



Richland County Council
Regular Session
MINUTES
July 2, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair; Derrek Pugh, Vice-Chair; Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Yvonne McBride, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver (via Zoom), Gretchen Barron, Overture Walker, Cheryl English, and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Stacey Hamm, Susan O’Cain, Dale Welch, Andrew Haworth, Patrick Wright, Judy Carter, Jackie Hancock, Jennifer Wladischkin, Chelsea Bennett, Thomas Gilbert, Ashiya Myers, Jeff Ruble, Aric Jensen, Angela Weathersby, Bill Davis, Phillip Harris, Tish Gonzales, Crayman Harvey, Shirani Fuller, Kyle Holsclaw, Michael Maloney, John Thompson, John McKenzie, Tamar Black, Sarah Harris, and Sandra Haynes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **INVOCATION** – The Invocation was led by the Honorable Allison Terracio.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Allison Terracio.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Regular Session: June 18, 2024
 - b. Zoning Public Hearing: June 25, 2024

Ms. Barron moved to adopt the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.
5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70)** – County Attorney Patrick Wright noted the following item was eligible for Executive Session:
 - a. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
 - b. Condemnation of TMS # R12600-02-01 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
 - c. Condemnation of TMS #R12700-01-21 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
 - d. Condemnation of TMS # R15100-10-01 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
 - e. Legal Advice: Project Connect [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
 - f. Legal Advice: Word of God Development Corporation [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]

Ms. Newton moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss Items 6(a) – 6(d), seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:07 PM
and came out at approximately 6:33 PM***

Ms. Newton moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. English.

Ms. Mackey indicated council entered into executive session and no action was taken in Executive Session.

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl – No action was taken.
- b. Condemnation of TMS #R12600-02-01
- c. Condemnation of TMS #R12700-01-21
- d. Condemnation of TMS #R15100-10-01

Mr. Livingston moved to direct the County Attorney to proceed with the condemnations, as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Pugh

Not Present: Weaver

The vote was in favor.

7. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

a. For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing

1. Ann Dawson, 1136 Statler Road, Columbia, SC 29210 – Spoke regarding the primary and runoff elections.
2. Marie King, 1660 Hwy. 601 South, Lugoff, SC 29078 – Spoke regarding the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center
3. Angela Brannon, 1100 Widgeman Drive, Columbia, SC 29203 – Spoke regarding the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center
4. Stewart Andrews, 120 Middlefield Lane, Blythewood, SC 29016 – Spoke regarding the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center

8. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda (Items for which a public hearing is required or a public hearing has been scheduled cannot be addressed at this time) – No one signed up to speak.

9. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** – No report was given.

10. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL** – No one signed up to speak.

11. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

- a. Transportation Improvement Public Hearing, July 9, 2024 – 6:00 PM – Ms. Mackey reminded Council and the public about the upcoming Transportation Improvement Public Hearing scheduled on July 9th at 6:00 PM.

12. **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl – No one signed up to speak.

13. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Case #24-009MA, Aaron Breeden, HM to GC (9.18 Acres), E/S Hard Scrabble Road, TMS # R20300-03-02 [SECOND READING]
- b. Case #24-011MA, Denise Lawson, RT to GC (0.69 Acres), 1710 Dutch Fork Road, TMS # R02408-02-03 [SECOND READING]
- c. Case #24-015MA, Megan Newbold, GC to MU3 (1.53 Acres), 3003 Two Notch Road, TMS # R11613-02-02 [SECOND READING]
- d. Case #24-016MA, Phillip Bradley, R3 to R5 (21.24 Acres), S/E Rabon Road, TMS #R17112-01-01 (portion of) [SECOND READING]

- e. An Ordinance Authorizing an easement to the City of Columbia for a sanitary sewer main located at 1871 Omarest Drive, Richland County TMS # R07415-01-01(p) [FIRST READING]
- f. An Ordinance Authorizing an easement to the City of Columbia for a storm drainage line located at 1403 Jim Hamilton Boulevard; Richland County TMS #13702-01-30(p)
- g. An Ordinance Authorizing an easement to the City of Columbia for sanitary sewer main located at the South Side of Plowden Road; Richland County #TMS #13608-01-13(p) [FIRST READING]
- h. Department of Public Works – Engineering – Land Manual Revision 2024 Update – Ms. Shirani Fuller, County Engineer, stated there was a scrivener’s error on p. 184 of the agenda packet. The first sentence under “Sidewalks” should read, “Sidewalks shall be constructed on one side of the road to meet the following standards.”

