

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2007 5:00 P.M.

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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	Mike Montgomery
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Kit Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Angie McInchok, Daniel Driggers, Paul Brawley, Joe Cronin, Larry Smith, Teresa Smith, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Audrey Shifflett, Lashedra Pontoon, Michael Byrd, Lillian McBride, Janet Claggett, Dwight Hanna, Joseph Kocy, Anna Almeida, Geo Price, Bill Peters, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:16 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Called: June 2, 2008 – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as corrected.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to add a presentation by Mr. Malinowski and adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- **School District One: \$168,828,800 (FY08 Appropriated \$158,924,862; Requested: \$177,838,794; Cap: \$168,828,800)**
- **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**
- **Midlands Technical College—Capital: \$1,287,000 (Requested Value of 1 mill; Approve Funding Level)**
- **Midlands Technical College—Capital Debt Service: \$643,500 (Requested Value of .5 mill; Approve Funding Level)**
- **Library: \$19,264,300 (FY Appropriated \$17,335,359; Requested: \$19,264,300; Cap: \$19,264,300)**
- **Mental Health: (FY08 appropriated \$1,556,580; Requested: \$1,621,014; Cap: \$1,704,400)**
- **Conservation Commission: \$643,500 (Requested .5 mill; Approve Funding Level)**
- **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**
- **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**
- **Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve \$15,000 for Farrow Road Corridor Study**
- **Neighborhood Redevelopment: \$643,500 (Requested .5 mill; includes 1 new position; Approve Funding Level)**

THIRD READING ITEMS

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to fund all millage agencies, where their request is less than the cap and less than the current mill rate, that their budget be approved at the current mill rate.

Mr. Livingston requested that each millage agency be voted upon. Mr. Montgomery concurred to the request.

Richland School District Two: (FY08 appropriated \$94,801,475; Requested: \$105,958,716; Cap: \$113,644,000) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$106,652,400 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recreation Commission: (FY08 appropriated \$9,763,332; Requested: \$10,056,231; Cap: \$10,721,200) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$10,275,200 for this item.

Ms. Scott made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$10,721,200 for this item. A discussion took place.

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

The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was in favor.

Midlands Technical College: (FY08 appropriated \$3,811,130; Requested: \$3,943,802; Cap: \$4,271,000) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$4,142,300 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous with Mr. Livingston abstaining from voting.

Riverbanks Zoo: (FY08 appropriated \$1,646,618; Requested: \$1,692,723; Cap: \$1,996,800) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,868,100 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: \$550,000 (Recurring Annually) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$550,000 and request Administration to bring back the necessary ordinance to establish this fund and guidelines for the fund on a recurring basis. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Solid Waste: (Approve Funding Level—includes fee increase to \$249 for curbside and \$622 for backyard) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve current year funding of \$27,327,385 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

Broad River Sewer System: (Approve Funding Level—includes use of \$307,475 of fund balance, 5 new positions, and transfer from general fund of \$700,000 for building loan to be paid back over 11 years) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$5,660,075 for item. The vote was in favor.

Mr. Montgomery proposed the following amendment: to approve this item with the caveat that interest be paid with the payment remaining the same and the pay period being extended from 11 years to 13 years.

Mr. Livingston accepted the amendment. The vote was in favor.

Revise water rates for all Richland County systems – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized that Councilman-elect Kelvin Washington was in the audience.

Lower Richland Sewer System: \$92,430 (Approve funding level—identify other funding mechanism for Town of Eastover uncollectible or reduce expenditures to fit to revenue) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$92,430 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hopkins Utility System – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to table this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Stormwater Management: (Approve a no tax increase budget—\$2,878,200 taxes and \$315,288 fund balance use) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fire Service: (Approve Funding Level—includes .7 mill increase—\$15,886,100 taxes and the use of \$410,136 of fund balance) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. McEachern expressed his appreciation for the Fire Service.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve \$50,000 for Business Improvement District from undesignated funds) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to deny funding of the Business Improvement District. A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to fund \$50,000 for the Business Improvement District from the General Fund. A discussion took place.

Council recessed at 6:57 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Pearce thanked the individuals from the Capital Senior Center that were in the audience.

Mr. Livingston withdrew his substitute motion.

Mr. Livingston made a subsequent substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to fund \$50,000 for the Business Improvement District from the TIF Incremental Revenue. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: Reconsideration of following motion—(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. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to modify the ordinance and guidelines on Hospitality Tax funds such that 75% of these funds are designated to be awarded to projects and programs in the unincorporated areas. A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith offered the following amendment: ...for events outside of the incorporated area and regional marketing efforts.

Mr. Montgomery accepted the amendment.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: \$70,000 (Approve Capital City Lake Murray Country \$150,000 from undesignated funds due to their overwhelming figures in bringing tourists and meals to Richland County) – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve \$70,000 for this item.

