

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Ryan

OTHERS PRESENT: Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; John Weaver; 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 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mr. Frazier gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Mr. Hardee led the pledge.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Bobby Causey was to speak on taxes but was absent.
2. Cathy Hodum spoke regarding Habitat for Humanity.
3. Luke Laroit was to speak on bike rallies but was absent.
4. Christa Cooper spoke on Pelican Bay Subdivision Roads.
5. Chris Burroughs spoke on flow control.
6. Birgit Darby spoke on freedom of speech.

Chairman Gilland closed public input at 6:25 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Mr. Hardee moved to defer Ordinance 129-08 to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foxworth moved to remand Ordinance 138-08 back to the I&R Committee, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foxworth requested to remove Resolution R-186-08 from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Barnard moved to defer Ordinance 123-06 to the next meeting and also have public review at that time, seconded by Mr. Schulz. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schulz recused himself from voting on Ordinance 135-08.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS:

Mr. Barnard moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting December 2, 2008: Mr. Prince moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Howard Durham
Lucille L. Reaves
William Graham
Mary Lee Singleton Blake
Thomas J. Calhoun
Raquan Ricky Sanders
Heather B. Carmichael
Clara Bellamy
Eugenia S. Graham
Dottie Marjorie Skipper Hughes
Johnny L. Mercer
William Steal
Henry D. Johnston
Pauline M. Lewis
Dr. William K. Rodman
Charlie "Choppy" Edge
Shirley W. Gardner
James P. Hardee
Alex Maston Seals
Robert Rees Durant III
Shirley Margaret Reed
Sadie Durant Sessions
Florie "Tenny" Skipper
Dewitt Conway Honeycutt
Patricia Livingston
Lois Pridgen
Eunice G. Cox
Bob Cape
Terry Jordan
Lucille Bellamy Harrelson

CHARATERISTIC OF THE MONTH: Generosity- Carefully managing my resources so I can freely give to those in need.

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

Third reading of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **132-08** Erica Kindl, agent for DevLand N. Myrtle LLC; **134-08** Quentin Holmes, agent for Francis Holmes & Gail Myers; **135-08** DDC Engineers, agent for International Paper Realty and **136-08** James C. Todd.

First reading of **Ordinance 143-06** providing for the offense of defrauding and refusing to pay an operator of a vehicle for hire.

First reading of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **144-08** Timmy Thompkins and **145-08** Castles Engineering, agent for Waccamaw Distribution Center PDD.

District 7 Board Appointment: Gwendolyn Mishoe to the Library Board of Trustees.

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Resolution R-187-08 honoring William David “Billy” Witherspoon for a career of distinguished civic service. Mr. Hardee presented the resolution to Mr. Witherspoon. **Mr. Prince moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Gilland presented a plaque to Mr. Hardee thanking and honoring him for his years of service on County Council. Mr. Hardee thanked everyone.

Presentation of the financial report for the year ended June 30, 2008. Laurie Smith, Elliott Davis Accountants, gave a presentation on the financial report stating there were no significant difficulties encountered. There were no disagreements with the management and no uncorrected misstatements that were uncovered during the audit and no proposed audit adjustment interest.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 97-08** to amend the County Code regarding watercraft and motors subject to ad valorem property tax in Horry County as authorized by the SC Code of Laws. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Worley.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 140-08** to approve the request of Eric Rabon, Shoreline Engineering LLC, agent for Conway Atlantic Land Development LLC, to amend the official zoning maps. **Mr. Frazier moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardee.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 141-08** to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to public utility installations. **Mr. Worley moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardee. Mr. Hardee moved to approve the amended version in the packet, seconded by Mr. Prince.** Reed Cooper, Horry Electric Cooperative, spoke at public review. **The motion to approve the amended version passed unanimously.**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 142-08** to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to monthly disclosure of utility operations in Horry County. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve the amended version in the packet, seconded by Mr. Barnard.** Pam Creech spoke at public review. **The motion passed unanimously.**

First reading of **Ordinance 146-08** to amend the FY2008 budget so as to reduce the authorized transfer from the general fund to the capital projects fund by \$2.8 million and to delete that portion of the projects from the capital projects fund. **Mr. Barnard moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution R-186-08 authorizing the county administrator to use \$4 million of bond proceeds from the 2008 general obligation bonds to finance the North Strand Recreation Center. **Mr. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed with Messrs. Barnard, Foxworth, Hardee and Schwartzkopf voting nay.**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

At-Large Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, one seat: Nominees were Judy Price and Steven Neeves. Ballots were distributed earlier in the meeting. Judy Price was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals by ballot.

Chairman Gilland spoke briefly on the current economic times and encouraged all County employees to come up with suggestions on cost savings.

Mr. Barnard thanked Mr. Hardee for his work on Council and that he enjoyed working with him.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. in memorial of Howard Durham; Lucille L. Reaves; William Graham; Mary Lee Singleton Blake; Thomas J. Calhoun; Lucile L. Reaves; Raquan Ricky Sanders; Heather B. Carmichael; Eugenia S. Graham; Dottie Marjorie Skipper Hughes; Johnny L. Mercer; Henry D. Johnston; Pauline M. Lewis; Dr. William K. Rodman; Charlie “Choppy” Edge; Shirley W. Gardner; James P. Hardee; Alex Maston Seals; Robert Rees Durant III; Shirley Margaret Reed; Sadie Durant Sessions; Florie “Tenny” Skipper; Dewitt Conway Honeycutt; Lucille Bellamy Harrelson; Patricia Livingston; Lois Pridgen; Eunice Cox; Bob Cape and Terry Jordan.