

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

March 1, 2016
6:00 PM
County Council Chambers

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rush called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 PM

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by the Honorable Norman Jackson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Norman Jackson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Regular Session: February 16, 2016** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Zoning Public Hearing: February 23, 2016** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as published.

Mr. Malinowski requested to add the appointment to the Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council under the Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee.

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

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Smith stated the following items were potential Executive Session Items:

- a. **Department of Revenue Update**
- b. **Dawson's Pond**



Committee Members Present

Torrey Rush, Chair
Greg Pearce, Vice Chair
Joyce Dickerson
Julie-Ann Dixon
Norman Jackson
Damon Jeter
Paul Livingston
Bill Malinowski
Jim Manning
Seth Rose

Others Present:

Tony McDonald
Warren Harley
Monique McDaniels
Kimberly Roberts
Daniel Driggers
Kevin Bronson
Larry Smith
Brandon Madden
Rob Perry
Quinton Epps
Geo Price
Brad Farrar
Dwight Hanna
Ismail Ozbek
Donny Phipps
Chad Fosnight
Tracy Hegler
Jeff Ruble
Michelle Onley
Chris Gossett
Charlie Fisher
Kecia Lara
John Hixon
Chanda Cooper
Lillian McBride
Ashley Powell

- c. **Employee Grievance**
- d. **Personnel Matter**

**CITIZENS' INPUT
(For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing)**

Ms. Margaret Sumpter spoke regarding Item # 39 – “An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Hospitality Tax Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$4,500,000 of Hospitality Fund Balance to provide funding for Phase II of Pinewood Lake Project”.

Ms. Janet Jordan spoke regarding the Transportation Penny Tax issue.

Mr. Vince Osborne, Ms. Rachel Larratt, Ms. Sabrina Todd, and Ms. Patrice Gibson spoke regarding the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee recommendations.

Ms. Wendy Brawley spoke regarding Item # 32 – “Board of Voter Registration & Elections Budget Amendment”.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Employee Grievance (1)** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.
- b. **2015 Outstanding Conservation District Award/Richland Soil and Water Conservation District** – Ms. Dixon recognized the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District on being named SC Outstanding Conservation District by the SC Association of Conservation Districts.
- c. **2015 South Carolina Conservation Contest Winners** – Mr. Manning presented an award to the 2015 SC Conservation poster contest winner from Council District Eight.
- d. **Flood Update: CDBG-DR Funding Plan** – Mr. McDonald stated Richland County received \$23.5 million through HUD funding for flood recovery.
- e. **Introduction of New Employee** – Mr. Harley introduced to Council the new Utilities Director, Shahid Khan.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Rush thanked staff for their hard work to secure the CDBG-DR funding.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

- a. **Richland County Legislative Reception, March 2nd, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center** – Ms. McDaniels reminded Council of the upcoming Richland County Legislative Reception on March 2nd at Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. **Personnel Matter** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **An Ordinance Authorizing Quit Claim Deeds to Shelby King and William Short for parcels of land located in Richland County; known as the Olympia Alleyways, and abutting TMS # 11203-12-17 and 11203-12-13 No one signed up to speak.**
- **An Ordinance allowing for the temporary waiver of building permit fees and plan review fees for homeowners, contractors, and “Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster” (VOAD’s), and allowing for the temporary waiver of business license fees for contractors and “Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster” (VOAD’s) – No one signed up to speak.**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing the First Amendment of that certain Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement and Lease Agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Koyo Bearings North America, LLC (f/k/a Koyo Bearings, USA, LLC), relating to, without limitation, the extension of the term of the project – No one signed up to speak.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **An Ordinance Authorizing Quit Claim Deeds to Shelby King and William Short for parcels of land located in Richland County, known as the Olympia Alleyways, and abutting TMS # 11203-12-17 and 11203-12-13 [THIRD READING]**
- **15-47MA, Keith Moore, GC to LI (2.58 Acres), Leesburg Road and Pepper Street, 16407-08-04 & 09 [SECOND READING]**
- **15-49MA, David Powlen, PDD to PDD (amended PDD) (8.11 Acres), Hardscrabble Rd. & Summit Parkway, 05200-03-12 [SECOND READING]**
- **16-04MA, Chuck Munn, RU to RS-LD (41.44 Acres), Longtown Rd. & Rimer Pond Rd., 20500-04-01 [SECOND READING]**
- **Department of Public Works: 2015 Flood Engineering Services Project**
- **Depart of Public Works: 2015 Flood Repairs Project**
- **Department of Public Works: ADA Ramp Improvements Project**
- **Building Inspections – Authorization to Increase Purchase Orders over \$100,000**
- **Approval of the updated Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan**
- **Request to Rename the Jury Assembly Room of the Richland County Judicial Center**
- **Professional Services/Airport Work Authorization 6, Amendment 1**
- **Purchase of Property Insurance; Property Insurance Broker One Year Renewal**

