

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011 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	Paul Livingston
Vice Chair	Damon Jeter
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Jim Manning
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Seth Rose
Member	Kelvin Washington

Absent Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT – Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Sparty Hammett, Roxanne Ancheta, Randy Cherry, Stephany Snowden, Larry Smith, Anna Fonseca, Amelia Linder, Daniel Driggers, Dale Welch, Sara Salley, Lillian McBride, John Hixson, Michael Byrd, Anna Lange, Dwight Hanna, Monique McDaniels, Melinda Edwards, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Damon Jeter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Damon Jeter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: June 7, 2011 – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Smith stated that the Fire Audit Update needed to be added to the agenda for under the Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items.

Mr. Livingston stated that a Personnel Matter relating to the Clerk of Council’s Office needed to be added under the Report of the Chairman.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to amend the agenda to move Item #8 under Approval of the Consent Items, to add Employee Grievance Committee process under Discussion from Rules and Appointments Committee and to waive Council’s Rules to allow Items #23-27 to remain on the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:13 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:49 p.m.
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- a. **Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee Update** – Mr. Smith reminded Council that Second Reading and the Public Hearing will be held at a Special Called meeting on June 28th at 7:30 p.m. and Third Reading will be held on July 26th.
- b. **CMRTA** – No action was taken.
- c. **Midlands Housing Alliance MOU** – Proceed as directed in Executive Session.
- d. **Fire Audit Update** – No action was taken.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

GFOA Award – Mr. Pope stated that the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report was awarded to the Finance Department.

Decker Mall Update – Mr. Pope stated that the closing has been scheduled for the end of the month.

CMRTA Update – Mr. Pope stated the CMRTA Board stated during their Special Called meeting last week there is a budgetary shortfall for Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012 and commented on the presentation by Mr. Derrick Huggins.

Legislative Contact Program – Mr. Pope requested that Council forward a list of their legislative contacts to staff for inclusion in the Legislative Contact Program.

Employee Recognition – Mr. Pope recognized Mr. Rick Rodden for his years of service to Richland County and wished him well upon his retirement.

Fire Audit Update – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

No report was given.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Personnel Matter: County Administrator – This was taken up during Executive Session.

Personnel Matter: Clerk of Council's Office – This was taken up during Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS

Palmetto Health – Mr. Stan Hixon expressed Palmetto Health's appreciation to Richland County for the \$211,900 EECBG dollars utilized for the solar panel project.

Tige Watts, President NUSA – Mr. Tige Watts presented Richland County with a 4th place nationwide award for its Broad River Road Neighborhood Master Plan.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM

- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article II, Rules of Construction/Definitions; Section 26-22, Definitions; and Article VII, General Development, Site, and Performance Standards; Section 26-179, Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transit Amenities; so as to require new sidewalks to be ADA compliant and to allow for exemptions to the requirement of providing sidewalks under certain conditions [THIRD READING]**

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the consent item. The vote in was unanimous.

THIRD READING

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VII, General Development, Site and Performance Standards; Section 26-180, Signs; so as to create a new section that would allow off-premise weekend directional signs under certain conditions – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

SECOND READING

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$79,000 of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to Clerk of Court for the purchase of additional shelving in Family Court, Civil Records, Criminal Records and the Archives Room – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- Building Codes Board of Adjustments & Appeals—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Central Midlands Council of Governments—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. **Employee Grievance Committee—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Library Board—4** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for these positions. The vote in favor was unanimous
- e. **Music Festival Commission—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee—5** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these positions. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Appearance Commission—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these positions. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Building Codes Board of Adjustments and Appeals—5** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Ms. Lasenta Lewis-Ellis; Mr. Robert K. Foster, III, PE; and Mr. William Bailey Kauric. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Business Service Center Appeals Board—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- e. **Hospitality Tax Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Mr. Scott M. McCarthy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- f. **Internal Audit Committee—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for this position. The vote in favor was unanimous.

III. DISCUSSION FROM RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- a. **Central Midlands Council of Governments Letter re: Additional Board Member** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Mr. Pope as the additional board member. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Electronic Participation** – This item was held in committee.
- c. **Employee Grievance Process** – This item was held in committee pending the proposed language from staff.

OTHER ITEMS

Memorandum of Understanding between the Columbia Film Society and Richland County, South Carolina – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

Memorandum of Understanding between EdVenture Children’s Museum and Richland County, South Carolina – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

Memorandum of Understanding between Historic Columbia Foundation and Richland County, South Carolina – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Township Auditorium and Richland County, South Carolina – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

Board of Elections and Voter Registration – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item. The vote was in favor with Mr. Jeter abstaining from the vote due to a possible conflict of interest on file in the Clerk of Council’s Office.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

CITIZEN’S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:18 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:52 p.m.
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- a. **Personnel Matter: Administrator** – No action was taken.
- b. **Personnel Matter: Clerk of Council’s Office** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded

by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the Administrator's recommendation to implement a salary adjustment for the two current Clerk of Council employees, retroactive to the date they assumed their additional duties. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

Motion to increase the current starting salary of Detention Officers from \$25,745 to the average salary of the seven largest South Carolina counties (\$28,890 in 2009). This \$3,145 increase would assist the Detention Center in recruiting quality employees; reduce the number of vacancies; and reduce or eliminate the need for scheduled overtime. (Financial impact to be determined by Administration.)
[JACKSON] – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.

Move that Council establish a committee to determine space and usage allocation for the county Government Complex located in the old Decker Mall on Richland County's International Corridor **[MANNING]** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to direct the Chair to appoint a committee to determine space and usage for the County's Government Complex located in the old Decker Mall. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m.

Paul Livingston, Chair

Damon Jeter, Vice-Chair

Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy

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