

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

September 9, 2014  
6:00 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

Mr. Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 PM

#### INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Julie-Ann Dixon

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Julie-Ann Dixon

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt the agenda.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to add a motion to appoint a Budget Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Smith stated that the following items were potential Executive Session Items:

- a. **Personnel Matter**
- b. **Contractual Matter: Phase II ESA and Appraisal**



#### Council Members Present

Norman Jackson, Chair  
Joyce Dickerson, Vice Chair  
Julie-Ann Dixon  
Damon Jeter  
Paul Livingston  
Bill Malinowski  
Jim Manning  
Greg Pearce  
Torrey Rush  
Seth Rose  
Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

#### Others Present:

Tony McDonald  
Sparty Hammett  
Roxanne Ancheta  
Warren Harley  
Nancy Stone-Collum  
Larry Smith  
Anna Lange  
Laura Saylor  
Christy Swofford  
Chad Fosnigt  
Daniel Driggers  
John Hixon  
Dale Welch  
Justine Jones  
Monique Walters  
Rob Perry  
Brandon Madden  
Beverly Harris  
Nelson Lindsay  
Tommy DeLage  
Andy Metts  
Michelle Onley  
Monique McDaniels

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### REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Public Information Office Award** – Mr. McDonald stated that the Public Information Office won an award from the SC Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators for a collection of Richland County news releases.
- b. **Employee Introduction: Procurement Director** – Mr. McDonald introduced Ms. Cheryl Patrick to Council.
- c. **SCE&G LED Projects – Check Presentation** – Mr. McDonald stated that Richland County received grants from the State Energy Office and SCE&G for the LED retrofits at Public Works and a portion of the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. The grant from the State Energy Office was in the amount of \$5,000 and the SCE&G grant was in the amount of \$10,750. A \$1,300 reduction in billing has been realized in the first quarter due to the retrofits.

### CITIZENS' INPUT

Mr. Willie Washington spoke regarding Benedict College's budget increase request.

Ms. Helen Taylor Bradley and Ms. Wendy Brawley spoke regarding the following motion: "Remove the requirements placing a lien on property if owners do not pay sewer bill". Ms. Brawley presented four (4) FOIA requests to County Council and staff.

### REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

- a. **Kingsville Annual Reunion and Festival** – Ms. McDaniels stated that the Kingsville Annual Reunion and Festival will be held on September 12-14 at Wilson Lake House in Gadsden.
- b. **Councilwoman Dixon's Birthday** – Ms. McDaniels stated that Ms. Dixon's birthday is tomorrow.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a. **Personnel Matter** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

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### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2; Administration; Article X, Purchasing by adding Section 2-591, to authorize County Council to determine which purchasing decisions regarding purchasing made exclusively with monies raised through the penny tax are of such County-wide significance that County Council has the authority to make the final and conclusive determination to whom to award the contracts – No one signed up to speak.**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Township Capital Projects budget to add Nine Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Dollars – No one signed up to speak.**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$60,000 of General Fund Unassigned Balance to be used for Engineering Design and Easement Acquisition or the Lower Richland Sewer Project – Ms. Ruthyne Scott, Mr. Arnold Young, Ms. Donzetta Taylor Lindsay, Ms. Rhonda Daniels Myers, Ms. Linda McRant, Mr. Micheal Robinson, Ms. Muriel Henderson, Ms. Paige Peters, Ms. Jackie Brown, Ms. Rena Grant, Bettye House, Ms. Rosa Davis and Mr. Laura Grant spoke against this item.**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 170; Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 175; and Title 4, Chapter 29, Section 68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of an amendment to a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina and WNS Global Services Inc.; and matters relating thereto – No one signed up to speak.**

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2; Administration; Article X, Purchasing by adding Section 2-591 to authorize County Council to determine which purchasing decisions regarding purchasing made exclusively with monies raised through the penny tax are of such County-wide significance that County Council has the authority to make the final and conclusive determination to whom to award the contracts [THIRD READING]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Township Capital Project s budget to add Nine Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Dollars [THIRD READING] – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.**

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- **An Ordinance Authorizing pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 170; Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 175; and Title 4, Chapter 29, Section 68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of an amendment to a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina and WNS Global Services Inc.; and matters relating thereto [SECOND READING]**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve the consent items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### THIRD READING ITEM

**An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$60,000.00 of General Fund Unassigned Balance to be used for Engineering Design and Easement Acquisition for the Lower Richland Sewer Project**

– Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the \$60,000 budget amendment for the engineering design and easement acquisition; and all tap fees be waived for all customers to sign up for the connection prior to the project going to bid. Similarly to the Hopkins Water Project, in compliance with previous approved Rural Development letter of condition. This includes the construction of sewer service line up to 200 feet and the elimination of the septic tanks. A discussion took place.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to defer until the following information is obtained: (a) Overall financial impact; (b) When will residents have to start paying the tap fees after the project goes to a bid process; (c) The downsized project scope; (d) community input; and (e) Definition a failing septic system; (f) Council submit additional questions/information to Mr. Metts by September 12<sup>th</sup>. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### SECOND READING ITEM

**An Ordinance Authorizing, pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina, Project Aquarius, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and sponsor affiliate, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware ("Companies") concerning a new project; authorizing and providing with respect to an existing project for the conversion of an arrangement for fee-in-lieu of tax payments between Richland County and the companies under Title 4, Chapter 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to an arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended; and matters relating thereto**

– Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

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### REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and between Fairfield County, South Carolina and Richland County, South Carolina, in order to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain property located in Fairfield County (Enor Corporation SC, LLC), and other matters related thereto** – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

#### I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- a. **Business Service Center Appeals Board – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Central Midlands Council of Governments – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Historic Columbia Foundation – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Board of Zoning Appeals – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Building Codes Board of Appeals – 3** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **East Richland Public Service Commission – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-appointing Dr. John H. Hudgens.

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Mr. Washington moved to appoint Mr. Henry "Gary" Anderson, III. The motion died for lack of a second.

- e. **Employee Grievance Committee - 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that this item was retained in committee.
- f. **Historic Columbia Foundation - 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Ms. Dawn Mills Campbell. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- g. **Library Board - 6** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-appointing Mr. Nate Barber, Dr. Ida Thompson and Alethia Rearden, and appointing Mr. Ed Garrison, Dr. Johnny Ray Noble, and Ms. Yvonne Stocker. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- h. **Procurement Review Panel - 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Ms. Willa Martin Bailey and re-advertising for the other position. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- i. **Township Auditorium Board - 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Ms. Megan Pinckney.

Mr. Washington moved to divide the question. The motion failed.

The vote in favor was unanimous to appoint Ms. Megan Pinckney.

### REPORT OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. **Mission Statement** – This item was deferred until the September 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### OTHER ITEMS

**A Resolution to appoint and commission Thomas E. DeLage, Jr., as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### CITIZENS' INPUT

Ms. Vi Hendley requested Council's financial support toward the construction of a new Olympia Fire Station.

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Mr. Paul Brawley spoke regarding the treatment of the Hopkins citizens.

Mr. Barry Green spoke regarding his disappointment with County Council members.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. **Contractual Matter: Phase II ESA and Appraisal** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to direct the County Administrator to proceed with first right of refusal on a parcel of land the County is interested in obtaining. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **MOTION PERIOD**

- a. Move to have Richland County identify funds to match the City of Columbia's commitment of \$500,050 to begin the process of securing a site and planning a new Olympia Fire Station [ROSE] – This item was referred to the Fire Ad Hoc Committee.
- b. Move to direct the Economic Development Director to explore incentives for economic development opportunities that could be in the identified priority investment areas that are outlined in the comprehensive plan [WASHINGTON] – This item was referred to the Economic Development Committee.
- c. Move to fund "Famously Hot" New Year's Celebration at \$50,000 [DIXON] – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- d. Green Apple Day of Service Resolution [DICKERSON] – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt the Green Apple Day of Service resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- e. Move to direct staff to review microphone mute options for Council Chambers [WASHINGTON] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- f. Resolution Honoring Carolyn Cliett [JACKSON] – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt a resolution honoring Ms. Carolyn Cliett. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- g. Diversity Tech Resolution [JACKSON] – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt a Diversity Tech resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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- h. Move to send the Palmetto Capital City Classic request for additional funding in the amount of \$30,000 to committee for a recommendation [JACKSON] This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- i. Resolution for Richland County Soil and Water Chairman John Green [ROSE] – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt a resolution honoring Richland County Soil and Water Chairman John Green. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- j. Remove the requirements placing a lien on property if owners do not pay sewer bill or maintain overgrown lots [JACKSON] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee. Mr. Washington requested clarity regarding the Sheriff's Departments authority with regard to abandoned buildings.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to reconsider all of the resolutions adopted during the motion period. The motion failed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

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