■ **Renewal of the Liability Claims Administrator**

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

THIRD READING

15-35MA, Cynthia Weatherford, RS-HD to LI (1.27 Acres), 2610 Harlem St., 16204-08-01 – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Authorizing the First Amendment of that certain Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement and Lease Agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Koyo Bearings North America, LLC (f/k/a Koyo Bearings, USA, LLC), relating to, without limitation, the extension of the term of the project – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item.

FOR **AGAINST**

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance allowing for the temporary waiver of building permit fees and plan review fees for homeowners, contractors, and "Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster" (VOAD's), and allowing for the temporary waiver of business license fees for contractors and "Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster" (VOAD's) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item.

Mr. Pearce stated in response to those individuals that spoke regarding the flood event, this ordinance should expedite the recovery process.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

SECOND READING

16-03MA, D. R. Horton-Crown, LL.C, RU to RS-MD (25.34 Acres), Hollingshed Rd. & Kennerly Rd., 05200-01-13 & 18 – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances: Chapter 26, Land Development: Article VII, General Development, Site and Performance Standards; Section 26-172, Density and Dimensional Standards; Subsection (B), Required Setbacks; Paragraph (5), Projections into Required Yards; Subparagraph C., Screening and Retaining Walls and Fences; so as to allow fences and walls not over seven (7) feet in height in side and rear yards – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

FIRST READING

A Second Supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Richland County, South Carolina, Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2015, or such other appropriate series

designation, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$13,500,000; delegating authority to the County Administrator to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto [BY TITLE ONLY] – This item was held in the Economic Development Committee.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Approve the Dock Donation From EZ Dock, Inc. For Use at the Richland County Rowing Center – Mr. McDonald requested this item be deferred until the hold harmless agreement is completed by the Legal Department.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item until the March 15th Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sponsorship Request: 2016 Army Ball and the Official 100th Anniversary Kick-Off event [DENIAL] – Mr. Pearce was forward from committee with a recommendation for denial. The denial was based upon the fact there is no funds left in the Hospitality Tax account.

Mr. Pearce stated he strongly supports the County's participation in the Kick-Off event for Fort Jackson's 100th Anniversary.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$5,000 from the Community account during the budget process.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$5,000 from the General Fund.

Ms. Dickerson made a second substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$10,000 from the General Fund.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the request was for \$5,000 from the City of Columbia and \$5,000 from the County or \$10,000 from each entity.

A response to Mr. Malinowski's inquiry will be provided before Third Reading of the budget amendment.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous for the second substitute motion for \$10,000 from the General Fund.

Board of Voter Registration & Elections Budget Amendment – Mr. Pearce stated this item was forwarded to Council without a recommendation. The County Administrator has sent Council additional information requested by the committee.

Mr. McDonald stated he has had further discussion with Voter Registration and Elections staff regarding their request. Mr. Selph has indicated he does not expect to receive as much in reimbursements as he had anticipated; therefore, he does not feel the amount of reimbursements will make the department whole. The department is requesting \$400,000 plus reimbursements to equal approximately \$1.2 million.

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Mr. Jeter inquired if entering into a contractual relationship with the municipalities had been explored and if not to research that alternative for the future.

Mr. McDonald stated another question that has been raised is if all of the costs of the elections are being charged to the municipalities.

Mr. Jeter pointed out the purchase of Motherboard Batteries, Phones, Printers, Repairing Voting Machines, Purchasing Related Equipment, and Maintenance and License fees are not recurring expenditures.

Mr. Jeter inquired if the Election Machine Technician funding is a part of the request.

Mr. McDonald stated he believes the intent is to request funding for the position in the future.

Mr. Malinowski requested more detailed information related to the purchase of the equipment, batteries, phones, etc.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about Greenville and Charleston's budget

Mr. McDonald stated Greenville is budgeted at \$2 million for a 2-year budget period and Charleston's budget is approximately \$1.9 million per year.

