

Richland County Council Special Called **MINUTES** April 9, 2024 – 6:00 PM Council Chambers 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair; Derrek Pugh, Vice-Chair; Jason Branham, Yvonne McBride, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio (arrived at 6:14pm), Don Weaver, Gretchen Barron, Overture Walker, Cheryl English, and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Aric Jensen, Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Lori Thomas, Stacey Hamm, Susan O'Cain, Dale Welch, Ashiya Myers, Kyle Holsclaw, Angela Weathersby, Andrew Haworth, Tamar Black, Patrick Wright, Michael Maloney, Ashley Fullerton, Jeff Ruble, Sandra Haynes, John Thompson, Geo Price, Zach Cavanaugh, Jackie Hancock, John McKenzie, Quinton Epps, Tish Gonzales, Jennifer Wladischkin, and Shirani Fuller

- 1. **<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>** Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
- 2. **INVOCATION** Senior Pastor Karl McCallister, Faith Presbyterian Church, led the Invocation.
- 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Jason Branham.

4. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Ms. Barron moved to adopt the resolution recognizing "Black Maternal Health Week," seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton Absent: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

a. <u>A Resolution Recognizing Black Maternal Health Week</u> – Ms. Mackey read the resolution into the record.

5. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

- a. <u>Recognizing April 27, 2024, as Richland County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated</u> <u>Day</u> – Ms. Mackey read the proclamation into the record.
- b. <u>Recognizing Ridge View High School Boys Basketball Team as AAA State Champions</u> Mr. Walker read the proclamation into the record and recognized the Coaches and players for this outstanding accomplishment.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. <u>Regular Session: March 19, 2024</u> – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Barron congratulated the USC Women's Basketball Team on their national championship win.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA -

Mr. Branham requested to remove Item 15(e): "An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; by adding Section 18-10, so as to prohibit the desecration of a gravesite, cemetery, or burial ground and to provide penalties" from the Consent Agenda. The County Administrator, Leonardo Brown, requested Item 15(g): "Department of Public Works – Engineering – Springwood Lakes High Hazard Potential Dam Rehabilitation," be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Walker moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Weaver

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous to adopt the agenda as amended.

8. **<u>REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70)</u> – Mr. Patrick Wright, County Attorney, indicated the following items qualify for Executive Session.**

- a. Department of Public Works Engineering Springwood Lake High Hazard Potential Dam Rehabilitation
- b. <u>Richland County Workforce Training Center</u>
- c. <u>Property Inquiry 1221 Gregg Street, Columbia, SC 29201, TMS # R11406-16-16 and TMS # R11406-16-17</u> [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) and (5)]

Mr. Walker moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:38 PM and came out at approximately 7:13 PM

Mr. Walker moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. Ms. Mackey indicated the council entered into an executive session to receive legal advice regarding the Richland County Workforce Training Center, no action was taken in Executive Session.
 - a. <u>Richland County Workforce Training Center</u> Ms. English moved to allow the County Administrator to write a letter of support for the Richland County Workforce Training Center, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. English moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Newton.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

9. CITIZENS' INPUT

a. <u>For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing</u> – No one signed up to speak.

10. CITIZENS' INPUT

a. <u>Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda (Items for which a public hearing is required or a public hearing has been scheduled cannot be addressed at this time.</u>) – No one signed up to speak.

11. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. <u>Updates for Consideration</u>
 - 1. <u>Property Inquiry 1221 Gregg Street, Columbia, SC 29201, TMS # R11406-16-16 and TMS # R11406-16-17</u> This item was taken up in Executive Session.

- <u>Administrator's Nomination: Items in this section require action that may prejudice the County's interest in a</u> <u>discernable way (i.e., time-sensitive, exigent, or of immediate importance)</u> b.
 - *County Administrator McEntire Tate Land Purchase Colie-Martin Tract –* Mr. Brown stated McEntire Joint National Guard Base has requested the purchase of property identified by tax map number R30400-01-19. This is a part of their airfield clear zone program. The land value that could be removed from the tax rolls is \$7,100. Specifically, airfield Clear Zones begin at the end of the runway for airfields operated by the Air Force and are rectangles that run along the extended centerline of the runway. Installations previously granted permission for reduced-size Clear Zones for their Class B runways will now have to reflect the standard 3,000-ft. by 3,000-ft. Clear Zones in all Air Installations. The land 1 purchase would bring them into compliance with their requirements.

Mr. Walker moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Newton.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Walker moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

2. Richland County Family Services Center Letters of Support – Mr. Brown noted letters of support for the Family Service Center were included in the agenda packet.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL - No report was given.

13. **<u>REPORT OF THE CHAIR</u>** – No report was given.

14. OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances: Chapter 16. Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; by adding Article VII entitled "Short-Term Rentals" so as to establish certain requirements for properties being used as short-term rentals, to define necessary terms, and to provide a. <u>penalties</u>

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the ordinance:

- 1.
- David Bergmann, 560 Regatta Road, Columbia, SC 29212 Wendy Bergmann, 560 Regatta Road, Columbia, SC 29212 Brad Swensen, 7716 Leitner Road, Columbia, SC 29209 2.
- 3.
- An Ordinance authorizing a quitclaim deed to Bobby J. and Nancy Y. Spivey for unused and unopened right-of-way on Lake Dogwood Circle South No one signed up to speak. b.
- Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of an infrastructure credit agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to Colite Technologies, LLC; and other c. related matters - No one signed up to speak.

15. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; by adding Article VII entitled "Short-Term Rentals" so as to establish certain requirements for properties being used as short-term rentals, to define necessary terms, and to provide penalties [THIRD READING]

Ms. Barron stated Council members have received a lot of emails regarding this item. She noted she usually does not vote against items that come out of committees she serves on. Still, she is concerned and has some unanswered questions about what the ordinance does to many of these businesses.

Ms. Newton acknowledged that Council members are receiving emails about where people can have short-term rentals. Those decisions are solely housed in the Land Development Code. Nothing that we do tonight affects that. The motion before us tonight allows us to register any existing short-term rentals. If we do not adopt this ordinance, the County has no authority, recordkeeping, or regulations over something already existing.

Mr. Weaver stated he understood the need for regulations but believes we are rushing this. He does not see the urgency and would suggest Council stepping back to address the unanswered questions.

Ms. Newton moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Weaver and Barron.

The vote was in favor.

- b. <u>County Attorney's Office Road Closure Request Cottontown Way</u>
- c. <u>An Ordinance authorizing the easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. to construct, extend, replace, relocate, perpetually maintain and operate an overhead or underground electric line or lines; located on property owned by Richland County at 1364 Northpoint Blvd; and as is more fully described herein [FIRST READING]</u>
- d. <u>Community Planning & Development Building Inspections Division Town of Eastover Intergovernmental</u> <u>Agreement</u>
- e. <u>An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances: Chapter 18, Offenses: by adding Section 18-10, so as to prohibit the desecration of a gravesite, cemetery, or burial ground and to provide penalties [FRST READING]</u> Mr. Walker moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

Mr. Branham made a substitute motion to amend Section 18-10(d) as follows: "No further ground disturbing activities may commence until the site has undergone inspection by Community Planning and Development Services and a plan to mitigate disturbance of the gravesite has been prepared by the person or company undertaking the ground-disturbing activities. Upon completion of such inspection and acceptance of the prepared plan, the Department may authorize further ground-disturbing activity pursuant to applicable state and local laws." Seconded by Mr. Weaver.

Ms. McBride inquired if Mr. Branham consulted with staff, including Legal, regarding the amendment.

Mr. Branham responded in the affirmative.

Ms. McBride inquired if staff would be responsible for the investigation.

Assistant County Administrator Aric Jensen replied that the Conservation Commission staff would be responsible for the investigations.

Mr. Livingston requested the language change to the ordinance be highlighted for 2nd Reading.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- f. <u>Utilities Greenlake Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation</u>
- g. <u>Department of Public Works Engineering Springwood Lakes High Hazard Potential Dam Rehabilitation</u> This item was removed from the agenda during the Adoption of the Agenda.

Mr. Walker moved to approve Items 15(a) – (d) and (f), seconded by Ms. Newton.

Ms. Barron requested to remove Item 15(a) from the Consent Items.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Newton moved to reconsider Items 15(a) and (f), seconded by Mr. Walker.

In Favor: Barron

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Newton thanked staff and the Greenlake Community for their hard work on the Greenlake Gravity Sewer.

16. THIRD READING ITEM

a. <u>An Ordinance authorizing a quitclaim deed to Bobby J. and Nancy Y. Spivey for unused and unopened right-of-</u> way on Lake Dogwood Circle South – Ms. Terracio moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Walker.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. <u>Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed</u> with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of an infrastructure credit agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to Colite Technologies, LLC; and other related matters – Mr. Walker moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

Ms. Terracio inquired about the rate of pay will be for the jobs.

Mr. Livingston responded that the average salary would be \$75,000.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved to reconsider Items 16(a) and (b), seconded by Ms. Barron.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

17. FIRST READING

a. <u>Authorizing the imposition of a one percent (1%) Transportation Sales and Use Tax within Richland County</u> <u>pursuant to Section 4-37-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; determining (I) the</u> <u>categories of projects to be funded with the tax, (II) the maximum time for imposition of the tax, and (III) the</u> <u>estimated capital costs of the projects; directing the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Richland</u> <u>County to conduct a county-wide referendum on the imposition of the tax and the issuance of General</u> <u>Obligation Bonds; prescribing the contents of the ballot questions; and other related matters</u> – Ms. Mackey stated the language in the ordinance is subject to change based on input from the upcoming work sessions and the Transportation Penny Advisory Committee.

Ms. Barron moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

18. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. <u>An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances. Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl</u> – Mr. Walker stated the committee recommended approval of the proposed ordinance. To keep the county current with changes in the community and evolving professional practices, revisions were recommended to the tethering policies to reduce the number of pets injured or abused by improper tethering methods.

Ms. Newton inquired if the animal had to be brought inside if they had exceeded the time allowed for them to be tethered.

Ms. Haynes, the Animal Care Director, replied the animal could remain outside. They just have to meet the requirements established in the ordinance.

Ms. Newton indicated the ordinance states, "No fertile pet shall be redeemed unless one of the exceptions is Section 5-3(a) is met." For example, if it is a licensed hunting dog, or they can demonstrate that the dog is a show dog. She asked if it would be appropriate to add that if the dog is part of a licensed breeding facility, it would not have to be spayed or neutered to redeem the animal.

Ms. Haynes responded they did not consider the commercial pet breeder. She maintained they need to keep their property so that their pet(s) cannot get out or another pet cannot get into them. They have to meet the same requirements as all other citizens.

Ms. Terracio inquired if there would be future opportunities for improvements to the ordinance.

Ms. Haynes stated we could continue to work on it and make improvements, but these recommendations are being brought forward for now.

Mr. Weaver inquired why we would not return the animal to the owner without spaying or neutering it.

Ms. Haynes replied it is the county ordinance and one of the City of Columbia's animal shelter requirements. If the owner can meet the officer before the pet is impounded, it would not necessitate the pet being spayed or neutered.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Weaver

The vote was in favor.

19. REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

a. <u>Notification of Appointments</u>

1. Board of Zoning Appeals – 1 – Ms. Barron stated the committee recommended appointing Mr. Alexander Alderan to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. Planning Commission -2 – Ms. Barron indicated the committee had a recommendation for this item; however, incorrect information was disseminated to the Planning Commission. She believes we owe it to those individuals serving on the Planning Commission to have an opportunity to apply. Therefore, she will not be making a recommendation for these vacancies at tonight's meeting.

20. REPORT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AD HOC COMMITTEE

a. <u>Affordable Housing Definitions</u> – Ms. Terracio stated the committee recommended the following definition, "Affordable housing is a continuum of equitable, inclusive, and quality rental and homeownership opportunities for people at every income level, which is critical to creating safe, complete, and thriving communities."

Mr. Branham inquired if the intent of the definition is that everyone should be able to afford housing, even if they only make \$1/yr.

Ms. Terracio expressed the definition was worked on at length by the City of Columbia, stakeholders, and individuals invested in affordable housing. She noted that if someone is only earning \$1/yr., they are not likely to spend \$0.33 on housing but have housing in some other way. Individuals at minimum and mid-income levels still have difficulty locating decent, affordable housing. Affordable housing ensures a decent housing supply so the market can bear everyone who needs housing.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Branham

The vote was in favor.

b. <u>Project Scope</u> – Ms. Newton indicated the recommendation was to direct the Administrator to explore opportunities for homeownership/down payment assistance." She wanted to ensure this does not mean the committee's scope excludes other activities promoting affordable housing.

Ms. Terracio responded the committee anticipates staff providing additional options in the future.

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- c. <u>Affordable Housing Budget</u> Ms. Terracio stated the committee recommended directing the Administrator to explore future funding options.

Mr. Branham indicated he did not believe the committee took up this item.

Ms. Terracio stated the only funds allocated for affordable housing are the \$4M in the General Fund. We have not explored future funding opportunities but request that the Administrator research the available funding sources.

Items 20(b) and (c) were deferred until the next Affordable Housing Ad Hoc Committee Report.

21. REPORT OF THE DETENTION CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE

a. <u>Detention Center Update</u> – Mr. Brown confirmed that 252 locks have been upgraded to the Willow Wedge Locking System. This locking system replaces the pneumatic locking system with an electronic system. Four (4) housing units remain to be upgraded with the new locking system.

22. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS AD HOC COMMITTEE

a. <u>Fiscal Year 25 Community Partners Grant Requests</u> – Ms. Mackey stated the committee met to review the FY25 Community Partner Grant requests. On p. 248 of the agenda packet is a spreadsheet of the amount requested and recommended for the community partners.

Mr. Livingston indicated he is a committee member but did not support the committee's recommendation. He declared he is gravely concerned about its impact on Senior Resources, which is Richland County's designated agency for senior services. What is being proposed is a significant decrease to Senior Resources budget from last year. Their request was \$548,000, and the recommendation was significantly less than that. We are talking about an agency already underfunded in terms of its services to the county and even more so relative to its counterparts. When we were doing Lump Sum appropriations in 2018/2019, this agency was receiving

\$548,000, and we are recommending that they be given less than that this year when they have a long waiting list. We were funding the Lourie Center at \$200,000 before they folded. Senior Resources has taken on some of their responsibilities, and we are still discussing cutting their funding. He thinks that it is going to have a significant impact on senior citizens. He recommended that we fund Senior Resources at last year's amount of \$548,046.

Ms. Mackey noted the amount of funding for Community Partners is a set amount. Therefore, recommending an organization receive a different amount would require additional motions to figure out how not to exceed the funding amount.

Ms. Barron shared with the committee that she is a supporter of Senior Resources and the work they do. When we decided as a Council that we would have Community Partners, and there would be a set amount set aside for these organizations, she knew it would be a hard task. She supports the recommendation coming out of the committee, but she would like us to look at potentially funding Senior Resources out of the General Fund. As we move into our budget cycle, we need to begin funding our priorities.

Ms. Mackey pointed out that we went through a process where we said we wanted transparency and accountability, and we created a process where all non-profits had to apply to receive funding. Then, we also decided to establish Community Partners and agreed on a percentage. The organizations selected for this list were the body's way of saying these are the ones we pick. Additional groups were added to the Community Partners' list between last year and this year, but the funding stayed the same. In addition, she understands we have supported Senior Resources for many years for over \$500,000. She noted some departments at Richland County do not receive \$500,000 in their budget. Other non-profits request \$30,000-\$60,000 to go directly into the community to change people's lives one-on-one. They are not using the funds to leverage it and get additional money; they are going directly into a community to make that change. The funding available is what we should be looking to change and not going to the General Fund. We have other initiatives in the Strategic Plan that we need to work toward, and not looking at how we can give more to an organization that has been receiving over \$500,000.

Ms. McBride expressed that we are still not meeting the unique needs of individual districts. There should be an allocation to ensure that each district gets an equitable amount of funding. Many programs are struggling and do not submit grants because they are unaware of the grants or do not know how to write them. Therefore, we are still overlooking a percentage of non-profits that work directly in the community and address the community's needs without any funds. She pointed out the Community Partners were established without any criteria. We need to set criteria for selecting Community Partners in the future.

Mr. Livingston stated he would come back during the budget process to ensure Senior Resources is not treated like a regular non-profit. He suggested making it a line item in the budget or a special-purpose district.

Ms. Mackey noted it was not the intent of the committee to punish Senior Resources or not fully support them. However, the committee must be mindful of how we are spending over \$500,000. It was pointed out we do not have stats on how many residents are served or if it only goes to feed them. We need all the facts about how they are spending taxpayers' money.

Ms. English noted that the ARPA funds they received last year to make up for the deficit in grant funding are no longer available.

Mr. Walker inquired if the County is funding any non-profits from other funding sources.

Ms. Mackey responded there are non-profits funded with Hospitality and Accommodations Tax, etc.

Mr. Walker inquired if looking for another funding source for Senior Resources would undermine the process established with the Community Impact Grants.

Ms. Mackey responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Walker indicated his understanding that the point of Community Impact Grants was so that we would not have an organization dependent on County dollars but would serve in an ancillary way.

Ms. Mackey stated every time an organization has an ask, they want to give them everything they asked. By doing so, we are not being responsible and thinking about how we fund the county moving forward.

Mr. Weaver moved to call for the question, seconded by Ms. McBride.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: McBride and Livingston

The vote was in favor of approving the committee's recommendation.

23. REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

a. <u>Atlas Road Re-Scoping</u> – Mr. Walker stated the committee recommended restoring the scope of Atlas Road from Bluff Road to Shop Road.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. <u>Award of Construction – Atlas Road Widening</u> – Ms. Newton moved to defer this item until the April 12, 2024 Council meeting, second Mr. Branham.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, English, and Newton

Opposed: Mackey

The vote was in favor.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Pugh encouraged his colleagues to attend the committee/ad hoc meetings when there are pressing issues.

24. OTHER ITEMS

a. <u>FY24 – District 9 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Columbia City Ballet (SC Ballet) - \$5,000</u> – Ms. Newton moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Newton moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

25. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Newton moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Weaver

The vote was in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:47 PM and came out at approximately 9:09 PM

Mr. Weaver moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey indicated that council entered into executive session to discuss the below listed items, no action was taken in Executive Session.

- a. <u>Department of Public Works Engineering Springwood Lakes High Hazard Potential Dam Rehabilitation</u> No action was taken.
- b. <u>Property Inquiry 1221 Gregg Street, Columbia, SC 29201, TMS # R11406-16-16 and TMS # R11406-16-17</u> No action was taken.
- 26. **<u>MOTION PERIOD</u>** No motions were submitted.
- 27. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> Ms. Newton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.