



Richland County Council  
Special Called Meeting  
July 27, 2021 – Immediately Following Zoning Public Hearing  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston Chair, Yvonne McBride Vice-Chair, Bill Malinowski, Derrek Pugh, Allison Terracio, Gretchen Barron, Overture Walker, Jesica Mackey, Cheryl English, and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Michelle Onley, Tamar Black, Ashiya Myers, Leonardo Brown, Lori Thomas, John Thompson, Dante Roberts, Dale Welch, James Hayes, Jennifer Wladischkin, Judy Carter, Casey White, Jani Hussain, Sandra Haynes, Stacey Hamm, Steven Gaither, William Bilton, Michael Maloney, Elizabeth McLean, Ronaldo Myers and Michael Byrd.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 7:48PM.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Barron moved, seconded by O. Walker, to adopt the agenda as published.

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

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

3. **PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

a. **A Proclamation Recognizing August 1-7, 2021 as National Farmer's Market Week** - Ms. Mackey read the proclamation into the record.

b. **A Proclamation Recognizing Stonewall M. Richburg's 100th Birthday** – Ms. Mackey read the proclamation into the record.

4. **REPORT OF THE ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – Ms. McLean stated items 4(a), 4(b), and 10(a) were all Executive Session items.

a. **Road Maintenance fee ordinance/lawsuit - Legal advice [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws §30-4-70 (a)(2)]**

b. **Richland County v. Richland Program Development Team (2019-CP-40-2417) - Potential Settlement Agreement approval [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws §30- 4-70(a)(2)]**

c. **County Administrator Evaluation: Review and Approval of Consultant**

5. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** – No report was given.

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6. **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL** – No report was given.
7. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – No Report was given.
8. **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
  - a. **Treasurer's Office - Federal Forestry Funds** - Mr. Malinowski noted this item was held in committee.
  - b. **Department of Public Works - Subdivision Resurfacing**
  - c. **Department of Public Works - Pavement Preservation**
  - d. **Department of Public Works - Asphalt Preservation**
  - e. **Emergency Services Department - Cardiac Monitors**
  - f. **Utilities Department - Approval to connect 2312 and 2314 Johnson Marina Road, Chapin, SC 29036 to the RCU sewer system at Point De Haven Road**
  - g. **Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center - Sprinkler Head Replacement**

Mr. Malinowski stated the committee unanimously recommended approval of Items (b) – (g).

Ms. McBride moved seconded by Ms. English, to approve staff's recommendation for Items (b) – (g) (e) (f) and (g).

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton.

Not Present: J. Walker.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski moved, by Ms. English, to reconsider Items (b) – (g).

Opposed: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton.

Not Present: J. Walker.

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- h. **Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center - Electronic Monitoring** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended approval of staff's recommendation. There were some concerns as to whether the company was providing adequate services to their clients.

Ms. McBride moved for approval.

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

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor

Ms. Terracio moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, for reconsideration

In Favor: Malinowski

Opposed: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

**i. Negotiations for Contract to design Public Safety Complex**

**j. Public Safety Bond Resolution**

Mr. Malinowski stated the committee unanimously recommended approval of Items (i) and (j).

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton.

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to reconsider Items (i) and (j).

Opposed: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton.

Not Present: J. Walker.

The motion for reconsideration failed.

**9. REPORT OF THE DETENTION CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**a. Compensation Recommendation - Pay Plan for Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center – Ms. Terracio stated the committee unanimously recommended approval of staff's proposed pay plan.**

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the public was properly notified of the information since the pay plan was provided under separate cover.

Mr. Malinowski moved to defer until the August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting and include all the information in the agenda and make the pay raise retroactive.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Livingston inquired if the information was given to the public.

Ms. Onley responded the pay plan was not included in the agenda packet.

Ms. McBride noted Council discussed this in Executive Session and then approved when Council returned to open session.

Ms. Terracio noted the information was included in the Detention Center Ad Hoc Committee agenda, and discussed in open session.

Mr. Malinowski stated when people look at Richland County Council agenda do not necessarily look at ad hoc committee agendas. He noted he does not think it is properly before them, and should be taken off the agenda.

Mr. Brown noted he had no issue with the information being provided to the public.

Ms. Barron noted, in the spirit of transparency, she agreed with people getting the information, but she also agrees with people getting the pay they deserve.

Ms. McBride stated the information was provided to the public and staff worked extra hard during the pandemic. The employees work overtime, with minimum pay, and she recommended moving forward.

Ms. Newton made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Terracio, to approve this item and direct staff to share the salary increase information with the public.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton.

Not Present J. Walker.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

Opposed: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton.

Not Present: J. Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

10. **REPORT OF THE EMPLOYEE EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. **County Administrator Evaluation: Review and Approval of Consultant** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

11. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. **Transfer from General Fund To Transportation Penny Fund** – Mr. Brown stated this item is required for staff to move the funds from the General Fund to the Penny Fund. The request is for approval.

Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to approve staff's recommendation.

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

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

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

In favor: Malinowski

Opposed: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron ,O. Walker Mackey, English and Newton

Not Present: J. Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to go into Executive Session.

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

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

*The Council Entered Executive Session at approximately 8:17PM and Exited at approximately 8:55PM*

**4(a) Road Maintenance fee ordinance/lawsuit - Legal advice [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws §30-4-70 (a)(2)]** – No action was taken.

**4(b) Richland County v. Richland Program Development Team (2019-CP-40-2417) - Potential Settlement Agreement approval [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws §30- 4-70(a)(2)]** – Mr. O. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to allow staff to move forward with providing payment to the PDT from the Transportation Fund.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Opposed: Malinowski and Newton

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

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

In Favor: Malinowski and Newton

Opposed: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey and English

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Not Present: J. Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

**10(a) County Administrator Evaluation: Review and Approval of Consultant** - Ms. Newton moved, second by Mr. Malinowski, to solicit a consultant to help with the evaluation process, as discussed in Executive Session.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, Livingston, Terrarico, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

Opposed: McBride

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

### 13. **MOTIONS PERIOD**

- a. **I move to allocate \$9,733 in H-Tax funds to the Five Points Association for the St Patrick's Day event. These were funds allocated in the FY20-21 budget that were not spent due to COVID [Terracio]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- b. **To direct the County Administrator to immediately move forward with efforts to relocate the Department of Social Services facility to the Columbia Place Mall (former Sears) and pursue funding from the State's American Rescue Plan allocation. [McBride & J. Walker]** – Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. Terracio, to move forward.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the Administrator is already looking into this item.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Malinowski stated he would rather wait for the Administrator to come back to the Council before Council says “do something”.

Ms. McBride noted the Administrator is looking into it, but we wanted to make it official.

Mr. Livingston stated he does not want to limit the location to the Sears building.

Ms. McBride responded changing the location would ruin the motion. The Columbia Place Mall would be a prime location.

Mr. Brown noted he was working on locations in Columbia Place, based on what the body has previously voted on.

Ms. Mackey stated, for clarification, the motion allows the Administrator to move forward and pursue funding. She inquired if there is a date he will report back to Council.

Ms. McBride responded the Administrator could give us an update in September.

Ms. Mackey offered a friendly amendment that the Administrator report back to Council before

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moving forward.

Mr. Malinowski stated he did not want to be restricted by the State's American Rescue Plan allocations, and include "other sources of funds", as well.

Ms. McBride accepted the amendment.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton.

Not Present J. Walker.

The vote n in favor was unanimous.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:11PM.