

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 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:

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| 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 – Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Tamara King, Larry Smith, Joseph Kocy, Anna Almeida, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Tiaa Rutherford, Geo Price, Andy Metts, Rodolfo Callwood, Audrey Shifflett, Pam Davis, Donny Phipps, Paige Greene, Chief Harrell, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Valerie Hutchinson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Valerie Hutchinson

PRESENTATION

Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital, Annual Spring Public Report – Ms. Ann Pringle Washington and Mr. John Singerling gave a brief update regarding Palmetto Health Richland Hospital.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the agenda as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: March 4, 2008 – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Recognition for Dr. Sonny White, Midlands Technical College – Mr. Pope and Ms. Paige Greene named Dr. White an honorary Guardian of the Year and presented him with a Guardian CASA bear for donating space at the Airport Midlands Technical College campus for Richland County CASA to host their Volunteers for Youth conference.

Report on Pending Claim – Mr. Pope stated that Ms. Barbara Scott, Clerk of Court, was unavailable due to illness and this item would be deferred until the April 1st meeting.

Recreation Work Session: March 25, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – Mr. Pope reminded Council members of the March 25th work session to discuss the policies regarding the relationship between Council and the Recreation Commission.

On Premises Signs Report – Mr. Geo Price gave a brief overview of this matter.

Recreation/Entertainment Complex Report – Ms. Roxanne Matthews stated that the RFP regarding the final design, development, financing, construction and potential management had been developed. The RFP will be forwarded to the Recreation Ad Hoc Committee later in the week in order to fast track the advertisement.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The following items were potential Executive Session items:

- a. Lower Richland Sewer Service
- b. Potential Land Purchase

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

No report was given.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

New EPA Standards – Mr. Cronin gave a brief update on the new EPA standards that will go into effect later this year.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the following consent items:

- **Decker Boulevard Redevelopment Overlay Zone: An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article V, Zoning Districts and District Standards; Section 26-83, Establishment of Zoning Districts; Subsection (d) Overlay Districts; so as to provide for a “CRD Corridor Redevelopment Overlay District” [Third Reading]**
- **08-02MA, David Gantt, NC to RU (1 Acre), Landscape and Horticultural Service, 15200-01-09(p) & 15200-01-13(p), Blythewood Road [Third Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing Deed to the City of Columbia for Certain Water Lines to Serve the Palmetto Heart Medical Office Building at the Palmetto Richland Hospital Campus; Richland County TMS #11503-01-04(p) [Second Reading]**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing Deed to the City of Columbia for Certain Sanitary Sewer Lines to Serve the Palmetto Heart Medical Office Building at the Palmetto Richland Hospital Campus; Richland County TMS #11503-01-04(p) [Second Reading]**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

A Resolution to Appoint and Commission Paul F. Alcantar as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Proper Security, General Welfare, and Convenience of Richland County – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized that the new mayor of Blythewood, Keith Bailey, was in the audience.

CITIZENS' INPUT

Mr. Roosevelt Robertson spoke regarding safety improvements on Padgett Road between Hickory Ridge and Baywater Avenue.

Mr. Lee Carroll spoke regarding safety concerns with the Sheriff's Department's 50 Cam machine gun.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:55 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:26 p.m.
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- a. **Lower Richland Sewer Service** – No action was taken.
- b. **Potential Land Purchase** – No action was taken.

MOTION PERIOD

Hobart Road – Ms. Dickerson requested staff to research the cost to connect Hobart Road so that the residents of Longcreek and the new Mungo subdivision will have access to the adjoining road.

Broad River Corridor – Ms. Dickerson requested staff review and make an assessment of the proposed enhancement of the Broad River Road Corridor proposed by Central Midlands.

Holly Ridge Road – Ms. Dickerson requested staff assess the cost of putting a turning lane at the entrance to Holly Ridge Road.

Costs Adjustment to Residents for Use of Community Centers – Ms. Dickerson requested staff to research an adjustment to the cost to use the community centers for community-related activities for residents of Bonnie Forest and Cedar Creek.

Trash and Drainage Issues – Ms. Dickerson requested that staff review trash and drainage issues and the possibility of using biodegradable bags.

Fair Housing Resolution – Mr. McEachern moved for unanimous consent for a resolution to recognize April as Fair Housing month and designate the County Administrator as the Fair Housing agent for the County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Detention Center Commission – Mr. Jackson referred to the A&F Committee the formation of a commission for the Detention Center.

Landfill Host Fees – Mr. Jackson referred to the A&F Committee the possibility of landfill host fees being granted to the immediate communities for economic development.

Reconsideration of Rule 1.7C16 “Motion Period” – Mr. Jackson referred to the Rules & Appointment Committee the reconsideration of the “Motion Period” rule.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.

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