

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2007 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:

Chair	Joseph McEachern
Vice Chair	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Kit Smith
Absent	Mike Montgomery

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Angie McInchok, Daniel Driggers, Paul Brawley, Chief Harrell, Joe Cronin, Larry Smith, Teresa Smith, Jim Wilson, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Audrey Shifflett, Lashedra Pontoon, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:46 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Bill Malinowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Bill Malinowski

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized that members of the Blythewood Baseball League were in the audience.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Scott recognized that Ms. Harriet Gardner Fields and Rev. Sammy Wade were in the audience.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Hutchinson recognized that Richland County Auditor Paul Brawley, Blythewood Mayor Keith Bailey and Representative Joan Brady were in the audience.

FY 2008-2009 BUDGET AND MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING

The floor to the public hearing was opened.

The following persons signed up to speak:

- Mr. Jack Goettee
- Mr. Ronald Burkett
- Ms. Harriet Gardner Fields
- Mr. Darius Adams
- Ms. Melissa Oliver
- Mr. Solomon Belton
- Ms. Frances Osburn
- Mr. Jay Rickman
- Mr. William Caspino
- Ms. Jamey Caspino
- Rev. Sammy Wade
- Ms. Lori Hatcher
- Mr. Jeff Buck
- Mr. Mark Davis
- Mr. Richard Miller
- Ms. Sabine Spittler
- Mr. Jim Polickoski
- Mr. Ray Williamson
- Mr. Mildred Johnson
- Mr. Thomas Boyd
- Mr. John Bradley
- Ms. Helen Madden
- Mr. David Dornik
- Ms. Sarah Dornik

- Mr. Adam Groth
- Ms. Deborah Bower
- Rep. Joan Brady
- Mr. Tom Medlock
- Mr. Patrick Cobb
- Ms. Kori Hayes
- Ms. Allee Cobb
- Ms. Deborah Moore
- Mr. Alfred Jones
- Joan Dornbush
- Mr. David Antonini
- Mr. Keith Bailey
- Ms. Deborah Greene
- Mr. Hainsley Lewis
- Rufus Wilson
- Carlotta Wilson
- Brian White

The floor to the public hearing was closed.

Council recessed at 7:27 p.m. and reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the following consent items:

- **Conservation Commission: Amend Budget Ordinance language as follows: “At fiscal year end June 30, 2008, any appropriated funds unspent and unencumbered in the Conservation Commission fund shall reflect as a reservation of fund balance in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to be used for future purchase of land.**
- **Pond Drive Water System: \$9,580 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Parking Garage: \$119,850 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Owens Field: \$287,430 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Victim’s Assistance: \$1,054,659 (Approve Funding Level—includes transfer from General Fund of \$254,659)**
- **Roads & Drainage: \$5,400,000 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Tourism Development: \$1,030,000 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Probate Court Advertising: \$43,738 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Temporary Alcohol Permit: \$102,775 (Approve Funding Allocation—Solicitor: \$37,835; Appearance Commission: \$8,840; River Alliance: \$56,100)**
- **Title IV-D Civil Process: \$65,000 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Solicitor Drug Court: \$56,436 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Forfeiture Accounts: \$590,105 (Approve Funding Allocation)**
- **Discretionary Grant: Approve Funding Allocation**

- **All Departments: Amend budget based on current salary reports**
- **Sheriff—Continuation of Administrative Fee**

SECOND READING ITEMS

FY 2007-2008 Budget Ordinance – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item as amended for 2nd Reading. The vote was in favor.

FY 2007-2008 Millage Ordinance – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item as amended for 2nd Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Richland School District One: (FY08 appropriated \$158,924,862; Requested: \$177,838,794; Cap: \$168,828,800) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$168,828,800 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Richland School District Two: (FY08 appropriated \$94,801,475; Requested: \$105,958,716; Cap: \$113,644,000) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$113,644,000 for this item.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$105,958,716 for this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston withdrew his substitute motion.

The vote was in favor.

Recreation Commission: Recreation Commission appropriation in excess of five mills is made with the following conditions; the appropriated fund use must include the continuation of the free after-school programs JUMPS, Fighting Back and Tutorial – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recreation Commission: (FY08 appropriated \$9,763,332; Requested: \$10,056,231; Cap: \$10,721,200) – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve to approve \$10,721,200 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Midlands Technical College: (FY08 appropriated \$3,811,130; Requested: \$3,943,802; Cap: \$4,271,000) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson to approve \$4,271,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous with Mr. Livingston abstaining from voting.

