



**MINUTES OF
RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 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	Paul Livingston
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Jim Manning
Member	Greg Pearce
Member	Seth Rose
Member	Torrey Rush
Member	Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.
Absent	Damon Jeter

OTHERS PRESENT – Tony McDonald, Roxanne Ancheta, Sparty Hammett, Warren Harley, Brad Farrar, Beverly Harris, Rob Perry, Sara Salley, Chris Gossett, Nelson Lindsay, Daniel Driggers, Dwight Hanna, Hayden Davis, John Hixon, Chad Fosnight, Buddy Atkins, Justine Jones, Chanda Cooper, Nancy Stone-Collum, Tracy Hegler, Amelia Linder, Dale Welch, Charlie Fisher, Valeria Jackson, Bill Peters, Annie Caggiano, Rodolfo Callwood, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Greg Pearce

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Greg Pearce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: February 18, 2014 – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Public Hearing: February 25, 2014 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Regular Session: February 4, 2014 – Appraisal for Huger Street Properties – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to defer this item until the end of the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Farrar stated that the Report of the Dirt Road Ad Hoc Committee needed to be added to the agenda under Other Items.

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

- a. **SOB Litigation Update**
- b. **Economic Development Projects**
- c. **Transportation Penny Update**
- d. **Personnel Matters**
- e. **Election Litigation Update**
- f. **Elections and Voter Registration Update**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:08 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:13 p.m.
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- a. **Transportation Penny Update** – No action was taken.
- b. **Economic Development Projects** – No action was taken.

CITIZENS INPUT

Mr. Herman Core spoke regarding the Lower Richland Master Plan.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Employee Recognition** – Mr. McDonald recognized Ms. Chanda Cooper, Education Program Coordinator for the Richland County Soil and Water Conservation District, for her dedication and hard work in the field of conservation. Ms. Cooper was named the 2013 Outstanding Conservation District Employee by the SC Association of Conservation Districts at the organization's annual conference.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

No report was given.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. **TPAC Request for Non-Voting Members on any selection committee for consultant services for the Transportation Penny** – Mr. Jackson stated that the request is still in discussions.
- b. **Personnel Matter** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

PRESENTATION

Central SC Alliance – Mr. Mike Briggs gave a brief overview of the Central SC Alliance's accomplishments during the 20 years it has been in existence.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dixon stated March 5th is SC Walk to School Day and asked for Council's participation.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Authorizing Richland County, South Carolina (the "County") to issue, from time to time or at one time, in one or more issues or series, its Refunding Revenue Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$71,705,000 (the "Bonds"), the proceeds of which will be used to refund the County's \$71,705,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2003 Series A (International Paper Company Project) (the "Prior Bonds"), pursuant to Section 4-29-10 et.seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; authorizing the execution and delivery of a contract of purchase providing for the issuance, sale and purchase of such bonds; and authorizing the issuance of the bonds and the execution of necessary documents and the taking of any other action necessary to be taken by the County to cause the issuance and sale of such bonds** – No one signed up to speak.

- **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 to [Project Park I]; and other related matters – No one signed up to speak.**
- **Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for Designation of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park dated April 15, 2003 by and between Fairfield and Richland Counties so as to enlarge the Park (Project Compact) – No one signed up to speak.**
- **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 to [Project Park II]; and other related matters – No one signed up to speak.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **Authorizing Richland County, South Carolina (the “County”) to issue, from time to time or at one time, in one or more issues or series, its Refunding Revenue Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$71,705,000 (the “Bonds”), the proceeds of which will be used to refund the County’s \$71,705,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2003 Series A (International Paper Company Project) (the “Prior Bonds”), pursuant to Section 4-29-10 et.seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; authorizing the execution and delivery of a contract of purchase providing for the issuance, sale and purchase of such bonds; and authorizing the issuance of the bonds and the execution of necessary documents and the taking of any other action necessary to be taken by the County to cause the issuance and sale of such bonds [THIRD READING] – Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to reconsider this item. The motion for reconsideration failed.**
- **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 to CD/Park7 Columbia SC Owner LLC; and other related matters [THIRD READING]**
- **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 to [Project Park II]; and other related matters [SECOND READING]**

- **Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for designation of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park dated April 15, 2003 by and between Fairfield and Richland Counties so as to enlarge the Park (Project Compact) [SECOND READING]**
- **14-01MA, E. B. Purcell, PDD Amendment (2.99 Acres), 425 Summit Terrace Court, 23000-03-19 [SECOND READING]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the “2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan”, by incorporating the “Spring Hill Strategic Community Master Plan” into the plan [SECOND READING]**
- **Coroner’s Office: Purchase of Replacement Computer Equipment [DEFER TO THE BUDGET PROCESS]**
- **Richland County Sheriff’s Department ASPCA Foundation Grant/No FTE/No Match**
- **Out of Cycle Funding Requests: Accommodations Tax and Hospitality Tax [DEFER TO THE BUDGET PROCESS]**
- **Expanding Richland County’s Community Development Staff [DEFER TO THE BUDGET PROCESS]**
- **CASA: Fostering Futures Youth Center [DEFER TO THE BUDGET PROCESS]**
- **Property Acquisition, 0.26 Acre parcel**
- **EMS Ambulance Purchase**
- **Replace Deteriorated Caulk at the Expansion Joints and Windows at the Richland County Administration and Health Department Buildings**

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

SECOND READING ITEMS

An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement to 2T Properties LLC for a sanitary sewer line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS # 14900-01-02 – Mr. Malinowski requested additional information.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the item and bring back requested information by Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Amending the “2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan”, by incorporating the “Lower Richland Strategic Community Master Plan” into the plan – Mr.

Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Amending Section 26-151, Permitted Uses with Special Requirements; so as to remove the distance requirements between bars and places of worship in the GC, M-1, and LI Zoning Districts under certain conditions – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve this item.

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

The vote was in favor.

FIRST READING ITEM

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 School District One Budget to reduce tax disbursements by the amount owed to the County for election costs – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to postpone this item for 30 days. A discussion took place.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Sewage Sludge Spray Field Applications – Mr. Rush stated that the committee recommended staff work with the Conservation Commission and its staff to develop an ordinance related to sewage sludge spray fields that will protect County waterways.

Mr. Rose requested to amend the motion to include the Conservation Department.

Mr. Rush accepted Mr. Rose's amendment.

The vote in favor was unanimous of the committee's amended recommendation.

Quit Claim of Heremes Road – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Policy for Naming County-Owned Facilities – Mr. Rush stated that the committee recommended Council approve a naming policy that is prospective. Staff will work with legal on an ordinance amendment and will forward the item to Council for action once available. A discussion took place.

REPORT OF THE ADMINSTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Approval of a Family Court Social Worker/Juvenile Mental Health Court Coordinator for the Solicitor's Office and a Senior Application Support Analyst for the Information Technology Department [DEFER TO THE BUDGET PROCESS] – Mr. Pearce stated that the committee recommended that this item be forwarded to the FY15 budget process. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2nd Annual "Relax, It's OK 2 B Single" Valentine's Day Gala Funding Request – Mr. Pearce stated that the committee recommended denial for this item. The vote was in favor.

Policy for Purchase of Property by Elected and Appointed Officials – Mr. Pearce stated that the committee forwarded this item without a recommendation.

Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve staff's recommendation. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Reclassification and Promotion Handbook Revisions – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item until the March 18th Council meeting to receive the following demographic information: number of years, departments, degree, race and age. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

An Ordinance to Amend the Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park to include additional property in Richland County and to authorize a Credit Agreement with University Residences Columbia LLC [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY] – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

OTHER ITEMS

A Resolution to Appoint and Commission Dennis Wayne Thomas as a Code Enforcement Office for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Appraisal for Huger Street Properties – Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Rush, to defer this item. The substitute motion failed.

The vote was in favor of the motion to approve.

REPORT OF THE DIRT ROAD AD HOC COMMITTEE

Add dirt roads with connectivity to the list of 45 roads that will be paved under the Low Volume Paving Project (including Overlook and swapping out Bolyston with Donald). (County Council Retreat item deferred from February 18, 2014 Council meeting.) – Ms. Dixon stated that the committee recommended approval. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Allocation of Penny funding between Low Volume and Traditional Paving (County Council Retreat item deferred from February 18, 2014 Council meeting.) – Ms. Dixon stated that this item was held in committee.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:06 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:44 p.m.
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- a. **SOB Litigation Update** – No action was taken.
- b. **Personnel Matters** – No action was taken.
- c. **Election Litigation Update** – No action was taken.
- d. **Elections and Voter Registration Update** – No action was taken.

MOTION PERIOD

- a. **To have Richland County Council utilize SCDOT grant funding under their Safe Route to Schools Program, availability to put sidewalks from schools to connect to neighborhoods [DIXON]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- b. **Revisit the ordinance on having commercial vehicles parked in neighborhoods or residential communities [JACSKSON]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- c. **Resolution to Celebrate March as Red Cross Month** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt a resolution celebrating March as Red Cross Month.

- d. **Resolution to recognize and honor Heathwood Hall's A'ja Wilson, National High School Player of the Year [LIVINGSTON]** – Mr. Livingston moved for unanimous consent for a resolution honoring Heathwood Hall's A'ja Wilson as a National High School Player of the Year. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m.

Norman Jackson, Chair

Joyce Dickerson, Vice-Chair

Julie-Ann Dixon

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The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley