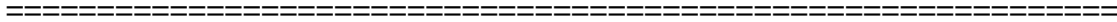


MINUTES OF



**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013
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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| Vice Chair | L. Gregory Pearce, Jr. |
| Member | Joyce Dickerson |
| Member | Julie Ann Dixon |
| Member | Norman Jackson |
| Member | Damon Jeter |
| Member | Bill Malinowski |
| Member | Jim Manning |
| Member | Paul Livingston |
| Member | Seth Rose |
| Member | Torrey Rush |
| Absent | Kelvin E. Washington, Sr. |

OTHERS PRESENT – Tony McDonald, Sparty Hammett, Roxanne Ancheta, Brad Farrar, Justine Jones, Stephany Snowden, Amelia Linder, Nelson Lindsay, Annie Caggiano, Dale Welch, Dwight Hanna, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Damon Jeter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Damon Jeter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: January 8, 2013 – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

There were no items for Executive Session.

CITIZENS' INPUT

Ms. Brittany Higgins, Ms. Kanika Ajanaku and Ms. Marsha Johnson spoke regarding the Transportation Oversight Committee.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized that former Council member Tony Mizzell was in the audience.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Employee Grievance – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to defer this item to the February 5th Council meeting.

Penny Tax Protest Lawsuit – Mr. McDonald stated that the lawsuit has been appealed to the Supreme Court.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Reminder: 2013 Council Retreat, January 24th and 25th – Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming Council Retreat. Mr. Pearce requested that a detailed map be forwarded to Council members.

Transportation Oversight Committee Update – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to amend the motion from the January 8th Council meeting to place the item on the February 5th Council meeting and not return the ballots to the Clerk's Office as previously approved. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Councilman Jeter's Client List – Mr. Jeter provided a list of his clients to the Clerk's Office and Council.

PRESENTATION

Goodwill Industries: Reintegration of Ex-Offenders Program [RExO]—Robin Ebert, Program Manager – Ms. Ebert gave a brief presentation regarding a the program that Goodwill Industries is implementing to reintegrate ex-offenders into the workforce.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM

- **An Ordinance Authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Special Source Credit Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina (the "County") and Carolina Ceramics, LLC (the "Company"), whereby, under certain conditions, the County shall allow the Company to claim certain special source credits against the fee in lieu of tax payments made with respect to the Company's manufacturing facilities within the County; (2) the benefits of a Multi-County Park to be made available to the Company, and (3) other matters relating thereto [THIRD READING]**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the consent item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Curfew for Community Safety – Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to refer this item back to the D&S Committee for action.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Koyo Set Aside Grant – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Authorizing the execution and delivery of a Purchase Agreement between the County and Deja Properties, LLC, to provide for the conveyance of certain property owned by and located in the County to Deja Properties, LLC and Thermal Technologies, Inc., and other matters related thereto [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY] – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- a. **Airport Commission—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Board of Assessment Appeals—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Board of Zoning Appeals—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-appointing Mr. Sheldon L. Cooke, Sr. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Employee Grievance Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

III. DISCUSSION FROM RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- a. **Business Service Center Appeals Board-qualifications of recent appointments** -- Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended that the Clerk's Office re-advertise for two CPAs and have the recent appointees notified they are not eligible to serve. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Community Relations Council Appointments** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended that staff research any ordinance or governing legislation at the State or local level regarding the Community Relations Council and the requirements related to the Richland County appointment process no later than the March 5th Council meeting.
- c. **If the number of applicants for a Richland County Board or Committee exceeds the number of available positions there will be no interviews of those applicants. The reason for this motion is that after the Rules & Appointments Committee takes the time to interview applicants and make recommendations to full Council based on that interview, Council members who supported someone else not chosen request an individual vote for political reasons rather than needs of the committee they applied for. It becomes a waste of the applicants time to be interviewed and the committee's time if this is the process preferred. [MALINOWSKI]** – Mr. Malinowski stated that this item was deferred in committee until the first meeting following the Transportation Oversight Committee appointments.
- d. **Dissolve the Richland County Appearance Commission and amend the Richland County Conservation Commission's responsibilities to include**

appearance. This motion is based on 1. overlapping areas of responsibilities under enabling ordinances for each Commission and the Richland County Strategic Plan. 2. availability of funding needed to support similar and/or duplicative project and 3. difficulties maintaining membership in the Appearance Commission [PEARCE and MANNING] – This item was held in committee.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Mr. David Oberly spoke regarding the Election Commission creating a new job for Ms. Bride.

MOTION PERIOD

I hereby move to instruct the County Administrator to direct County staff to immediately implement a program to include existing unpaved roads currently held and maintained under prescriptive easement or similar trust by the County in efforts that lead to expedited eligibility, design and construction using Low Volume Traffic paving methods [WASHINGTON] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

Review the process of requiring costly blueprint and parking lot design for small businesses on existing property with change of use. If there are no structural changes and no increase in capacity the cost of reproducing blueprints should not be necessary. This is an effort to make the County more business friendly [JACKSON] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Kelvin E. Washington, Sr., Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

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