Midlands Technical College—Capital: (Requested value of 1 mill, Approve Funding Level) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous with Mr. Livingston abstaining from voting.

Midlands Technical College—Capital Debt Service: (Requested value of .5 mill, Approve Funding Level) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous with Mr. Livingston abstaining from voting.

Library: (FY08 appropriated \$17,335,359; Requested: \$19,264,300; Cap: \$19,264,300) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$19,264,300 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Riverbanks Zoo: (FY08 appropriated \$1,646,618; Requested: \$1,692,723; Cap: \$1,996,800) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$1,996,800 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mental Health: (FY08 appropriated \$1,556,580; Requested: \$1,621,014; Cap: \$1,704,400) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$1,704,400 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: (Requested .5 mill, Approve Funding Level) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$643,500 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: (Approve earmarking \$50,000 in the Conservation Commission budget for the Gills Creek Watershed Association for them to continue their facilitation of a remediation plan for this significantly impaired watershed) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$50,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: (Transfer incremental revenue from TIF [General Fund] to Neighborhood Redevelopment Fund) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item until 3rd Reading. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jeter made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Jackson	Pearce
Jeter	Malinowski
Hutchinson	Livingston
McEachern	Smith
Dickerson	
Scott	

The vote was in favor.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: (Approve \$15,000 for Farrow Road Corridor Study) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$15,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: (Requested .5 mill, Approve Funding Level) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$643,500 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Solid Waste: (Approve Funding Level—includes fee increase to \$249 for curbside and \$622 for backyard) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve current year funding of \$21,130,131 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Broad River Sewer System: (Approve Funding Level—includes use of \$307,475 of fund balance, 5 new positions, and transfer from general fund of \$550,000 for building loan to be paid back over 11 years) – A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$5,660,075 for item with additional information being provided at 3rd Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Lower Richland Sewer System:

Option 1: (Approve Funding Level—includes requesting official MOU with Town of Eastover to allow County to take over billing and collections for the system. The MOU would be approved and executed by 7/1/09; \$281,631)

Option 2: (Approve Funding Level—includes requesting official MOU with Town of Eastover to allow County to take over billing and collections for the system. The MOU would be approved and executed by 1/1/09); \$187,030)

Option 3: (Approve Funding Level—identify other funding mechanism for Town of Eastover uncollectible or reduce expenditures to fit to revenue; \$92,430)

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve Option 2. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Jeter	Jackson
Livingston	Hutchinson
Smith	McEachern
	Dickerson
	Scott

The motion failed.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve Option 3 and immediately contact the Mayor of Town of Eastover to further discuss this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hopkins Utility System:

Option 1: (Approve Funding Level—includes going to DHEC for rate increase of \$14.80 to support. This would be approved and executed by 7/1/08; \$48,000)

Option 2: (Approve Funding Level—includes going to DHEC for rate increase of \$14.80 to support. This would be approved and executed by 1/1/09; \$42,000)

Option 3: (Approve Funding Level—identify other funding mechanism or reduce expenditures to be fit to revenue level at current rates; \$36,000)

A discussion took place.

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve Option 2. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Enterprise Funds: All Funds (Approve a pay increase cap to be set at 1% max for all employees that it is determined to have earned one) – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The motion failed.

Enterprise Funds: All Departments (All training requests should be reviewed and budget be appropriated for actual classroom training—not conferences, meetings, seminars, and convention) – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The motion failed.

Accommodations Tax: (Approve Funding Distribution; \$555,000) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to appropriate \$10,000 to the Cultural Council by deleting \$10,000 from Lake Murray Tourism. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to appropriate \$10,000 to the Cultural Council by deleting \$10,000 from the Riverbanks Zoo. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Hutchinson
Malinowski	McEachern
Jackson	
Jeter	
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Smith	
Scott	

The substitute motion passed.

