



Richland County Council  
REGULAR SESSION  
**MINUTES**  
January 3, 2023 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Kyle Holsclaw, Judy Carter, Michael Byrd, Angela Weathersby, Justin Landy, Dale Welch, Michael Maloney, Aric Jensen, Patrick Wright, Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Sandra Haynes, Tamar Black, Susan O’Cain, Jeff Ruble, Ashiya Myers, Abhijit Deshpande, Crayman Harvey, Stacey Hamm, Brittney Terry-Hoyle, Chelsea Bennett, Zachary Cavanaugh, Dante Roberts, Casey White, Dwight Hanna, Jani Hussain, and Lori Thomas.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **INVOCATION** – The Invocation was led by Bishop Vincent Collins, Agape Worship Center International.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Overture Walker
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. **Regular Session: December 6, 2022** – Ms. English moved to defer the approval of the minutes until the February 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Livingston.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
  - b. **Special Called Meeting: December 13, 2022** – Ms. Mackey requested the Clerk’s Office to clarify the discussion on Item 16(a).  
Ms. Mackey moved to defer the approval of the minutes until the February 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, seconded by Ms. English.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride made a motion to move Items 10, 11, and 12 up on the agenda and make them Items 6, 7, and 8, seconded by Ms. Mackey.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton.  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
6. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR** – Ms. McBride nominated Mr. Walker for the position of Chair, seconded by Mr. Livingston.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.

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7. **ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR** – Mr. Pugh moved to nominate Ms. Mackey for the position of Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. English.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

8. **SELECTION OF SEATS**

1. Cheryl English
2. Jason Branham
3. Gretchen Barron
4. Yvonne McBride
5. Jessica Mackey
6. Overture Walker
7. Paul Livingston
8. Derrek Pugh
9. Don Weaver
10. Allison Terracio
11. Chakisse Newton

9. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – Mr. Patrick Wright, County Attorney, stated the following items were eligible to receive legal advice and be discussed in Executive Session.

- a. Project Viper
- b. Purchase of Mitigation Credits for Economic Development Projects

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

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 6:16 PM  
and came out at approximately 6:50 PM***

Mr. Pugh moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

No actions were taken by Council during Executive Session.

10. **SECOND READING ITEM**

- a. An Ordinance authorizing the transfer of certain property owned by Richland County and located in the Pineview Industrial Park; and other matters related hereto – Mr. Livingston moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. English.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

11.

- a. Committing to negotiate a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreement between Richland County and Project Viper; identifying the project; and other matters related thereto

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes and incentive agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Project Viper to provide for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes; and other related matters [FIRST READING] – Ms. Anette Kirylo, Clerk to Council stated this item was added to the updated agenda and emailed out to the Clerk's distribution list and subsequently posted to the County's website for public inspection.

Mr. Walker inquired if the agenda needed to be reconsidered.

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Mr. Wright responded, if the agenda provided to the public included this item, it would not be necessary to reconsider the agenda.

Mr. Branham requested Mr. Walker to read the item into the record.

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Authorizing the purchase of mitigation credits to support economic developments; and other matters related thereto [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY] – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

## 12. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. FY23 – District 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations

1. Divine Nine Foundation - \$10,000

Ms. Terracio moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. Captain's Hope Inc. - \$7,500

Mr. Pugh 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. Barron moved to reconsider Items 12(a)(1) and (2), seconded by Ms. Newton.

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

The motion for reconsideration failed.

## 13. **MOTION PERIOD**

Mr. Wright stated, according to Council Rule 1.7(c)(19), a Councilmember is required to contact the Clerk to have motions they intend to make included on the agenda. Mr. Malinowski provided the motions to the Clerk before he departed from Council. Since he is no longer on Council, he cannot make the motions at tonight's meeting. Council has the option to not take up the motions or another Councilmember can take up the motions, and they will become that Councilmember's motion.

- a. Prior to the Rules and Appointments Committee interviewing applicants to serve on existing vacancies Councilmembers serving as a liaison on a Board, Commission, or Committee should provide the Rules and Appointments Committee with an update on current needs that particular board is trying to fill including but not limited to qualifications and expectations. The Councilmember Liaison should make an effort to attend those interviews. [BARRON] – The Chair referred this item to the Rules and Appointments Committee.
- b. The mission and vision statement of each Board, Committee, or Commission Richland County Council appoints to shall be listed and made available to all. [BARRON] – The Chair referred this item to the Rules and Appointments Committee.
- c. Eliminate the requirement for applicants who are applying to serve on Boards, Committees, or Commissions to disclose their age range or sex during the application process. Appointments are done based on skills and knowledge. [BARRON] – The Chair referred this item to the Rules and Appointments Committee.
- d. Request all Boards, Committees, and Commissions whose members are appointed by Richland County Council to re-evaluate the number of members they need to serve on that particular entity in order to address their need for a reduction or an increase of members to be appointed and serve. [BARRON] – The Chair referred this item to the Rules and Appointments Committee.

- e. Direct the County Administrator to work with staff to ensure the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance requires each homeowner who wishes to provide a short-term rental to obtain a business license and pay accommodation taxes. [TERRACIO] – The Chair referred this item to the Development and Services Committee.

Ms. Newton noted she was under the impression this motion was already submitted.

Mr. Wright responded, according to the Clerk of Council, a similar motion was submitted but did not include licensing.

- f. Direct the Administrator to research and present to Council current laws and benefits of enacting impact fees in Richland County. The purpose is to help reduce the tax burden on residents by not having to pay the complete cost of development in Richland County [PUGH, NEWTON and BARRON] – The Chair referred this item to the Development and Services Committee.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Mackey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Newton.

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 7:07 PM.