

# MINUTES OF



## RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008 6:00 p.m.

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Joseph McEachern
Vice Chair	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Mike Montgomery
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Kit Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Michelle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Tamara King, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Anna Almeida, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Audrey Shifflett, Angie McInchok, James Hayes, Lashedra Pontoon, Latasha McIlwain, Daniel Driggers, Teresa Smith, Michael Byrd, George Rice, Andy Metts, Chief Harrell, Paige Green, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

### INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Michael Montgomery

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Michael Montgomery

## PRESENTATIONS

**CASA** – Ms. Paige Green expressed appreciation to Council for their continued support with a brief presentation recognizing the 1,328 children that CASA was able to serve in 2007.

## RESOLUTIONS

**EMS Defibrillators Resolution** – Mr. Pearce presented a resolution to the four EMS employees who resuscitated the football fan at the Carolina-Clemson football game.

Mr. Pope recognized Dr. Gambell and Nancy Gambell who initiated CPR on Mr. Crawford; Mark Turner, a friend of Mr. Crawford; Mr. Crawford, the fan who was resuscitated, and his wife; Michael Byrd, EMS Director; and Dr. Girard, Medical Director of Richland County EMS.

**Blythewood High School Bengals Football Team Resolution** – Ms. Dickerson presented a resolution to the Blythewood High School football team in honor of them being undefeated in the 2007 season.

**GFOA Budget Award** – Mr. Pope presented the Budget Department the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Budget Department has received an award from the GFOA.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the agenda as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Session: January 8, 2008** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The following item was a potential Executive Session item:

a. **Farmers' Market Update**

### REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Riverside Property Purchase: Funding Recommendations** – Mr. Pope stated that this item will be deferred until the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Retreat: Thursday, January 31-February 2, 2008, Madren Conference Center, Clemson, SC** – Mr. Pope reminded Council about the upcoming Council Retreat that will take place January 31-February 2 at the Madren Conference Center in Clemson.

**Billboards Update** – Mr. Pope stated that the Planning Commission voted 6-3 to table the Digital Billboard Ordinance until such time as the Federal Highway Administration study has been completed. The anticipated completion date for the study will be 2009. This item will be taken up at the January 29<sup>th</sup> Zoning Public Hearing.

**Farmers' Market Update** – Mr. Pope stated that he had followed-up as directed in the previous Executive Session meeting and was awaiting a response back from the State on this matter.

**Lower Richland Sewer Service** – Mr. Pope stated that he had sent a reconsideration letter to the City of Columbia and had been in communication with the City Manager. This item was placed on the City of Columbia's January 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda for discussion. Staff will present several options for Council's consideration at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

**Columbia Museum of Art Gala** – Ms. Finch stated that the Columbia Museum of Art had extended a free invitation to Council members and a guest to attend the "Night on the Nile Gala" to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> year on Main Street. The event will take place on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Museum of Art on Main Street.

**Retreat Transportation** – Ms. Finch stated that a 15-passenger van will be departing from 2020 Hampton Street on January 31<sup>st</sup> for those that do not wish to drive their personal vehicles to the Retreat.

**Committee Liaison Forms** – Ms. Finch requested that all outstanding Committee liaison forms be completed in writing and forwarded to her no later than January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

No report was given.

## PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Mr. McEachern opened the floor to the following public hearings:

- **An Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on approval of floodplain management permits for development or construction within a portion of the Congaree River floodplain – No one signed up to speak.**
- **An Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2007-2008 general fund annual budget to amend section 23 and appropriate fund balance based on special duty administrative fees collected in FY 08 over the cost of the program from services rendered in FY 07 in the amount of one hundred eighty-four thousand nine hundred and ten dollars (\$184,910) to purchase non-lethal taser equipment and training for the Sheriff's Department – No one signed up to speak.**
- **An Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget to fund a new computer aided dispatch system (CAD) and 911 telephone system – No one signed up to speak.**

The public hearings were closed.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the following consent items:

- **An Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on approval of floodplain management permits for development or construction within a portion of the Congaree River floodplain [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2007-2008 general fund annual budget to amend section 23 and appropriate fund balance based on special duty administrative fees collected in FY 08 over the cost of the program from services rendered in FY 07 in the amount of one hundred eighty-four thousand nine hundred and ten dollars (\$184,910) to purchase non-lethal taser equipment and training for the Sheriff's Department [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget to fund a new computer aided dispatch system (CAD) and 911 telephone system [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance authorizing extension of lease with the Richland County Recreation Commission regarding Ballentine Park [Second Reading]**

## REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

### I. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

- a. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee—1** – Mr. Montgomery stated there were no applicants and one vacancy. The committee recommended re-advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Business Service Center Appeals Board—5** – Mr. Montgomery stated there was one applicant and five vacancies. The committee recommended appointing Ms. Rhondra O. Willis and re-advertising the outstanding vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Employee Grievance Committee—2** – Mr. Montgomery stated there were no applicants and two vacancies. The committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Internal Audit Committee—1** – Mr. Montgomery stated there were no applicants and one vacancy. The committee recommended re-advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Motions Made During Motion Period (Rule Change)** – Mr. Montgomery stated this item was held in committee until additional information had been received.
- b. **Presentations (Rule Change)** – Mr. Montgomery stated this item was held in committee until additional information had been received.
- c. **Business Service Center Appeals Board (Possible Change to the Ordinance)** – Mr. Montgomery stated the committee was researching a possible ordinance change, as it applies to the requirements of applicants, to this board.

**Lower Richland Sewer Service** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to defer this item until the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**APPLICATION FOR LOCATING A COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY IN  
AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF RICHLAND COUNTY**

**Linda R. Jacobs, 521 Quail Hills Drive, Hopkins, South Carolina 29061—District 11—Jackson** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**MOTION PERIOD**

**Work Session regarding Ordinance amending Floodplain Overlay District (Clerk's recommendation 01/29/08, 3:00 p.m.)** – The consensus of Council was to schedule the work session for January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Eastover Industrial Park** – Ms. Scott requested that the County Administrator assess the newly proposed site for the Eastover Industrial Park.

**Sarah Jones Resolution** – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve a resolution for Sarah Jones' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Farmers' Market Lawsuit** – Ms. Scott requested that the County Administrator research the feasibility of a lawsuit regarding the Farmers' Market.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:51 p.m.

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