

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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	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, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Larry Smith, Anna Almeida, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Amelia Linder, Latasha Hopper, Andy Metts, Joe Kocy, Geo Price, Valeria Jackson, Rodolfo Callwood, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:07 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joseph McEachern

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Joseph McEachern

Farm City Presentation – Ms. Hutchinson presented the proclamation in honor of Farm City week to Ms. Peggy Keller-Hair on behalf of Council. Council was presented with a basket from Jamie Lanum.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: October 21, 2008 – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Jackson requested that the Report of the Hospitality Tax Ad Hoc Committee be added to the agenda.

Ms. Finch stated that the items from D&S and A&F Committee have been forwarded to the Special Called meeting.

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

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The following items were potential Executive Session items:

- a. **Farmers' Market Update**
- b. **Personnel Matter**

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Election Update – This item was taken up during the A&F Committee meeting.

Animal Shelter Groundbreaking – Mr. Pope stated that the dedication of the animal shelter has been postponed until the first of the year.

Personnel Matter – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

EngenuitySC Invitation – Mr. Pope deferred this item until the November 18th meeting.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Joint CMRTA Public Hearing, Chambers, October 30th, 6:00 p.m. – Ms. Finch reminded Council of the Joint County/CMRTA Public Hearing on October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Urban League, October 30th, 6:00 p.m. – Ms. Finch reminded Council of the Urban League Gala on October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Retreat Update – Ms. Finch stated that the Retreat will be held at the Parklane Adult Activity Center on Parklane Road on January 8-9, 2009.

IT Training – Ms. Finch reminded Council of the IT Training on October 30th.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Strategic Plan Update – Mr. McEachern stated that a meeting was held, but that a subsequent meeting needed to be scheduled during the motion period.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

None.

THIRD READING ITEMS

An Ordinance to amend the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; Section 18-6, Smoking of Tobacco Products; so as to decrease the fine for an infraction – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

SECOND READING ITEM

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance for the Fund Balance Policy – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; Section 23-69, Distribution of Funds; and Section 23-71, Oversight and Accountability – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Request to accept a conservation easement from Ms. Cindy Bollinger for the preservation of 20 Acres (District 1) – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to accept a conservation easement from Ms. Mary Bradley for the preservation of 289 acres (District 10) – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to accept a conservation easement from Mr. Kenneth Clark for the preservation of 18 acres (District 2) – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to accept a conservation easement from Mr. Steve Corboy for the preservation of 40 acres (District 7) – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to accept a conservation easement from Mr. Calvin Koon for the preservation of 40 acres (District 1) – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to accept a conservation easement from Mr. Phillip Reddick for the preservation of 14 acres (District 1) – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to accept a conservation easement from Mr. Royal Roseberry for the preservation of 47 acres (District 9) – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to authorize the County Administrator and Community Development Department to move forward with the development of partnerships with County/City/Local CDCs in an effort to address residential and economic impact projects – The committee recommended approval of this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to adopt the incorporation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Fund (NSP) program into the Richland County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Consideration of options for the enforcement of digital on-premise display signs – The committee recommended referring the ordinance to the Planning Commission, in subparagraph c strike 4 and insert 6, and to issue a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of permits for any LED signs. A discussion took place.

The motion to send the ordinance, as amended, to the Planning Commission was passed unanimously.

The motion to give first reading to the issuance of a 90-day moratorium on permits for LED signs was passed unanimously.

Request to approve the use of accrued interest from the Broad River Sewer bond issue toward the completion of the construction project – A discussion took place. Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to give this item First Reading and to have additional information provided prior to Second Reading.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Malinowski	Pearce
Jeter	Jackson
McEachern	Hutchinson
	Livingston
	Dickerson
	Smith
	Scott
	Montgomery

The vote for deferment failed.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Jackson	Jeter
Hutchinson	McEachern
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Smith	
Scott	
Montgomery	

The vote on the original motion was in favor.

Request to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Richland County and Richland County School District One for the development of the Hopkins Community Water Project – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to recess the Special Called Meeting until the completion of the Zoning Public Hearing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m. and reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Request to approve the purchase of 25 GlideScope Ranger Video Laryngoscopes for the Emergency Services Department – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to authorize the negotiation and awarding of a contract to EMS Management and Consultants, Inc. for EMS billing and collection services – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to negotiate and approve a design-build contract to provide renovations to the equipment rooms at the 911 center and the back-up 911 center – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2008-09 General Fund Annual Budget to move fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Non-Departmental Budget to the Human Resources Budget due to health insurance savings – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to approve the purchase of a Microsoft Software Assurance from ASAP SOFTWARE in an amount not to exceed \$124,568 – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to approve the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee's funding recommendations for Round II of the FY 2009 County Promotions funding process – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to approve additional funding for the Black Expo (\$25,000) and Pioneer Bowl (\$10,000) – The committee recommended approval of this item. A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to defer this item.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Jackson
Malinowski	Jeter
Hutchinson	McEachern
Smith	Livingston
Montgomery	Dickerson
	Scott

The motion for deferral failed.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Jackson	Pearce
Jeter	Malinowski
Hutchinson	Smith
McEachern	Montgomery
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Scott	

An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$5,500,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2008, or such other appropriate series designations, 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 – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A resolution relating to the declaration of intent by Richland County, South Carolina, to reimburse certain expenditures prior to the issuance by the county of its tax-exempt debt – The committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to approve a budget amendment to the Hospitality Tax Fund in the amount of \$40,000 to provide operating capital for the Township Auditorium – The committee recommended approval of this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Malinowski moved to deny the request. The motion died for lack of a second.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000 to redirect funds allocated to support the Midlands Area Commission on Homelessness to the Midlands Housing Alliance – The committee recommended approval of this item and approval of the resolution expressing Council's support. A discuss took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE HOSPITALITY TAX AD HOC COMMITTEE

Purchase of Lower Richland Property – The committee recommended purchasing the Lower Richland Property. A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to defer this item until staff has had proper time to review the Lower Richland Feasibility Study portion relating to the Mungo property. The vote was in favor.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 10:08 p.m. and came out at approximately 10:15 p.m.
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- a. **Farmers' Market Update** – No action was taken.
- b. **Personnel Matter** – No action was taken.

MOTION PERIOD

Strategic Planning Work Session – The work session was scheduled for November 13th from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:24 p.m.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Valerie Hutchinson, Vice-Chair

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