

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008 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
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 – Michelle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Jennifer Dowden, Tamara King, Larry Smith, Joseph Kocy, Anna Almeida, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Daniel Driggers, Audrey Shifflett, Pam Davis, Bill Peters, Teresa Smith, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Kit Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Kit Smith

PRESENTATIONS

Lower Richland High School Resolution, Girls Basketball Team [JACKSON] – Mr. Jackson and Ms. Scott presented the Lower Richland High School Girls Basketball Team with a resolution to honor their 3rd consecutive State Championship win.

LRADAC Presentation, Ms. Debbie Francis, Executive Director – Ms. Francis gave a brief update on LRADAC and the construction of the new building on Colonial Drive.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Scott recognized that Councilman Jackson's wife, Sandra, was in the audience.

Final Report of the Richland County Transportation Study Commission: Report of Final Recommendations, Dr. Caroline Whitson – Dr. Whitson presented the Transportation Study Commission's final report and recommendations to Council.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Pope requested that the following items be deleted from the Report of the County Administrator and Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items: Update of Potential Purchases of Properties—2 and Project CAGE.

Mr. Smith requested that Splash vs. Richland County be deleted from the Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: May 6, 2008 – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

On Premises Signs Work Session – This item was taken up during the Motion Period.

HR/Personnel Work Session – This item was taken up during the Motion Period.

Financial Auditing Services Contract [deferred from 05/06/08] – This item was taken up as Item 3.a. on the agenda.

Budget Items: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing Meeting Dates Updates – Mr. Pope reminded Council of the dates for the Public Hearing, 2nd Reading and 3rd Reading on the FY 2008-2009 Budget. The Public Hearing will be held on June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. with the 2nd Reading of the Budget immediately following. The 3rd Reading of the budget will be held on June 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Collection Contracts – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The following items were potential Executive Session items:

- a. **Solid Waste Contracts**
- b. **Contractual Matter**

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

There was not a report at this time.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. McEachern stated that he had requested that a resolution for Dr. Charles Steele, Jr., President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, be added to the motion list.

Mr. Pearce stated that he and Mr. McEachern had attended the opening of the Children's Hospital at Palmetto Richland earlier in the day.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- **An Ordinance Ratifying the Business License Fee Schedule Adopted by Council on October 16, 2007** – No one signed up to speak.
- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, Business Licenses; Section 16-5, Classification and Rates; so as to incorporate the Business License fee Schedule by reference** – No one signed up to speak.
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 General Fund Budget by two hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$240,000). This includes funding for consulting work associated with the utility system evaluation** – No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the following consent items:

- **08-08MA, SC Research Authority, M-1 to GC (26.86 Acres), High Density Multi-Use Development, TMS# 17200-02-11, Powell Rd. & Technology Circle** [Third Reading]
- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, Business Licenses; Section 16-5, Classification and Rates; so as to incorporate the Business License Fee Schedule by reference** [Third Reading]
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 General Fund Budget by two hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$240,000). This includes funding for consulting work associated with the utility system evaluation** [Third Reading]
- **An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$5,500,000 in general obligation bonds, Series 2008, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the Administrator of the County to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto regarding the Richland County Sheriff's Department and LRADAC** [Second Reading]
- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII, Boards, Commissions and Committees; Section 2-326, Boards and Commissions created and recognized; so as to clarify language regarding members' terms for the Business Service Center Appeals Board** [Second Reading]
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget Ordinance to increase the General Fund Human Resources Budget by (\$50,000) and to increase the Solid Waste Budget by (\$700,000)**

The vote was in favor.

THIRD READING ITEMS

An Ordinance Ratifying the Business License Fee Schedule adopted by Council on October 16, 2007 – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item with the contingency that a work session be scheduled regarding the implementation of the fee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, in general, so as to amend the requirements pertaining to sexually oriented businesses and make clarifications pertaining to all businesses – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item until the June 3rd Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VI, Supplemental Use Standards; Section 26-151,

Permitted Uses with Special Requirements; Subsection (c), Standards; Paragraph (66), Sexually Oriented Businesses, so as to amend requirements pertaining to sexually oriented businesses – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item until the June 3rd Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SECOND READING ITEMS

An Ordinance to amend the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; by adding a new section therein for the purpose of establishing regulations and requirements relating to smoking of tobacco products in the unincorporated areas of Richland County – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item until the June 3rd meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Request to award a contract for financial auditing services – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the recommendation of Procurement and award the contract to Elliott Davis. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

A Resolution to appoint and commission Code Enforcement Officers for the proper security, general welfare and convenience of Richland County for the following individuals:

- a. Patrick Bradshaw
- b. Joseph Galvin
- c. Sharon T. Long
- d. John Stephen White

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve this item. 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 6:50 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:32 p.m.
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- a. **Solid Waste Contracts** – Administrator will bring a report back regarding the contracts.
- b. **Contractual Matter** – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to grant the request to release the two requested parcels from the lien. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

Approval of a motion to add the Renaissance Foundation and Black Expo to list of hospitality recipients in the hospitality ordinance [McEachern] – Mr. McEachern referred this item to the A&F committee.

On Premise Signs [McEachern] – Mr. McEachern requested that the Clerk of Council poll Council with possible dates in July for this work session to be held.

HR/Personnel Work Session [McEachern] – Mr. McEachern requested that the Clerk of Council poll Council with possible dates in July for this work session to be held.

Daycare & Nurseries in Communities [Dickerson] – Ms. Dickerson referred to the D&S Committee the possibility of regulating the number of daycares in communities.

Blythewood High School Track & Field Team Winning State Championship [McEachern/Dickerson] – Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt a resolution to recognize the Blythewood Track & Field Team on their State Championship. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Dr. Steele Resolution – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt a resolution for Dr. Charles Steele, Jr. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Community Care Facilities – Ms. Scott requested an update on the regulations regarding community care facilities.

New Employee Medical Insurance – Mr. Jackson referred to the A&F Committee the possibility of new employees paying a portion of the medical insurance premiums.

Report on Pending Motions – Mr. Jackson referred to the Rules & Appointments Committee a report on all motions that were made more than six months ago.

Fees and Licensing of Dump Sites – Mr. Jackson referred to the D&S Committee the possibility of imposing fees and licensing regulations on all businesses that store waste on site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51 p.m.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Valerie Hutchinson, Vice-Chair

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