



**MINUTES OF  
RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED  
JUNE 5, 2014  
6:00 PM**

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**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, Sparty Hammett, Roxanne Ancheta, Warren Harley, Monique McDaniels, Brandon Madden, Larry Smith, Brad Farrar, Andy Metts, Dilya Robinson Etheridge, James Hayes, Paul Brawley, Sara Salley, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:04 p.m.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. Washington recognized Dr. Percy Mack was in the audience and wished him well on his upcoming retirement.

**MILLAGE AGENCIES**

**School District One (FY14 Approved: \$193,951,316; FY15 Requested: \$193,927,439)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$193,927,439 for School District One.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to combine School District One and School District Two and to fully fund K-12 public education as allowed by the State's Republican House of Representatives, Republican Senate and Republican Governor. A discussion took place.

Mr. Manning clarified his motion to state that School District One is to be funded in the amount of \$194,363,676 and School District Two is to be funded in the amount of \$134,718,714.

Mr. Pearce requested that the word Republican be stricken from Mr. Manning's motion.

The substitute motion failed.

The vote in favor was unanimous to approve \$193,927,439 for School District One.

**School District Two (FY14 Approved: \$132,180,640; FY15 Requested: \$133,208,281)** – Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$133,208,281 for School District Two.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to fund public education in School District Two at the allowable cap. The substitute motion failed.

The vote was in favor to approve \$133,208,281 for School District Two.

**Recreation Commission (FY14 Approved: \$12,429,297; FY15 Requested: \$12,793,656)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to fund the Recreation Commission at the cap in the amount of \$12,814,400.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve \$12,793,656 for the Recreation Commission. A discussion took place.

The substitute motion failed.

The vote was in favor to approve \$12,814,400 for the Recreation Commission.

**Midlands Technical College (MTC) Operating (FY14 Approved: \$4,891, 926; FY15 Requested: \$4,851,129)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to fund Midlands Technical College Operating at the cap in the amount of \$5,119,600.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve \$4,851,129 for Midlands Technical College Operating.

The vote was in favor with Mr. Livingston abstaining to approve \$4,851,129 for Midlands Technical College Operating.

**MTC-Capital & Debt Service (FY14 Approved: \$2,343,395; FY15 Requested: \$2,182,898)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve \$2,182,898 for MTC-Capital & Debt Service. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Library (FY14 Approved: \$22,970,884; FY15 Requested: \$24,048,874)** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to fund the Library at the cap in the amount of \$23,764,000. A discussion took place.

Mr. Rose made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to fund the Library at the FY14 funding level of \$22,970,884. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jeter made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Rose, to fund the Library at \$23,379,000 and to reserve up to \$385,000 for a storefront library. A discussion took place.

The second substitute motion failed.

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

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion, to approve \$22,970,884 for the Library.

**Riverbanks Zoo (FY14 Approved: \$2,001,240; FY15 Requested: \$2,061,277)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$2,061,277 for the Riverbanks Zoo. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. Pearce congratulated Mr. Krantz on being named the 1<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Steve Morrison Visionary Award.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. Manning recognized the Richland School District Two Chairman, Chip Jackson, was in the audience and that Ms. Susan Brill had been in attendance.

**Mental Health (FY14 Approved: \$1,895,870; FY15 Requested: \$1,895,870)** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$1,895,870 for Mental Health. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## ENTERPRISE FUNDS

**Solid Waste (Approve funding level at \$32,316,759. Includes \$1,961,759 use of fund balance and three (3) new positions)** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the funding level at \$32,316,759. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Broad River Utilities System (Approve funding level at \$6,043,884)** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$6,043,884 for the Broad River Utilities System. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Lower Richland Utilities System (Approve funding level at \$341,504)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$341,504. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Lower Richland Water System (Approve funding level at \$328,621)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$328,621. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Parking Garage (Fund \$95,000 for the parking garage elevator repair project. Funding source is Parking Fund balance.)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$95,000 for the parking garage elevator repair project. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Parking Garage (Approve funding level at \$110,000)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the funding level at \$110,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Airport Operations (Approve funding level at \$610,000)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by , to approve the funding level at \$610,000; however, instead of the capital assessment fee to apply \$240,000 of leftover TIF money to the match for the Airport Improvement Plan. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

## SPECIAL REVENUE

**Victim's Assistance (Approve funding level at \$1,128,622)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the funding level at \$1,128,622. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Tourism Development (Approve funding level at \$1,200,000)** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the funding level at \$1,200,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Temporary Alcohol Permit (Approve funding level at \$130,000)** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the funding level at \$130,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Emergency Telephone System (Approve funding level at \$5,504,308. Includes \$1,011,648 use of fund balance)** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the funding level at \$5,504,308. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Fire Service (Approve funding level at \$24,407,951. Includes \$2,157,951 use of fund balance and one (1) new position)** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to fund the Fire Service to the cap in the amount of \$21,141,400. A discussion took place.

Mr. Malinowski withdrew his motion.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$24,407,951. The vote was in favor.

