

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007 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	Joseph McEachern
Vice Chair	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Mike Montgomery
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Kit Smith

OTHERS PRESENT - Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Stephany Snowden, Kendall Johnson, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Donny Phipps, Daniel Driggers, Audrey Shifflett, Angie McInchok, Dwight Hanna, Rodolfo Callwood, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

PRESENTATIONS

CMRTA Report – Ms. Mitzi Javers, Director of CMRTA, gave a brief update regarding the CMRTA.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized that Blythewood Town Council Member Keith Bailey was in the audience.

Blythewood High School Football Team – Mr. McEachern and Ms. Dickerson presented a resolution to the Blythewood High School Football team in honor of their State Championship win.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to add the County Administrator Candidate proposed schedule to the agenda after Citizens Input. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: January 9, 2007 – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as amended with the following correction to Page Two, Selection of Seats, Mr. Montgomery stated the next ... needed to be changed to reflect that Mr. McEachern stated the next.... The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Smith stated the following was an Executive Session Item:

1. Pending Litigation: Recreation Commission

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to move Executive Session until after the Administrator Candidate Proposed Schedule. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Update on Ms. Teresa Smith, Public Works Director – Mr. Pope stated that Ms. Smith was at home resting and would be out for several days due to the automobile accident that she was involved in.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Council Luncheon – Ms. Finch reminded Council members of the Council Luncheon that is to be held on Thursday, February 8th at noon at the Capital City Club.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. McEachern stated that the following ad hoc committees had been discussed at the retreat: recreation, victim's assistance fund and city/county collaborations.

Mr. McEachern requested that Council members submit their committee requests to Ms. Finch as soon as possible.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

There were no public hearing items.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the following consent item:

- **An Ordinance Authorizing Deed to F. N. Manufacturing Inc., or its Assignee, Parcel A and Parcel B in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

Budget Amendment in the Amount of (\$512,500.00) to Provide Funding to the Historic Columbia for Renovations to the Woodrow Wilson Home – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item and amend the title to strike renovation and insert restoration. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Boards of Assessment Appeals—1** – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to direct staff to advertise for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. Internal Audit Committee—1** – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to direct staff to advertise for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

- a. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee—4** – Mr. McEachern stated these vacancies stayed in committee.
- b. **Community Relations Council—2** – Mr. McEachern stated these vacancies stayed in committee.

Hospitality Tax Committee-2 – Mr. McEachern stated these vacancies stayed in committee.

c. Transportation Study Commission

- 1. **At-Large**
- 2. **Steering Committee**
- 3. **Greenways and Bike Paths**
- 4. **Roads**
- 5. **Public Transit**
- 6. **Council Appointments**
- 7. **Appointments from the City of Cayce, Lexington County, Town of Springdale, and West Columbia**

The Steering Committee appointments were taken up and Mr. Livingston stated that the committee would meet before the next meeting to decide which individuals would be appointed to the other committees.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to appoint Ms. Caroline Whitson as the Chairperson of the committee; Mr. J. T. McLawhorn, Jr. and Mr. Greg A. Lapointe as Co-Chairs of the committee; Mr. Ken Driggers as Chair of the Greenways and Bike Paths committee; Ms. Pat Noble as Chair of the Roads committee; Mr. Bill Leidinger as Chair of the Mass Transit committee; and Dr. Sonny White to serve on the Steering Committee. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Budget Calendar for FY 2007-2008 – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Farmers' Market Design/Build Contracts Negotiation and Award – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to authorize staff to enter into negotiations with Fitts & Goodwin and have legal to review the procurement process and make a final report to Council at the time that the award is recommended. The vote was in favor.

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Reconveyance of Real Property from FILOT between Richland County and Siemens Diesel Technology Systems, LLC – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended deferral of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

County Administrator Candidate Schedule – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the proposed schedule without the signed evaluation form. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce requested that the question be divided.

The vote was unanimous regarding the proposed schedule.

<u>Unsigned Evaluation</u>	<u>Signed Evaluation</u>
Malinowski	Smith
Jackson	Pearce
Jeter	
Hutchinson	
McEachern	
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Montgomery	
Scott	

The vote was in favor of the unsigned evaluation form.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to hold a Special Called Meeting on February 6th at 5:00 p.m. to select the new County Administrator. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce requested the Chair appoint a Council member to coordinate the County Administrator Candidate Schedule. Mr. McEachern appointed Ms. Hutchinson to coordinate the County Administrator Candidate Schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Pending Litigation: Recreation Commission – No action was taken.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:39 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:51 p.m.
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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

Probate Court Compensation – Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward this matter to the A&F Committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 p.m.

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