Ms. Dickerson stated she supports Voter Registration having the equipment, personnel, etc. to run the office efficiently, but she would like to see a spreadsheet showing how and where the figures came from in the agenda packet.

Mr. Selph stated the budget amendment will be reduced to \$400,000.

Mr. Selph further stated the department was given \$160,481 to run the City of Columbia, the two Presidential Preference and the upcoming June primary elections.

Richland County has 265,000 voters; Greenville County has approximately 290,000 voters and Charleston County has a few less voters than Richland County.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve the Administrator's recommendation to utilize the reimbursements and to give first reading to a budget amendment in the amount of \$106,739.00. Prior to second reading Mr. Livingston would like to receive more detailed information.

Mr. Livingston stated the Administrator mentioned a budget amendment in the amount of \$400,000, but was not sure what that amount was referring to.

Mr. McDonald stated the \$400,000 is the number that is the approximate difference between \$1.2 million request and the estimated reimbursement of \$750,000 - \$800,000.

Mr. Jackson inquired if the Elections Department is submitting a partial or full budget request every year.

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Mr. McDonald stated the Elections department, as well as other departments, traditionally request more funding than they receive. The \$1.2 million funding foundation is the amount calculated when the Voter Registration and Elections departments merged and the formula was to be set based upon an average of Greenville and Charleston for a 2-year period.

Mr. Jackson expressed concern that Elections is the only department that comes back to Council for budget amendments annually.

Mr. Rush stated at the committee meeting a request was made to see a comparison of Greenville County and Charleston County's budgets. He further requested clarification if the \$2 million for Greenville County is an annual appropriation or for 2-years.

Mr. McDonald stated it is his understanding that the \$2 million is for a 2-year period.

Mr. Rush inquired about the amount of legal fees for the Elections department.

Mr. McDonald stated the legal fees are not a part of this request.

Mr. Pearce stated he takes issue with the fact that there are other departments that come back for budget amendments besides the Elections Department. He further stated you cannot adequately compare Greenville and Charleston with Richland County unless you look at their revenue base.

Mr. Pearce expressed his concern with funding capital costs at this point in the year.

Mr. Selph and Mr. McDonald discussed charging the municipalities for the Elections employees.

Mr. Selph stated because Greenville County has a larger tax base and Charleston County is a richer county does not negate the fact that Richland County has to run elections for 265,000 registered voters. The Elections Department has to be prepared for when elections take place.

Mr. Pearce stated he does not debate the fact the elections have to be run, but where to find the money to support this request.

Mr. Malinowski stated funding the department is one thing and how the funds are handled by the department is another.

Mr. Jeter stated approving Mr. Livingston's motion would equate to approving \$122,687 out of the General Fund.

Mr. Selph stated the figures for the reimbursements may have changed. The State Election Commission has a formula for reimbursing the County Elections Department and Mr. Selph is not aware of how much that is.

Mr. McDonald stated if Council agrees to the reimbursement, there will still be a need for a budget amendment. The budget amendment will not take funds from fund balance, but simply appropriate what the expected reimbursement amount is.

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Mr. Manning stated the staff's salaries associated with the elections need to be itemized and the political parties that chose to run an election should be responsible for payment to the County of those expenses.

Mr. Livingston stated he is more concerned with what is required to have an effective election in Richland County than the comparison between Greenville and Charleston.

Mr. Jackson stated it is unfortunate the County is bound by Federal and State law and the legislators continue to cut the Local Government Fund, but his main concern is that the Elections Department is properly funded.

Mr. Rose stated his concern goes back to the 2011 State law that binds this Council, which mandates the County must fund the Elections Department. The law does not allow any oversight of the finances and increased the budget from \$795,000 to \$1.2 million.

Ms. Dickerson stated she is going to support Mr. Livingston's motion, but would like a spreadsheet to outline how the requested amount was arrived at.

Mr. Livingston stated to enter \$0 amount for reimbursement for first reading and bring back a dollar amount at second reading.

Ms. Dickerson stated she wants to receive the requested information in enough time to allow her to address any questions she may have prior to the Council meeting.

Mr. Malinowski requested a comparison of Greenville and Charleston's budgets vs. Richland County.

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The vote was in favor.

Dawson's Pond – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

Coroner's Facility Change Order #1 – Mr. Pearce stated the committee forwarded this item without a recommendation.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why there are differences in prices on the post/concrete items.

Mr. Fosnight stated the concrete pad is for the Coroner's sign and 4 flagpoles.

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Mr. Malinowski inquired what is meant by 10% contingency for overhead noted throughout the documentation.

Mr. Fosnight stated “overhead” is the cost of doing business (i.e. office supplies, equipment, etc.).

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the fire-rated wood door.

Mr. Fosnight stated there is a treatment on the door that will allow it to burn before it becomes an issue.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Manning, to amend the change order to install 3 flagpoles instead of 4 flagpoles.

Mr. Fosnight stated the 4th flagpole is for “Child Advocacy”. If a child is to pass away a red flag is flown on this flagpole; on other days a blue flag is flown.

Mr. Jackson inquired about the cost of the flagpole.

Mr. Fosnight stated the cost would be approximately \$1,000.

Mr. Jackson he would be willing to pay for the flagpole with his discretionary account.

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The vote was in favor.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

One Year Extension of the City of Columbia-Richland Communications Center Agreement – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- a. Township Auditorium Board – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. Board of Zoning Appeals – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. Board of Assessment Appeals – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. **Accommodations Tax – 1 [Applicant must have a background in Lodging]** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Employee Grievance Committee – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended appointing Mr. Elmer C. Brown, Jr. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated there was a mistake made in the creation of the agenda and there was only 1 vacancy instead of 2.

Mr. Rose, Mr. Malinowski, Ms. Dixon, Mr. Pearce, Ms. Dickerson, and Mr. Manning voted in favor of Mr. L. Levern (Buddy) Wilson, Jr.

Mr. L. Levern (Buddy) Wilson, Jr. was appointed to the Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. **County Employee Health Insurance Provider Recommendation for FY16-17** – Mr. Pearce stated the committee met and evaluated putting out an RFP vs. remaining with the current provider. The committee recommended continuing to work with the current provider and bring back alternatives during the budget process on how to address the increasing insurance costs. According to the report given at the Council Retreat, it will cost approximately \$4 million more for insurance coverage in the coming year.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE PINWOOD LAKE AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Hospitality Tax Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$4,500,000 of Hospitality Fund Balance to provide funding for Phase II of Pinewood Lake Project [FIRST READING]** – Mr. Jackson stated the committee met to discuss the release of the

approved funds to complete the Pinewood Lake project. The committee forwarded the item to Council without a recommendation.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Dixon	Rose
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The motion failed.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. **Bluff Road Phase I Widening Project Utility Relocation Recommendation** – Mr. Livingston stated staff recommended undergrounding of the utilities. The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Committee recommended path forward for TPAC** – Mr. Livingston stated the committee met and reviewed the TPAC’s recommendations for amending their roles/responsibilities. The committee’s recommendation was to schedule a Council work session with the aid of a facilitator to outline the revision of the role.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to table this item until after Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- a. **Blue Ribbon Committee Recommendations** – Mr. Rush stated the committee met on February 18th to review and discussed the following 2016 Council Retreat Directives: 1) Consider demobilization of the Lower Richland County Operations Center [LROC]; 2) Consider demobilization of the County Donated Goods Relief Supply Warehouse transferring that function to the Long Term Recovery Group [LTRG]; 3) Hire a Community Recovery Specialist; 4) Continue to work with the Council of Governments [COG] to update the Richland County portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan [HMP] before the existing plan expires in August 2016; and 5) Be prepared to quickly approve the updated HMP once it is completed.

The day after the meeting, staff was notified the County is eligible for an additional Community Recovery Specialist.

Mr. Rush stated the committee unanimously recommended Council approve the 2016 Council Retreat Directives with the addition of the 2nd Community Recovery Specialist to be paid for by FEMA.

Mr. Malinowski stated the persons taking the Community Recovery Specialist positions need to be informed upfront that these are temporary positions and will not be absorbed by the County.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Rush stated the committee recommended approval of the projects outlined on pp. 287-292 of the agenda. The committee further recommended adding the following items: 1) Strengthen the water retention ability of the Spring Lake Dam [project application to be submitted by Gills Creek Watershed Association.]; 2) Strengthen the water retention ability of the Carrie Lake Dam [project application to be submitted by Gills Creek Watershed Association]. The committee was informed County Council has not approved any project or undertaken privately owned dams, which the County would have future responsibility in anyway. If approved by County Council the projects on the list will be developed into pre-applications and submitted to the SC Emergency Management Division for consideration under the State Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. These applications are due by April 4, 2016.

Mr. Bronson stated the projects before Council for consideration are the projects developed using the criteria approved by Council at the previous Council meeting. The two (2) dam projects were not submitted by staff. The Blue Ribbon Committee added those projects.

