

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA



DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 26, 2016
5:00 PM
County Council Chambers

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dixon called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: March 22, 2016 – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Sonoco Recycling Agreement for Professional Services – Mr. McDonald stated this item was before the committee last month, but there were some questions about the details of the contract and the urgency of the request. Mr. Curtis has worked on the terms of the agreement and is available to address any additional questions the committee may have.

The item is a renegotiation of the recycling contract with Sonoco, which restates the terms of the contract, as well as, the costs for services.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve and award the renegotiated contract thus maintaining the current level of service for our curbside recyclables. The contract will be effective (retroactively) April 1, 2016. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Petition to Close Hastings Alley in Olympia – Mr. McDonald stated this item is a request from a property owner in the Olympia community and forwarded to committee by the Legal Department. The property owner is requesting a quit claim to Hastings Alley. The Planning Department, the Public Works Department and Emergency Services Department have reviewed the request and none of the departments has raised any objection.

Council Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair
District Nine

Bill Malinowski
District One

Damon Jeter
District Three

Seth Rose
District Five

Norman Jackson
District Eleven

Others Present:

Tony McDonald
Warren Harley
Kevin Bronson
Brandon Madden
Michelle Onley
Roxanne Ancheta
Kim Roberts
Larry Smith
Rudy Curtis
Daniel Driggers
Donny Phipps
Quinton Epps

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Mr. Malinowski inquired if there is a financial impact to the County.

Mr. McDonald stated from staff's perspective if there is any financial impact it would be to generate minimal additional tax revenue.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to close Hastings Alley in Olympia. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Petition to Close Portion of Jilda Drive – Mr. McDonald stated Jilda Drive is located in the Northeast portion of the County. The property owner who is acquiring the property adjacent to the land has requested a portion of the road be deeded over to him. There is no negative impact to the Planning, Public Works or Emergency Services Departments. Staff recommends approval of this item.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve petitioner's request to close the subject road and direct Legal to answer the suit accordingly. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Forest Acres for Inspections of Commercial Structures – Mr. McDonald stated the request is to "loan" the city building inspection services for a 2-week period in May. The City of Forest Acres will repay the County for costs incurred during the 2-week period. Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the memorandum of understanding to assist the City of Forest Acres until the Building Office returns and to amend the agreement to reflect that expenses will be invoiced to the City of Forest Acres and the County will be reimbursed within 30 days of being invoiced. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Resolution Regarding the Assessment of Vehicles for Taxation Purposes – Mr. McDonald stated this item is a proposed resolution regarding the assessment of vehicles for tax purposes. The suggestion is to change the method of assessing vehicles outlined by State law. The approval of the resolution would necessitate the pursuit of an amendment to State legislation.

Mr. Malinowski stated he thought it would be more palatable and fair to the taxpayers to assess vehicles quarterly rather than annually.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why the Auditor is requesting additional staff.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to forward a resolution to the legislative delegation requesting they propose amending the SC State Code of Laws, Section 12-37-2680; determination of assessed value of vehicles to allow for the use of the "black book" value as determined on a quarterly basis as the method for assessing the value of vehicles for taxation purposes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Request for Easement – Hiller Road – This item was held in committee.

Motion to Have a Subcommittee Examine the County's EMS Services – This item was held in committee.

Motions Related to the Development of a Diversity Statement and the Feasibility of Conducting a Workplace Diversity Study – This item was held in committee.

Comprehensive Youth Program – This item was held in committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:19 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council