



Richland County Council
Development and Services Committee
MINUTES
November 17, 2022 – 5:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tamar Black, Anette Kirylo, Susan O’Cain, Angela Weathersby, Lori Thomas, Aric Jensen, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, Stacey Hamm, Michael Byrd, Justin Landy, Kyle Holsclaw, and Dale Welch

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Derrek Pugh called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **October 25, 2022** – Ms. Terracio moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Newton.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Ms. English moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

The motion in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

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] – Mr. Wright noted the language of the motion needs to be modified as Council should not make motions directing the County Attorney.

Ms. Newton stated, as the maker of the motion, she would approve the rewording of the motion before it is forwarded to Council for action.

Ms. Newton moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the proposed ordinance and business license amendments, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Ms. Newton inquired if people who currently do short-term rentals must have business licenses.

Mr. Jensen responded the answer is “yes” and “no” as it is not regulated as it is in other jurisdictions. This particular ordinance will not directly impact short-term rentals.

Ms. Newton stated, for clarification, if any other ordinances or business license codes require individuals doing short-term rentals to have a business license.

Mr. Jensen responded that he did not know and would have to research the specifics.

Mr. Malinowski stated, after speaking with the Zoning Director and the County Attorney, he is going to modify his motion to encompass his intent, which was to establish rules and regulations for short-term rentals in Richland County. If part of creating those rules and regulations means we need to include language from this ordinance, he would like to do so.

Ms. Newton inquired as to the status quo regarding short-term rentals.

Mr. Wright noted currently there are no regulations regarding short-term rentals as most of the ordinances were done before the short-term rental boom.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances includes jail time.

Mr. Wright responded he believes Section 1-8 references fines and is a civil offense, not a criminal matter.

Mr. Malinowski indicated he wanted clarification before this goes to Council. He inquired about the following language: “If the owner shall not reside within 50 miles of the registered address then all the above information is required of the authorized agent”. He noted you can be outside the 50-mile range and still be within Richland County. He suggested it may be more appropriate to say, “If the owner shall not reside within a 50-mile radius of the registered address or reside within Richland County, then all the above information is required.”

Ms. Terracio made a friendly amendment to include the language suggested by Mr. Malinowski. *“If the owner shall not reside within a 50-mile radius of the registered address or reside within Richland County, then all the above information is required.”*

Ms. Newton accepted the friendly amendment.

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 Administrator to conduct a review of the rank weeds and vegetation ordinance and recommend any updates that would improve the effectiveness of the ordinance particularly as it relates to safety, enforcement, and blight reduction. [Newton - August 30, 2022]
– No action was taken.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Barron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

The motion in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:13 PM.