



Richland County Council  
Special Called Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
May 11, 2023 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Holsclaw, Michelle Onley, Ashiya Myers, Lori Thomas, Anette Kirylo, Aric Jensen, Angela Weathersby, Chelsea Bennett, Stacey Hamm, Abhijit Deshpande, Darlene Gathers, Ojetta O’Bryant, Susan O’Cain, and Elizabeth McLean

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Mr. Walker acknowledged that Mr. Pugh and Ms. Barron were out of town on business; however, according to Council Rules, they would be allowed to participate virtually.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Walker acknowledged that a number of people signed up to speak and noted the allotted time set by Council Rules might exceed and asked if the body would like to suspend the Council’s Rules.

Mr. Weaver moved to suspend the rules to allow all of the citizens signed up to speak, seconded by Ms. English.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- a. **An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt an Annual Budget (FY24) for Richland County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. So as to raise revenue, make appropriations, and amend the General Fund, Millage Agencies, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Debt Service Funds Budget for Richland County, South Carolina, for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024**
- b. **An Ordinance authorizing the levying of ad valorem property taxes which, together with the prior year’s carryover and other State levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2023, will provide sufficient revenues for the**

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**operations of Richland County Government during the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024**

1. Ms. Ebonee Gadson, 1305 Augusta Road, West Columbia, SC 29169 – Keep the Midlands Beautiful
2. Ms. Della Watkins, 1515 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Columbia Museum of Art
3. Mr. Tommy Stringfellow, 500 Wildlife Parkway, Columbia, SC 29210 – Riverbanks Zoo
4. Mr. Andrew Boozer, 2817 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205 – Senior Resources
5. Ms. Leah Wicevic, P.O. Box 1029, Columbia, SC 29202 – Sistercare
6. Dr. Sondra Berge, 1650 Park Circle, Columbia, SC 29201 – Lourie Center
7. Ms. Kim Crafton, 1601 Richland Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Historic Columbia
8. Mr. David Dubberly, 6423 Gills Creek Road, Columbia, SC 29206 – Midlands Technical College
9. Ms. Kristin Reel, 7648 Garners Ferry Road, Unit 169, Columbia, SC 29209 – Midlands Technical College
10. Ms. Erin Marion, 109 Grandview Circle, Columbia, SC 29229 – Midlands Technical College
11. Ms. Rebecca Lorick, 3830 Forest Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, SC 29204 – Pathways to Healing
12. Ms. Kristin Dickson, 3830 Forest Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, SC 29204 – Pathways to Healing
13. Ms. Kayla Capps, 3830 Forest Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, SC 29204 – Pathways to Healing
14. Ms. Mary-Kathryn Craft, 3830 Forest Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, SC 29204 – Pathways to Healing
15. Mr. Jeff Brillhart, 3830 Forest Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, SC 29204 – Pathways to Healing
16. Ms. Elizabeth Wolfe, 3830 Forest Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, SC 29204 – Pathways to Healing
17. Mr. Michael Krigline, 610 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – International Festival
18. Ms. Heidi Chavious, 115 Jordan Creek Road, Wagner, SC 29164 – International Festival
19. Dr. Raj Aluri, 1827 Green Street, Columbia 29201 – International Festival (Written Statement)
20. Mr. Patrick Nhigula, 137 Caedmons Creeks Drive, Irmo, SC 29063 – International Festival
21. Mr. Jaehoon Choe, 301 Cherrywood Drive, Elgin, SC 29045 – International Festival
22. Ms. Tiffany Singleton, 100 Ashland Park Lane, Suite C, Columbia, SC 29210 – International Festival
23. Ms. Anika Thomas, 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Richland Library (on behalf of Ms. Trayci Brazell)
24. Ms. Anika Thomas, 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Richland Library (on behalf of Dr. Sue Berkowitz)
25. Ms. Heather McCue, 2803 Grace Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Richland Library
26. Ms. Tameka Williams, 7473 Parklane Road, Columbia, 29223 – Recreation Commission
27. Ms. Latasha Taste, 500 Gracern Road, Columbia, SC 29210 – Communities in Schools

4. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Newton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Branham.

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 7:04 PM.