**Stormwater Management (Approve funding level at \$3,429,000. Includes \$329,000 use of fund balance)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$3,429,000 for Stormwater Management. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**TitleIV-D Civil Process (Approve funding level at \$75,000)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$75,000 for TitleV-D Civil Process. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Solicitor Drug Court (Approve funding level at \$57,000)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$57,000 for Solicitor Drug Court. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Roads & Drainage (Fund an additional \$273,491 in grant match for the Rhame Rd. Sidewalk project. Funding source is Road Maintenance Fund balance.)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$273,491 in grant match for the Rhame Rd. Sidewalk project. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Roads & Drainage (Approve funding level of \$6,060,598. Includes \$210,598 use of fund balance.)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$6,060,598 for Roads & Drainage. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Public Defender (Approve funding level of \$2,669,441)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the funding level at \$2,669,441 for the Public Defender. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Mass Transit (Approve funding level of \$14,229,000)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the funding level at \$14,229,000 for Mass Transit. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Transportation (Approve funding level of \$50,640,000. Includes one (1) new position)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$50,640,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### GENERAL FUND

**Industrial Park (Approve \$18,579 for part-time wages)** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$18,579 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Medical Indigent (Reduce expenditures and pass-through revenues by \$482,591. Net change of \$0)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to reduce expenditures and pass-through revenues by \$482,591. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Elections/Voter Registration** – This item was for information.

**All Departments (Amend budget based on current salary reports)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

**Emergency Management Services (Fund an additional \$900,000 for salaries to cover overtime and Holiday pay. Funding is recommended to use. [1-] Add a cost allocation to the Transportation Fund -- \$275,000; [2] Approve a January 1, 2015 start date for all new General Fund positions -- \$250,000; [3] Transfer and use a portion of the host fee dollars -- \$375,000)** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$900,000 for salaries to cover overtime and holiday pay. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Detention Center (Fund an additional \$500,000 for salaries for operations. Funding is recommended to use savings from Employee Insurance Plan based on new vendor approval)** – Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$500,000 for salaries and operation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Multiple (Fund one-time capital for XP conversion for \$690,000 based on State mandate using the transfer of host fee dollars)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$690,000 for XP conversion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Sheriff Department (Fund personal safety equipment for \$144,000 based on Federal mandate using the transfer of host fee dollars)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$144,000 for personal safety equipment. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Sheriff Department (Fund two positions for \$67,000 that are currently funded from a grant to continue program where the grant is ending. Funding is recommended to be considered if Council determines to utilize a portion of the allowable millage increase)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$67,000 for two positions that are currently funded from a grant. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Sheriff Department (Fund an additional \$100,000 for Lab Supplies. Funding is recommended to be considered if Council determines to utilize a portion of the allowable millage increase)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$100,000 for lab supplies. The vote was in favor.

**Coroner (Fund an additional \$16,500 for radio equipment conversion. Funding is recommended to be considered if Council determines to utilize a portion of the allowable millage increase)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$16,500 for radio equipment conversion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Probate Court (Fund an additional \$22,000 for part-time wages. Funding is recommended to be considered if Council determines to utilize a portion of the allowable millage increase)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$22,000 for part-time wages. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Dentsville Magistrate (Fund an additional \$28,000 for short-term facility rent. Funding is recommended to be considered if Council determines to utilize a portion of the allowable millage increase)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$28,000 for short-term facility rent. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Solicitor Office (Fund three positions for \$190,216 that are currently funded by a grant to continue program where grant is ending. Funding is recommended to be considered if Council determines to utilize a portion of the allowable millage increase)** – Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve \$190,216 for three positions that are currently funded by a grant. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

**Council Services (Determine individual donation amounts for Council Discretionary Fund)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to direct Council members to submit the portion of their expense account they desire to set aside for donations by Third Reading. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

**Council Services (Approve an additional \$135,000 for Clerk's Office salaries. The addition of the Clerk of Council's salary, an increase for the Deputy and Assistant and the option for a part-time or intern**

**for the Clerk's Office** – Mr. Malinowski moved to deny Items 44-51. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Washington, moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve Items 44-51.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to divide the question.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve an additional \$135,000 for Clerk's Office salaries. A discussion took place.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$1.00 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Council Services (Approve an additional \$10,000 for Clerk's Office staff for overtime)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve up to \$10,000 for Clerk's Office staff overtime. A discussion took place.

The vote of favor was unanimous.

**Council Services (Approve an additional \$30,000 for office supplies. The increase includes furniture for the Clerk's Office)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$30,000 for office supplies.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$1.00 for this item.

Mr. Rose made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to deny the request.

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

The second substitute motion failed.

Mr. Rush requested that the current County inventory be assessed before Third Reading.

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.



**Council Services (Approve an additional \$1,000 for membership and dues for the Clerk's Office)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve an additional \$1,000 for membership and dues.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$1.00 for this item. The vote was in favor.

**Council Services (Approve an additional \$2,500 for mobile device equipment under the Beeper/Cellphone/Pager account)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$1.00 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Council Services (Approve an additional \$15,000 for employee training)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$1.00 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Council Services (Approve a lump sum appropriation for \$80,000 for OnBase software to process and track Council Agendas)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$1.00 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Council Services (Approve an additional \$120,000 for OE-Council to cover increase needed for Council and Committee meetings; the increase for Council retreat; the increase in sponsorship; and the addition of a signature event in each Council district)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to deny this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve \$1.00 for the Council Retreat, \$1.00 for Council sponsorships and deny funding for signature events in individual Council districts. A discussion took place.

Mr. Rose made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to deny this request. A discussion took place.

The second substitute motion failed.

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

**Total Budget (Approve funding level of \$151,552,460. Includes \$2,995,523 use of fund balance and 13 new positions)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding level at \$151,552,460.

Mr. Rush made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve an additional \$139,529 for three CASA staff positions and \$10,500 for CASA operations. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor of the substitute motion was unanimous.

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

**COUNTYWIDE**

**Budget Ordinance (Approve Budget Ordinance)** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Millage Ordinance (Approve Millage Ordinance)** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:52 p.m.

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Norman Jackson, Chair

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