the City of Myrtle Beach be represented at the workshop on September 21<sup>st</sup>, as well as Frannie Heizer. Mr. Weaver stated that Frannie Heizer would be there to discuss the bonds, Mike Ey would be there to discuss the multi-county business park, and Bill Musser would be there representing the City of Myrtle Beach. Ms. Gilland stated the workshop would be September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Resolution R-95-10** to approve the write-off of certain unpaid emergency medical service (EMS) account balances which relate to services provided during FY 2007. **Mr. Schulz moved to approve, seconded by Mr. P. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.**

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Appointment of James Frazier to the Coast RTA Board of Directors. Mr. Grabowski moved to approve, seconded by Mr. J. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Gilland announced that they had changed the Council Workshop from September 16<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the MYR Terminal Expansion Funding.

Ms. Gilland spoke briefly on forming an Ad Hoc Committee on Batch Plants and requested four volunteers from Council to meet with the batch plant operators. The four volunteers were: Mr. Foxworth, Mr. Schwartzkopf, Mr. Loftus and Ms. Gilland. She stated she would get with them on a date.

Ms. Gilland announced the following recreation disbursements: Mr. Worley- \$10,000 to Vereen Memorial Gardens; Mr. Schwartzkopf- Myrtle Trace Botanical Garden; and Mr. Allen- \$1500 to Carolina Travelers Traveling Ball Team. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Schwartzkopf requested a briefing on the volunteer building of the park in Carolina Forrest. Ms. Bourcier stated they still needed volunteers for different shifts and asked anyone interested to contact Parks and Recreation at 915-5330.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at – p.m. in memorial of Betty Rabon Floyd; Giovanna Silk-Nordeen; James M. Sealey; Vera Powell Rankin; Frankie Kenneth Rabon, Jr.; Geraldine F. Taylor; John Buster Skipper; Rosalie B. Pearson-Colao; Nannie Lou Shockley; Grace Ruth Stiles Dickison; George David Wheatley; Iris Evans Cottingham; Courtney Candice Beverly; Gary S. Morris; Billy J. Simmons, Sr.; Tamy Gay McFall; Col. Harold Groves; Lloyd Dickey; Harry L. Norris; Irene Williams; Genevieve Parks; Emma Dyson; Cecil E. Boyd; H.G. Cox, Jr.; John F. Frink; Ruby Hardee; Richard Luedee, Sr. and Bonnie L. Stalvey.