Stormwater Management: (Approve Funding Level—includes .1 mill increase, the maximum allowable under the cap and the use of \$420,488 of fund balance) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$3,193,488 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mass Transit: (Approve Fund Level using available fund balance at 6/30/08—appropriation up to \$3,229,640) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$3,229,640 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Emergency Telephone System: (Approve Funding Level—includes increase to subscriber fee from .38 to .50 cents, the use of \$301,254 of fund balance, and two new positions) – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$3,802,252 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fire Service: (Approve Funding Level—includes .7 mill increase, the maximum allowable under the cap, and the use of \$970,000 of fund balance) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$17,971,440 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve adding South East Rural Community Outreach Ministries as a “major” H-tax funding agency at \$250,000) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$250,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve \$50,000 for Business Improvement District from undesignated funds) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$50,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve \$75,000 for Engenuity for the National Hydrogen Fuel Cell Conference from undesignated funds) – The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve \$20,000 for SC Gospel Fest from undesignated funds) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to withdraw this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve \$20,000 for Sweet Potato Fest from undesignated funds) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to withdraw this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve \$10,000 for Golf for Goodness Sake from undesignated funds) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$10,000 for this item with a legal review to ascertain that meets the criteria for the funding. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Malinowski	Pearce
Jackson	Hutchinson
Jeter	Livingston
McEachern	
Dickerson	
Scott	

The vote was in favor.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve \$25,000 for Black Expo from undesignated funds) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$25,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Designate \$50,000 annually for each Council member's discretion from the undesignated hospitality tax funds. This would be contingent on Council's approval of the project. This will allow Council members the opportunity to formulate and organize their projects. The same procedures used for county promotions requests during the fiscal year will be applicable to these projects) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to encumber \$550,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Jackson	Pearce
Jeter	Malinowski
Hutchinson	Livingston
McEachern	Smith
Dickerson	
Scott	

The vote was in favor.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding Distribution—County Promotions—Includes approving \$84,981 of total county promotions funds and \$30,000 of undesignated county promotions to be available for second round of committee recommendations) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve \$149,981 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding Allocation: \$5,200,000) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the allocation of \$5,200,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Industrial Park: (FILOT Supplement Policy) – A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to conceptually approve this item, recognizing the potential impact on the budget, and to direct the Administrator to draft the policy form. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Industrial Park: (Designate \$100,000 annually to each Council member for economic development and other programs from the undesignated hospitality tax funds. This would be contingent on Council's approval of the project. This will allow Council members the opportunity to formulate and organize their projects. The same procedures used for county promotions requests during the fiscal year will be applicable to these projects) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Industrial Park: (Approve Funding Allocation; \$257,000) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$257,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to delete Items 58-62.

Non-Departmental: (Health insurance costs should only be paid to a maximum of 50% regardless of years of service. Change the tier structure) – A discussion took place. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to delete Item 64. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council Services: \$100,000 (Governmental Affairs Liaison) – A discussion took place.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to direct the Administrator to bring back a recommendation on funding options. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council Services: Council Salaries – A discussion took place.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to delete this item from the motions list. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Central Services: (Approved \$13,028 for part-time for Central Services Department) –

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$13,028 for this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Jackson	Pearce
McEachern	Malinowski
Scott	Hutchinson
	Livingston
	Dickerson

The motion failed.

Approve loan from General Fund to Family Court Agency Fund to cover deficit up to \$142,000 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$142,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Jeter	Jackson
Livingston	Hutchinson
Dickerson	McEachern
Scott	

The vote was in favor.

Outside Agencies: (Approve additional \$15,000 for Clemson Extension) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$15,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Jackson	Pearce
Hutchinson	Malinowski
McEachern	Jeter
Dickerson	Livingston
Scott	

The vote was in favor.

Outside Agencies: (Approve up to \$50,000 for Central Midlands to enhance the Broad River Road Corridor) – A discussion took place.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to defer this item until 3rd Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Complete Geometrics study of the Lower Richland Sport Complex, Golf Course and Carolina Bay – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to remove this item.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to defer this item until 3rd Reading to receive additional information.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Jackson
Malinowski	Jeter
Hutchinson	Dickerson
McEachern	Scott
Livingston	

The substitute motion passed.

Outside Agencies: (Fund National Guard; \$50,000) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$50,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jackson withdrew his motion.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$30,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jackson made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to subtract \$68,000 from the Capital Senior Center budget to budget \$30,000 for the National Guard.

Mr. Pearce offered the following amendment: to budget \$30,000 for the National Guard by subtracting \$21,150 from the Capital Senior Center budget.

Mr. Jackson accepted that amendment.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Outside Agencies: Approve funding distribution – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded Ms. Scott, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Total Budget: (Approve Funding Level—includes addition of 22.5 FTE and 2.1 mill increase) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

All Departments: (Approve GASB 45 funding mechanism and change to benefits level) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item with additional information being provided at 3rd Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:31 a.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Valerie Hutchinson, Vice-Chair

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