

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

December 15, 2015
7:15 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 7:15 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to broadcast the Special Called Meeting.

Mr. Manning inquired if there was an ordinance that prevents the broadcasting of the Special Called Meeting.

Mr. Rush stated he believes it is in Council Rules.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to broadcast all future Special Called Meeting unless there is a specific motion to the contrary.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

FOR

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AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.



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
Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

Others Present:

Tony McDonald
Warren Harley
Monique McDaniels
Kimberly Roberts
Michelle Onley
Geo Price
Amelia Linder
Roxanne Ancheta
Daniel Driggers
Kevin Bronson
Larry Smith
Dale Welch
Beverly Harris
Brandon Madden
Chris Gossett
Rob Perry

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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

- a. TRC Propco Inc. vs. SCDOT et al**
- b. Transportation Sales Tax Expenditures**

THIRD READING ITEMS

15-35MA, Cynthia Weatherford, RS-HD to LI (1.27 Acres), 2610 Harlem St., 16204-08-01 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item.

Mr. McDonald stated there is additional information Mr. Washington requested from the applicant and staff has not received the information.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to defer this item until the February 9th Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SECOND READING ITEMS

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article II, General Traffic and Parking Regulations; Section 17-10, Parking in Residential and Commercial Zones of the County; so as to prohibit the parking of motor vehicles in the front yard in certain Residential Zoning Districts – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to refer this item to the Ordinance Review Ad Hoc Committee. The vote was in favor.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution encouraging all utility companies that own and/or operate transmission line right of ways in Richland County to adopt Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) techniques as set out by ANSI standard A300 – Ms. Dixon stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

Mr. Washington inquired how the resolution would impact the owner's ability to utilize their land for agricultural purposes.

Mr. Madden the resolution encourages utility companies to use the ANSI Standards. The utility companies have existing easements with the property owners; therefore, the resolution would not affect them at all since it is not changing the policy.

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Mr. Washington inquired if a buffer needs to be put into place to protect the owners from indigenous flowers or plants that are detrimental to agricultural endeavors.

Mr. Madden stated it is his understanding the utility companies go in and treat specific woody species with EPA approved herbicides.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item to the February 9th Council meeting to receive additional information regarding the impact the resolution will have on landowners.

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The vote was in favor.

Mr. Malinowski stated that the following item was incorporated into this item in committee.

Mr. McDonald confirmed that Mr. Malinowski was correct. In essence, the following item went away and the resolution is the only item going forward.

Fund and/or seek a partnership with SCE&G to plant indigenous flowers and plants along transmission line corridors in Richland County – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to table this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Changes to Policy on Requiring Employees to Sign Documents – This item was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

Motion to Increase the Daily Inmate per Diem for Applicable Jurisdictions – Mr. Pearce stated the committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- a. **Animal Care Advisory Committee – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated this item was not on the Rules and Appointments agenda; therefore, it will be placed on the February Rules and Appointments agenda for action.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Richland County Airport Commission – 3** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended appointing Mr. Stuart Hope, Mr. Cecil D. Hannibal, and Ms. Tally Parham Casey.

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- b. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended appointing Mr. James Wheeler and Mr. James Best.

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REPORT OF THE HOSPITALITY TAX AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. **Destination Parks Funding Plan** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to defer action on this item until after Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston inquired why this item was back on the agenda since it was on the previous agenda for action.

Mr. McDonald stated it was deferred until after Executive Session, but was not taken up when Council came out of Executive Session.

1. **A Second Supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Richland County, South Carolina, Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds, taxable series 2016, or such other appropriate series designation, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$20,000,000; 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 [FIRST READING]**

CITIZENS' INPUT

Ms. Helen Taylor Bradley spoke regarding the forensic audit mentioned in the press conference earlier today.

Ms. Wendy Brawley spoke regarding the Lower Richland Sewer Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:41 p.m.
and came out at approximately 8:13 p.m.*

- a. **TRC Propco Inc. vs. SCDOT et al** – Mr. Livingston moved, Mr. Manning, to approve as discussed in Executive Session.

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

- b. Transportation Sales Tax Expenditures** – No action was taken.
- c. Destination Parks Funding Plan** – Mr. Washington stated the committee recommended approval of the funding plan presented by Mr. Driggers. The funding plan outlines the funding for the waterpark, Pinewood Lake, Sports Arena and Lake Murray.

Mr. Livingston inquired about what the funding plan means to current Hospitality Tax projects.

Mr. Driggers stated the Hospitality Tax Fund generates approximately \$6.5 million per year. The funding plan will reduce the amount of available funding to \$4.5 million. The \$4.5 million will fund the Tier I Debt Service, the Ordinance Agencies, County Promotions and Township Operating. There will not be excess funding for discretionary items.

Mr. Washington stated the motion out of committee was as follows: “Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve the funding plan as submitted, but to defer at the Council level the issuance of a bond for the Sports Arena until additional information is obtained (i.e. land purchase, design, and operational costs). In addition, to appropriate the funding for the Pinewood Lake.”

Mr. Livingston inquired if the Sports Arena, Pinewood Lake and Lake Murray would have to come back to Council for a bond ordinance.

Mr. Driggers replied the funding plan includes the approval of the use of \$1 million annually of Hospitality Tax funding to back the revenue bonds. The \$6.9 million for Pinewood Lake is approved and in Fund Balance, but would need to come back to Council to be appropriated. In addition, it sets aside \$1 million to fund debt service related to the Sports Arena and provides no additional funding for Lake Murray property at this time. At this time, Council would be approving a concept not dollars.

Ms. Dickerson inquired about the difference between this item and the following item.

Mr. Driggers stated this item is the funding plan and the following item is to approve the issuance of debt that will use the first \$1 million in the funding plan.

Mr. Manning inquired if the discretionary items Mr. Driggers spoke about earlier were different than the Discretionary Grant items.

Mr. Driggers replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Manning inquired how much was allocated this fiscal year for discretionary items.

Mr. Driggers stated it was approximately \$2 million and included Pinewood Lake; therefore, it is approximately \$1 million per year.

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Mr. McDonald stated there could be a problem with approving this item since the funding plan that was not approved put into place the debt service funding for the waterpark.

Mr. Driggers clarified that the funding plan identified how the bonds would be paid for. In order to issue the debt, the County has to be able to support the 20 years of debt service. The two options that were discussed were to utilize Hospitality Tax funding or a General Obligation Bond.

Mr. Livingston inquired if the funding plan for the waterpark be approved separately.

Mr. Driggers responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Manning inquired if the waterpark would be funded out of Hospitality Tax funds.

Mr. Driggers stated based on the funding plan the waterpark would be funded with Hospitality Tax funds.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to reconsider the previous item (i.e. "Destination Parks Funding Plan") and approve the waterpark funding plan.

The motion failed.

Mr. McDonald stated in order to approve the bond ordinance, Council needs to identify a funding source.

Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item and use the Hospitality Tax recurring revenue to cover debt service.

Ms. Dickerson inquired if the motion is to only approve the funding for the waterpark and all of the projects will be considered at a later date.

Mr. Driggers stated the motion will allow the County to borrow up to \$20 million for the waterpark to be paid back through Hospitality Tax.

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MOTION PERIOD

- a. Due to the Flood crisis and still so many unanswered questions and still so much to do and get done, I move that we hold regular council meetings the month of January 2016 to address the citizens needs [JACKSON]** – Mr. Manning made a substitute motion as follows: “As part of our continuous flood recovery efforts to address the needs of Richland County and to aid those that were adversely impacted by the flooding events, I move to add ‘Flood Recovery’ as an agenda item topic to the agenda for the currently scheduled January 12, 2016 Special Called Council meeting to allow Council to consider any flood related matters. Additionally, Council directs the Council Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the County Administrator, to schedule a special called Council meeting in the month of January 2016, to address any additional flood related matters as necessary. Mr. Malinowski seconded the substitute motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. Move to have a subcommittee examine the County’s EMS Services Department with input from EMS workers [ROSE]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

Torrey Rush, Chair

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