Mr. Malinowski inquired how Council can approve putting something on a list of projects for Richland County where Richland County has no jurisdiction (i.e. dams).

Mr. Bronson stated at the committee meeting a discussion took place wherein it was relayed that Council was not inclined to do any work on privately owned dams where the County would have current or future maintenance liability. The County would have to make the application, but the Gills Creek Watershed would actually execute the agreement. A legal opinion would have to be received before the dam projects would move forward.

Mr. Jackson inquired if Pinewood Lake dam was included in this list.

Mr. Bronson stated Spring Lake Dam and Carrie Lake Dam were the only two dams recommended by the committee.

The vote in favor was unanimous to pursue the projects outlined on pp. 287-292 of the agenda.

Mr. Rush stated the committee recommended affirming the three (3) options to fund the 25% local match for voluntary residential property acquisition. The options are as follows: 1) State appropriation, 2) CDBG-DR Grant, and 3) Property Owner Pays the required match.

Mr. Bronson stated all of the options outlined will be utilized to assist with the buyouts.

The vote in favor of the three funding options was unanimous.

Mr. Rush stated the committee discussed a resolution requesting the General Assembly to appropriate funding in the amount that is commensurate with the level of damage the County incurred as a result of the flooding. Currently the Ways & Means Committee has \$72 million appropriated for the 25% local match for State and Local agencies receiving FEMA funds.

The committee unanimously recommended approval of the resolution. The vote in favor of the resolution was unanimous.

**CITIZENS' INPUT
(Must Pertain to Items Not on the Agenda)**

Ms. Helen Taylor Bradley spoke regarding the Lower Richland Sewer Project and requested answers to the questions she proposed at the Council Retreat.

Mr. Charles Lee spoke regarding the traffic on Kennerly Road.

Dr. Marie Assaad Faltas spoke about the response she received to her FOIA request related to Austin Woods Apartments.

Ms. Carol Goodson stated she was following up on having the name "Hopkins" painted on the water tower.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session

- a. **Department of Revenue Update** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The vote was in favor.
- b. **Dawson's Pond** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to request the Legal Department to obtain an Attorney General's opinion prior to any future action on this item. The vote was in favor.
- c. **Employee Grievances – 1** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to reinstate the employee to their former position, remove the disciplinary action from their personnel file and include back pay. The vote was in favor.
- d. **Personnel Matter** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to reorganize the Clerk's Office to include rewriting the position descriptions to be staffed with two employees.

Mr. Jackson made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to advertise the position and staff the office with 3 employees.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
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The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

- e. **Committee recommended path forward for TPAC** – Mr. Livingston stated the committee’s recommendation was to schedule a Council work session with the aid of a facilitator to outline the revisions of the TPAC’s role/responsibilities.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
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The vote was in favor.

MOTION PERIOD

- a. **Resolution in support of “Sierra’s Law” Bill [DIXON]** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt a resolution in support of “Sierra’s Law” Bill. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **I move that the Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program develop a set of criteria for determining the necessity of future Neighborhood Master Plans in unincorporated Richland County and that staff begin their analysis with District 9 no later than the end of the calendar year [December 31, 2016] [DIXON]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- c. **I move that the concept of utilizing a “Special Purpose Tax District” for the purpose of providing funding for the repair and replacement of privately owned dams in Richland County be presented to the full County Council for consideration. Further, that the Chair of Council determine how this information can best be presented to the full body [PEARCE]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- d. **I move that Richland County Council do an immediate assessment of the PDT contract, the role and placement of the SLBE office, the role and placement of the OSBO office, and the role of the TPAC, as well as, a thirty day hold on any transaction/payment to the Transportation Penny Program. Note: I have concerns and have no idea how the taxpayer dollars are being spent. Staff is not giving adequate information and jobs performed were to be done by the OSBO/SLBE department. That department was to be fully staffed is totally ignored by Council’s directive. [JACKSON]** – This item was referred to the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee.
- e. **A Resolution recognizing the Columbia Classical Ballet Company and Columbia City Ballet’s joint event featuring Washington Ballet, and Richland County native, Brooklyn Mack and American Ballet Theatre’s Misty Copeland [MANNING]** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to adopt a resolution recognizing the Columbia Classical Ballet Company and Columbia City Ballet’s joint event featuring Brooklyn Mack and Misty Copeland. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:39 PM.

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