



Richland County Council

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

January 7, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Chair; Dalhi Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Calvin “Chip” Jackson, Gwen Kennedy, Bill Malinowski, Jim Manning, Yvonne McBride, Chakisse Newton, Allison Terracio, and Joe Walker

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Dale Welch, Kim Williams-Roberts, Beverly Harris, John Thompson, Ashiya Myers, Larry Smith, Jennifer Wladischkin, Geo Price, Erica Wade, Michael Niermeier, Ashley Powell, James Hayes, Clayton Voignier, Tariq, Hussain, Allison Steele, Sandra Haynes, Christine Keefer, Michael Byrd, Angela Weathersby, Ronaldo Myers, Leonardo Brown, Quinton Epps, Judy Carter, Chris Eversmann and Dante Roberts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Terracio, to adopt the agenda as published.

In Favor: Terracio, Malinowski, Jackson, Newton, Myers, Kennedy, Walker, Dickerson, Livingston and McBride

Opposed: Manning

The vote was in favor.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to nominate Mr. Livingston for the position of Chair.

Ms. Dickerson stated she is not going to vote, and the reason she is not voting is that she received a letter stating the nominee was interested in running, but no one called her and asked for her vote or support.

In Favor: Malinowski, Jackson, Kennedy, Manning, Livingston and McBride

Opposed: Terracio, Myers, Newton and Walker

Present but Not Voting: Dickerson

The vote was in favor.

Mr. Livingston thanked his colleagues for their vote of confidence. He will continue, as he has done in the past, to serve this County in a dignified and respectful way.

Mr. Jackson stated the vote taken tonight reflects the concerns of the Council, and because we have to have a Chair, he supported the nominee. However, he thinks the Chair is fully aware of the issues confronting him, and this Council. He hopes that more will be done to address those issues directly, and specifically, beyond just working with the body, as a body of individuals, and to try diligently to resolve some of the issues, which

have made this Council dysfunctional, in the past year. Some of it has been inflicted from the outside. Unfortunately, some of it has been self-inflicted. As a result of the concerns raised recently, he admonished the Chair to pay careful attention to those concerns, and address them in an expeditious manner.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to reconsider this item.

In Favor: Jackson and Walker

Opposed: Terracio, Malinowski, Newton, Myers, Kennedy, Manning, Livingston and McBride

Present but Not Voting: Dickerson

The motion for reconsideration failed.

4. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR** – Ms. Terracio moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to nominate Ms. Myers for the position of Vice-Chair.

Ms. Dickerson stated she will be supporting the Vice-Chair because she asked for her support, if she was nominated.

In Favor: Terracio, Jackson, Newton, Myers, Walker, Dickerson and McBride

Opposed: Malinowski, Manning and Livingston

Present but Not Voting: Kennedy

The vote was in favor.

Ms. Myers thanked her colleagues. She stated she plans to work very hard to support Council. She echoed Mr. Jackson's sentiments to move forward to help resolve those issues quickly in the Council and County's best interest.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to reconsider this item.

In Favor: Malinowski

Opposed: Terracio, Jackson, Newton, Myers, Walker, Dickerson, Livingston and McBride

Present but Not Voting: Kennedy and Manning

The motion for reconsideration failed.

6. **SELECTION OF SEATS:**

1. Malinowski
2. Terracio
3. Newton
4. McBride
5. Myers
6. Livingston
7. Kennedy

8. Jackson
9. Walker
10. Manning
11. Dickerson

Ms. Dickerson stated, with all due respect, it is her intention to do her best to serve the Chair, and work with him to the best of her ability. She stated she did not vote for Mr. Livingston because he did not ask her.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM