



**MINUTES OF
RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2014
6:00 PM**

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

OTHERS PRESENT – Tony McDonald, Roxanne Ancheta, Sparty Hammett, Warren Harley, Brad Farrar, Beverly Harris, Rob Perry, Sara Salley, Chris Gossett, Nelson Lindsay, Ismail Ozbek, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Bill Malinowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Bill Malinowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: January 7, 2014 – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Farrar stated that the following item was a potential Executive Session Item:

- a. Transportation Penny Protest Update**
- b. Land Development Code/SOB Update**
- c. Personnel Matters**
- d. Legal Organization Plan**
- e. Richland County District One Special Election Costs Update**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:07 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:27 p.m.
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- a. Transportation Penny Protest Update** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, that Council had determined that it was in the best interest of the County to rescind its prior action authorizing the selection of the project development team, to cancel the current procurement for the on-call engineering team, and to require the re-solicitation for the project development team and the on-call engineering team as soon as practicable.

Mr. Manning made a friendly amendment, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, that some high ranking County official be terminated. A discussion took place.

<u>For</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Malinowski	Pearce	Jeter
Manning	Rose	
	Dixon	
	Dickerson	
	Jackson	
	Livingston	
	Washington	
	Rush	

The motion to terminate a high ranking County official failed.

<u>For</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Pearce	
Malinowski	
Rose	
Dixon	
Dickerson	
Jackson	
Livingston	
Washington	
Rush	
Manning	
Jeter	

The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **CAFR Presentation** – Mr. Tom McNeish with Elliott Davis presented a summary of the audit. There were not material deficiencies or weaknesses. A work session is to be scheduled to further review this item.
- b. **CGI Communications** – Mr. McDonald informed Council that staff is proceeding with the contract to engage CGI Communications. Updates will be provided to Council as this item progresses.
- c. **Richland County's 215th Anniversary** – Mr. McDonald stated that the County's 215th Anniversary occurs in December, and that there will be multiple celebratory events scheduled throughout the year.
- d. **Inclement Weather Update** – Mr. McDonald thanked Council for their support, and Public Works/Support Services staff for their assistance with the inclement weather. Staff is working through the financial implications of this event, and may provide Council with proposed revisions to the Inclement Weather Policy after further review.
- e. **Retreat Follow-Up** – Mr. McDonald thanked Council for a successful Retreat, and stated that follow-up/action items will be brought to the February 18th Council meeting for a vote.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

- a. **Woodrow Wilson Re-Opening Events** – Ms. Onley stated that there are two events in regard to the re-opening of the Woodrow Wilson Family Home. On February 7th, there is

a Grand Opening Preview Party and on February 15th there will be a press conference and ribbon cutting ceremony. Both events will take place at the Woodrow Wilson Family Home.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **Appraisal for Huger Street Properties** *{Approval of this portion of the minutes was deferred until clarification is received by Councilman Rush}*
- **Approval of the Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan**
- **Richland County Community Garden Program**

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the consent items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- a. **Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for special source revenue credits [Project Park]; and other related matters [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY]** – Mr. Livingston stated that the Committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Inducement Resolution relating to the refinancing of the County's \$71,705,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bond, 2003 Series A (International Paper Company Project)** – Mr. Livingston stated that the Committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the County's Refunding Bonds to refinance the County's \$71,705,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2003 Series A (International Paper Company Project) [FIRST READING]** – Mr. Livingston stated that the Committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. 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 Assessment Appeals—1** – This item was held in committee.
- c. **Central Midlands Council of Governments—1** – This item was held in committee for additional information.
- d. **Employee Grievance Committee—3** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Ms. Deborah Moore and re-advertising for the remaining vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- e. **Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the Committee recommended appointing Mr. Joshua Douglas Fabel and Mr. DuJuan Council.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to vote on the applicants individually. The vote was in favor.

Mr. Malinowski, Ms. Dixon and Mr. Jeter voted for Joshua Douglas Fabel.

Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Rose, Ms. Dixon, Ms. Dickerson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Rush, and Mr. Jeter voted for Mr. DuJuan Council.

Mr. Pearce, Mr. Rose, Ms. Dickerson, Mr. Jackson voted for Mr. Gregory B. Cunningham.

Mr. Pearce, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Rush vote for Mr. L. L. (Buddy) Wilson.

Mr. DuJuan Council and Mr. Gregory B. Cunningham were appointed.

- f. **Planning Commission—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the Committee recommended appointing Ms. Beverly Diane Frierson. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- g. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board—3** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the Committee recommended appointing Ms. Cynthia “Cindy” Ottone, Mr. Ronald T. Scott and Ms. Candy Y. Waites. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- h. **Hospitality Tax Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the Committee recommended appointing Mr. Cary Allen and re-advertising for the remaining vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

OTHER ITEMS

Coroner Office HPP Grant—No FTE/No Match – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:13 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:24 p.m.
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- a. **Land Development Code/SOB Update** – No action was taken.
- b. **Personnel Matters** – No action was taken.
- c. **Legal Organization Plan** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by , to authorize the County Administrator to implement the Legal Department's organizational plan recommendations regarding attorney compensation effective as soon as possible. There is no budget amendment associated with this implementation. Funding is to come from an already budgeted source, to include amounts currently available in Legal's professional services or other appropriate line item. FICA, insurance and all other costs associated with implementation of this plan also may be paid from currently budgeted sources to include amounts already budgeted for Legal. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Richland School District One Special Election Costs Update** – Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to direct the County Administrator to proceed as discussed in Executive Session relative to this matter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

- a. **Resolution recognizing February 18th as "Go Red" Day for Richland County and February as Heart Healthy Month [DICKERSON]** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt a resolution recognizing February 18th as "Go Red" Day for

Richland County and February as Heart Healthy Month. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Motion for unanimous consent of Council to approve a Resolution honoring Debbie Francis who is retiring on February 26th as Executive Director of LRADAC**
– Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the resolution honoring Debbie Francis' retirement from LRADAC. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:28 p.m.

Norman Jackson, Chair

Joyce Dickerson, Vice-Chair

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The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley