



Richland County
Development & Service
October 26, 2021 –5:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Chair, Derrek Pugh, Gretchen Barron, Cheryl English and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston Bill Malinowski, Michelle Onley, Tamar Black, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Justin Landy, Dale Welch, Leonardo Brown, Lori Thomas, Aric Jenson, John Thompson. Brian Crooks, Dante Roberts, Randy Pruitt, Steven Gaither, Syndi Castelluccio, Dwight Hanna, Zachary Cavanaugh, Michael Byrd, Shane Kitchen, Chris Eversmann, Michael Maloney, Bill Davis, Ashiya Myers, John Ansell, Mike Zaprzalka, and Quinton Epps

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Terracio called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Regular Session: September 28, 2021** – Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to approve the minutes as distributed.

Ms. Newton noted there was a scrivener’s error on p. 3 of the minutes. It should read time sensitive, instead of time sensitivity.

Mr. Malinowski noted there was an amended agenda.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Terracio stated there is an amended agenda and Item 4(c) “Division of Solid Waste & Recycling - RC Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Re-Write” was added. She noted the pages for this item were not available online, but was included in the September packet.

Ms. Newton noted the item is listed as an item for action, and inquired about the time sensitivity of the item.

Mr. Brown responded it is not time-sensitive enough that action had to be taken at tonight’s meeting.

Ms. Barron inquired if there were any changes in the document from the one received at the previous meeting.

Mr. Brown responded it is the same document the committee received at the September meeting.

Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to approve the agenda as amended.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. **Ordinance authorizing Quit-Claim deed of Olympia Alleyway to contiguous landowner (Mr. Outlaw-726 Maryland Street)** – Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve an ordinance granting a quit claim deed to Marvin Outlaw for the Olympia alleyway contiguous to his property at 726 Maryland Street.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Move to direct staff to evaluate current zoning laws that permit zoning designations for large residential developments to remain in perpetuity and present options to re-evaluate and/or rezone those properties if they are not developed within 7 years. Recommendations should include processes to ensure that zoning and the comprehensive plan remain consistent with the lived character of the community**- Ms. Newton noted she had a conversation with staff about the intent of the motion and opportunities to full the intent consistent with the Land Development Code Rewrite.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to hold this item in committee, until the next committee meeting, to allow continued conversations with staff.

Ms. English inquired if Legal was involved in the process to avoid anything that could hold the County liable. She noted she was thinking of circumstances like illnesses that could delay developing within 7 years.

Ms. Newton responded part of her intent was how to create a process that would trigger a review to re-evaluate proactively. She noted the 7-year period was just an arbitrary number.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. **Davison of Solid Waste & Recycling - RC Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Re-write** – Mr. Brown noted, while there were no changes in the document, staff had information for the committee.

Mr. Eversmann reiterated the backup documents for this item is identical to the information from the September agenda packet. He noted since September they have received proposals for solid waste curbside collection in three (3) of the eight (8) collection areas. He noted there would be little savings, if any, in bagging, boxing and bundling yard waste. He advised there would not be the significant cost savings they were expecting when they drafted the ordinance. He stated this is the time-sensitive component.

Ms. Terracio inquired how this committee would impact the award of contracts at tonight's A&F Committee meeting.

Mr. Eversmann responded it will have a direct connection, if they want to move forward with the bagged, boxed, and bundled yard waste. If they are looking at cost as the determinant, they was not a significant cost advantage and level of effort for education and enforcement, it will be a very hard sell.

Mr. Malinowski noted he did not have the September agenda; therefore, he is not prepared with his questions.

Ms. English inquired when a decision has to be made.

Mr. Brown responded the time sensitivity would go away if we moved without the bagged, boxed and bundled language.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to defer this item until the November 18th committee meeting.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS: NO ACTION REQUIRED**

- a. **I move to direct the County Attorney to work with the County Administrator to research and draft an absentee landlord ordinance. The ordinance should provide potential remedies for individuals who violate county ordinances and provide, via supplemental documentation, a comprehensive review of the legal impacts [potentially] associated with the adoption of such an ordinance. [NEWTON and DICKERSON]** – Ms. Terracio noted there was an update from staff stating, “Staff is considering additional language to their proposal to help eliminate staff costs as well as analyzing a secondary program to facilitate a long-term approach to the motion. Staff will continue to work closely together with Councilmembers Newton and Terracio in their efforts.”

Ms. Newton inquired if there was a time frame that staff was going to return with an update.

Mr. Zaprzalka responded after their meeting with Ms. Newton they needed to re-evaluate the whole idea based on the guidance that was provided. He noted they downsized the staffing, and looked at the current processes and if it is something Animal Control could do without adding staff. He noted the timeline in which the ordinance requires notification to the owner. This is usually a lengthy process which ends up to 30 days, or longer, which is not the intent of the motion. They just completed the rough draft, and it was sent out to the work group for review. He noted, after the review, it will be provided to the makers of the motion.

Mr. Jensen stated they have been working on a multiple phase proposal that would include a quick triage type fix that would address some of the issues the committee has expressed. He noted it would also include some long-term solutions that would further ameliorate the issue, but that would take some time.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 PM.