

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008 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	Joseph McEachern
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Kit Smith
Absent	Damon Jeter
	Mike Montgomery

OTHERS PRESENT – Michelle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Larry Smith, Joseph Kocy, Janet Claggett, Latausha Hopper, Andy Metts, Jim Wilson, Bob Dennis, Brenda Carter, Betty Etheredge, Daniel Driggers, Audrey Shifflett, Pam Davis, Chief Harrell, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joseph McEachern

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Joseph McEachern

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Pearce congratulated Chief Hubert Harrell on his selection by the Governor to head the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

RICHLAND 101 SPRING GRADUATION

Ms. Tamara King congratulated the Spring Richland 101 graduates. One of the graduates have a brief speech.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Hutchinson requested unanimous consent to add to the motion period a resolution for Rev. Gwendolyn Taylor. Council unanimously consented to add this item to the motion period.

Mr. Malinowski stated that the back up material for Items 1.a. and 1.b. were reversed.

Ms. Finch requested that a proclamation for Public Works be added to the agenda. Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to add this item to the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: April 15, 2008 – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes as distributed. Mr. Malinowski stated that he wanted to be sure the dates on the code enforcement officer resolutions were corrected. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Public Hearing: April 22, 2008 – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Special Called: April 22, 2008 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Special Called: April 29, 2008 – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Pending Litigation – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

Schedule of Recreation Commission Work Session (oversight, bonding authority, etc.) – This item was taken up during the Motion Period.

Schedule Transportation Study Commission Work Session (per Dr. Whitson's request) – This item was taken up during the Motion Period.

Eastover Sewer – This matter will be taken up during the budget process.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The following items were potential Executive Session items:

- a. Pending Litigation—EMS

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

HR/Personnel Work Session – Ms. Finch requested direction regarding the scheduling of this work session.

On-Premises Digital Display Work Session – Ms. Finch requested direction regarding the scheduling of this work session.

SC Association of University Women of Greater Columbia – Ms. Finch stated that Ms. Dickerson will be honored for her contributions in the community by the SC Association of University Women at an awards luncheon on Saturday, May 17th at 12:00 p.m. at New Orleans Restaurant.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

State of Richland County – Ms. Hutchinson stated that May 29th has been proposed to hold the State of Richland County press conference and presentation. A discussion took place wherein this matter was forwarded to the Motion Period.

Bond Review Committee – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes of the April 29th Bond Review Committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A Resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its not exceeding \$430,000,000

Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended – No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

- **08-08MA, SC Research Authority, M-1 to GC (26.86 Acres), High Density Multi-Use Development, TMS# 17200-02-11, Powell Rd. & Technology Circle [Second Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Ratifying the Business License Fee Schedule adopted by Council on October 16, 2007 [Second Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, Business Licenses; Section 16-5, Classification and Rates; so as to incorporate the Business License Fee Schedule by reference [Second Reading]**
- **Request to approve a construction contract for the Bonbon Lane capital improvement project**
- **Request to approve a construction contract for Phases I & II of the Stoops Creek capital improvement project**
- **Request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Richland County and Clemson University Co-operative Extension Service for the Partnership in Environmental Program (Carolina Clear)**
- **Request to approve the purchase of an existing office building to house the Utilities Department Administration and Engineering Divisions**
- **Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the purchase of land and construction of a new alcohol and drug abuse facility for LRADAC [First Reading]**
- **Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,000,000 general obligation bonds for the purchase of vehicles for use by the Sheriff's Department for fiscal year 2008-2009 [First Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII, Boards, Commissions and Committees; Section 2-326, Boards and Commissions created and recognized; so as to clarify language regarding members' terms for the Business Service Center Appeals Board [First Reading]**
- **A Resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its not exceeding \$430,000,000 Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended**

The vote was in favor.

THIRD READING ITEM

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, in general, so as to amend the requirements pertaining to sexually oriented businesses and make clarifications pertaining to all businesses – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VI, Supplemental Use Standards; Section 26-151, Permitted Uses with Special Requirements; Subsection (c), Standards; Paragraph (66), Sexually Oriented Businesses; so as to amend the requirements pertaining to sexually oriented businesses – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

08-04MA, David Armstrong, Jr., RU to GC (1.15 Acres), Wash Shed, TMS# 20200-01-02, 600 Longtown Road – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

An Ordinance to amend the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; by adding a new section therein for the purpose of establishing regulations and requirements relating to smoking of tobacco products in the unincorporated areas of Richland County – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Request to award a contract for financial auditing services – Mr. McDonald stated that Elliott Davis had been selected as the auditing service.

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A Resolution of commitment to amend the county's comprehensive plan to be compatible with the City of Columbia's comprehensive plan – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item with the following change in language: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Richland County Council declares its support and commitment to work with the City of Columbia in developing a Comprehensive Plan mutually beneficial to both parties. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Financial Review: Funding Review: Funds Requiring Action for FY 2007-2008 – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the Human Resources and Solid Waste budget amendments. A discussion took place. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- a. **Human Resources Budget Amendment**
- b. **Solid Waste Budget Amendment**

REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

- a. **Building Codes of Board of Adjustments and Appeals—1** – Mr. Livingston stated there were no applicants and one vacancy. The committee recommended re-advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Business Service Center Appeals Board—2** – Mr. Livingston stated there was one applicant and two vacancies. The committee recommended appointing Mr. William C. West, III. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Employee Grievance Committee—1** – Mr. Livingston stated there were no applicants and one vacancy. The committee recommended re-advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Internal Audit Committee—1** – Mr. Livingston stated there were no applicants and one vacancy. The committee recommended re-advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. **Motion Period—Rule Amendment** – This item was held in committee and a recommendation will be brought to Council at the next meeting.
- b. **Business Service Center Appeals Board—Ordinance Amendment** – It was not necessary to take this item up at this time.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Recognition of Administration Interns – Mr. Pope recognized Ms. Erica Hink and Ms. Karen Brinkley, interns in Administration, for their work on the Strategic Plan.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:50 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:32 p.m.
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- a. **Pending Litigation** – No action was taken.

MOTION PERIOD

Transportation Study Commission Work Session – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to schedule the Transportation Study Commission work session for June 5th at 4:00 p.m. A discussion took place.

The motion was withdrawn.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to schedule the work session for May 27th at 3:00 p.m. contingent upon the Executive Committee being available on this date and time. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recreation Commission Work Session – Ms. Smith moved to schedule the Recreation Commission work session on June 17th.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to schedule the work session for May 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Rev. Gwendolyn Taylor Resolution – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt a resolution for Rev. Gwendolyn Taylor for her devotion to the community. The vote in favor was unanimous.

State of Richland County – A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to schedule the State of Richland County for July 1st. The press conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. and the presentation will be at 5:00 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Public Works Proclamation – Mr. McEachern presented Ms. Teresa Smith with a proclamation in honor of Public Works Week.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 p.m.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Valerie Hutchinson, Vice-Chair

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