Mr. Branham moved to adopt the land manual as corrected, seconded by Ms. Newton.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- i. Department of Public Works – Engineering – Solid Waste – Drop-off Center Hours of Operation – Ms. Newton pointed out that there will be a robust public information campaign to ensure the community is well informed before any changes are implemented.

Mr. Maloney, Public Works Director, indicated information regarding the change to the hours of operation at the drop-off centers will be distributed at upcoming community meetings.

Ms. Newton moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- j. Utilities – Southeast Sewer Master Plan

- k. Public Works – Engineering -GreenHill Parish and Spring Park Sidewalk – Award of Construction

- l. Economic Development – Lease Renewal

Ms. Newton moved to approve Items 13(a) – 13(g) and 13(j) – 13(l), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- m. Grants & Community Development – 2024 Annual Action Plan

- n. Community Planning & Development – Conservation – Historic Preservation Plan

- o. Community Planning & Development – Planning Services – 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Newton moved to approve Items 13(m) – 13(o), seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider Items 13(h) – 13(o), seconded by Mr. Walker.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

14. **SECOND READING ITEMS**

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl – Ms. Barron moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Walker.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes and incentive agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Project Commodore to provide for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes; authorizing certain infrastructure credits; and other related matters – Ms. Barron moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

15. **REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Transportation Penny Advisory Committee (TPAC) Recommendations – Mr. Walker stated the committee recommends allocating the Transportation Penny as follows: 48% for Community Investment, 30% for County Advancement, and 22% for the COMET.

In Favor: McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Branham

Not Present: Pugh

The vote was in favor.

16. **REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Strategic Plan Performance Measures – Ms. Mackey noted the Strategic Planning dashboard is live on the County website.
- b. Website Update—Ms. Mackey stated that redesigning the County’s website is one of the Strategic Plan's goals. An RFP was issued earlier this year and closed at the end of May. We received 36 responses, which is a record number. Currently, staff is evaluating the top six submittals, with the goal of selecting a vendor within the next 30 days.
- c. Public-Private Partnership Roadmap – Ms. Mackey indicated the committee was briefed on the Public-Private Partnership. Subsequently, a work session was held today for full Council. Council members are invited to provide feedback regarding the roadmap.

17. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. FY25 – District 1 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Capital City Lake Murray Country - \$20,000)
- b. FY25 – District 2 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Capital City Lake Murray Country - \$5,000)
- c. FY25 – District 5 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Columbia Classical Ballet - \$5,000; South Carolina Ballet - \$5,000)
- d. FY25 – District 6 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Capital City Lake Murray Country – \$30,000)

Ms. Newton moved to approve Items 17(a) – 17(d), seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider Items 17(a) – 17(d), seconded by Ms. Newton.

Opposed: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh

The motion for reconsideration failed.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Ms. Barron moved to enter Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

*Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:02 PM
and came out at approximately 7:47 PM*

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Ms. Newton moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh and Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey indicated council entered into executive session to receive legal advise, no action was taken in Executive Session.

- a. Legal Advice: Word of God Development Corporation [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, 30-4-70(a)(2)] – No action was taken.

19. **MOTION PERIOD**

- a. I move that County Council direct the County Administrator to research and provide to Council (1) ways to secure title to subdivision roads that were developed but never had ownership transferred to the County and (2) to recommend changes to county ordinances and/or protocols to better assure that future development of subdivision roads includes conveyance of title to the county (unless there is an understanding between the developer and the County that the subdivision roads will intentionally remain privately owned and maintained) [BRANHAM, NEWTON, and ENGLISH] – Ms. Mackey referred the motion to the D&S Committee.

20. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Terracio moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Walker.

In Favor: Branham, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh and Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 PM.