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

The vote was in favor.

Accommodation's Tax: \$555,000 (Approve Funding Distribution – Ms. Dickerson proposed the following changes to the allocation: Access Leisure - \$0.00 to \$5,000; Columbia City Ballet - \$20,000 to \$15,000; Columbia Classical Ballet - \$20,000 to \$15,000; Palmetto Capital City Classic - \$8,000 to \$10,000; Riverbanks Zoo - \$70,000 to \$50,000 and S. C. State Museum - \$15,000 to \$13,000.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to adopt the recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Committee. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to accept the Accommodations Tax Committee recommendations with the following exceptions: Palmetto Capital City Classic - \$8,000 to \$10,000; Riverbanks Zoo - \$70,000 to \$50,000; Cultural Council - \$15,000 to \$35,000; and S. C. State Museum - \$15,000 to \$13,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The final allocations were as follows: Auntie Karen - \$5000; Celebrate Freedom Foundation - \$10,000; Chick-fil-A Classic - \$5,000; Columbia City Ballet - \$20,000; Columbia Classical Ballet - \$20,000; Columbia International Festival - \$7,500; Columbia Metro Convention & Visitor Bureau - \$179,500; Columbia Music Festival - \$15,000; Columbia Regional Sports Council - \$15,000; Cultural Council—Richland and Lexington Counties - \$35,000; Greater Columbia Marine Foundation - \$5,000; Historic Columbia - \$20,000; Humanities Council SC - \$5,000; Lake Murray Tourism - \$100,000; Palmetto Capital City Classic - \$10,000; Riverbanks Zoo - \$50,000; S. C. State Museum - \$13,000; SC Philharmonic - \$15,000; and Township Theatre - \$25,000.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding Distribution—County Promotions—Includes approving \$84,981 of total county promotions funds and \$35,000 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.

Grants: Approve National CASA grant in the amount of \$40,000 to support 1 FTE (approve FTE) for Richland County CASA in FY09 (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009). 1 FTE (grant funded 100%) and no county match. No obligation to retain the FTE beyond the grant term. – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding Distribution—County Promotions—includes approving \$84,981 of total county promotions funds and \$35,000 of undesignated county promotions to be available for second round of committee recommendations – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to make the following changes to the allocations: Capital City/Lake Murray Country RTB - \$30,000 to \$0.00; Carolina Scholarships, Inc. - \$0.00 to \$5,000; Odyssey Golf Foundation - \$0.00 to \$10,000; South Carolina Gospel Quartets - \$0.00 to \$10,000; South East Rural Community Outreach Ministries - \$30,000 to \$0.00; and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) - \$5,000 to \$10,000. A discussion took place.

Mr. Malinowski moved to add \$30,000 back to the Capital City/Lake Murray Country RTB.

Ms. Smith offered the following amendment: to add the \$30,000 back to the Capital City/Lake Murray Country RTB.

Ms. Dickerson accepted the amendment.

Mr. Livingston offered the following changes to the allocations: Capital City/Lake Murray - \$30,000 to \$15,000 and Columbia Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau - \$20,000 to \$35,000.

Ms. Dickerson accepted Mr. Livingston's proposed changes to her original motion. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

The final allocations were as follows: Capital City /Lake Murray Country RTB - \$15,000; Carolina Scholarships, Inc. - \$5,000; City Center Partnership - \$5,000; Columbia City Ballet - \$5,000; Columbia Classical Ballet - \$5,000; Columbia Film Society/Nickelodeon Theatre - \$2,500; Columbia International Festival - \$10,000; Columbia Metro Convention & Visitor Bureau - \$35,000; Columbia Music Festival Association - \$10,000; Cultural Council—Richland and Lexington Counties - \$15,000; Greater Columbia Education Advancement Foundation - \$10,000; Odyssey Golf Foundation - \$10,000; Palmetto Capital City Classic - \$15,000; Riverbanks Zoo & Garden - \$30,000; South Carolina Gospel Quartets - \$10,000; South Carolina Philharmonic - \$5,000; South Carolina State Museum - \$11,500; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) - \$10,000; Spring Valley High School - \$10,000; The Humanities Council SC - \$20,000 and Township Auditorium - \$20,000.

Hospitality Tax: \$35,000 (Farrow Road Business Improvement District) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the allocation of \$35,000 from undesignated Hospitality Tax for the Farrow Road Business Improvement District.

Council Services: \$100,000 (Governmental Affairs Liaison) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item contingent upon the Transportation Committee's 1% tax increase recommendation being placed on the ballot and passing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Outside Agencies: (Approve up to \$50,000 for Central Midlands to enhance the Broad River Road Corridor) – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to earmark \$50,000 from the Neighborhood Redevelopment Fund and to partner with the Council of Governments for the complete Broad River Corridor study.

Mr. McEachern requested that the Two Notch and Monticello Road be incorporated.

Ms. Dickerson accepted that request.

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 appropriate \$275,000 from Hospitality Tax funds. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Outside Agencies: (Fund National Guard: \$30,000) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to restore \$21,150 to Capital Senior Center and approve \$9,850 for the National Guard.

Mr. Jackson made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to subtract \$21,150 from the Capital Senior Center budget and increase the National Guard funding to \$30,000 by adding the \$21,150 to their budget. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jackson amended his motion to fund the National Guard at \$30,000 and to restore the \$21,150 to the Capital Senior Center by using the Neighborhood Redevelopment Fund.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Outside Agencies: \$100,000 (Eau Claire Cooperative Health Care, MOU to be amended with Palmetto Health for future years funding) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded Mr. Livingston, to approve \$100,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Discretionary Grant: \$14,000 (Prior Discretionary Grant Commitments; Richland County CASA, Inc. for \$7k and Trinity Housing Corporation \$7k) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve \$14,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

All Departments: Approve GASB 45 funding mechanism and change to benefit level – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve the GASB 45 funding mechanism and change to benefit level recommended by Administration. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

All Departments: Approve Multi-Year Capital Projects – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve multi-year capital projects as reflected in the Administrator's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Discretionary Grant: Approve funding allocation – Ms. Dickerson moved to make the following changes to the allocation: Camp Discovery - \$0.00 to \$10,000; Volunteers of America Carolinas—Children's Garden - \$9,000 to \$4,000; and Volunteers of America Carolinas—Rolling Readers - \$10,000 to \$5,000. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to make the following changes to the allocation: Camp Discovery - \$0.00 to \$10,000; Midlands Education & Business Alliance (MEBA) - \$13,000 to \$9,000; and Volunteers of America Carolinas—Rolling Readers - \$10,000 to \$5,000. The motion failed.

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

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to adopt the recommendations of the Discretionary Grant Committee. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- **Pond Drive Water System: \$9,580 (Approve Funding Level)**
- **Parking Garage: \$119,850 (Approve Funding Level)**

- **Owens Field: \$287,430 (Approve Funding Level—does not include full funding of depreciation)**
- **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)**
- **Mass Transit: Approve following language in budget ordinance: “Effective October 31, 2008, mass transit ordinance establishing the fee will be repealed.”**
- **Mass Transit: \$3,229,640 (Approve Funding Level using available fund balance at 6/30/08—appropriation up to \$3,229,640)**
- **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)**
- **Emergency Telephone System: \$3,802,252 (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)**
- **Hospitality Tax: Approve \$75,000 for Engenuity for the National Hydrogen Fuel Cell Conference from undesignated funds**
- **Hospitality Tax: Approve \$10,000 for Golf for Goodness Sake from undesignated funds**
- **Hospitality Tax: Approve \$25,000 for Black Expo from undesignated funds**
- **Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding Allocation: \$5,200,000)**
- **Industrial Park: \$257,000 (Approve Funding Allocation)**
- **Forfeiture Accounts: \$590,105 (Approve Funding Allocation)**
- **General Fund: \$142,000 (Approve loan from General Fund to Family Court Agency Fund to cover deficit up to \$142,000)**
- **Outside Agencies: \$15,000 (Approve additional \$15,000 for Clemson Extension)**
- **Outside Agencies: Approve Funding distribution**
- **All Departments: Amend budget based on current salary report**

THIRD READING ITEMS

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to refer to the Rules & Appointments Committee the possibility of appointing a liaison to oversee the spending in regard to the Southeast Rural Community Outreach Ministries. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Total Budget: \$137,999,149 (Approve Funding Level—includes addition of 22.5 FTE and 2.1 mill increase for operating taxes \$66,919,500, capital mill—no increase, and no use of fund balance) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sheriff—Continuation of Administrative Fee: Richland County hereby enacts the implementation of an Administrative Service Fee of up to \$10 per hour, to be collected by the Sheriff from parties who request special duty services, and which are authorized by the Sheriff for the duration of the fiscal year 2008-2009 only. Funds collected by the Sheriff that are derived from the up to \$10 per hour administrative fee for special duty services shall be deposited directly into a Sheriff Administrative Fee revenue account in the General Fund. This revenue will be to offset the cost of the additional use of petrol oil and lubricants, and for the cost of administrative management of special duty assignments. The Sheriff and the Finance Director will assess the status of fees collected through the Special Duty Program prior to the end of fiscal year 2009. all excess funds collected over cost shall reflect as a designation of fund balance and shall be brought forward in the following fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the Special Duty Program and associated fees shall be evaluated each year during the budget process – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

FY08-09 Budget Ordinance (Approve Budget Ordinance as amended) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Clinch Minutes – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to reconsider the minutes. The motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Valerie Hutchinson, Vice-Chair

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