



Richland County Council
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

April 4, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers

2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Kyle Holsclaw, Judy Carter, Michael Byrd, Angela Weathersby, Dale Welch, Aric Jensen, Patrick Wright, Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Sandra Haynes, Susan O’Cain, Jeff Ruble, Ashiya Myers, Abhijit Deshpande, Stacey Hamm, Chelsea Bennett, Sarah Harris, Lori Thomas, Quinton Epps, Todd Money, Michael Maloney, and Jennifer Wladischkin

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

Mr. Walker noted that Ms. Barron is traveling for business and will not be in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

2. **INVOCATION** – The Honorable Cheryl English led the Invocation.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Paul Livingston.

4. **PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. A Proclamation recognizing the 2023 South Carolina Division 1 – 10U Boys State Champions [NEWTON] – Ms. Newton read the proclamation recognizing the 2023 South Carolina Division 1 – 10U Boys State Champions into the record.

Ms. Lydia Overton, East Columbia Youth Basketball League – President, thanked Councilwoman Newton and others for their support.

Ms. Newton recognized Ms. Adrienne Jackson with the Richland County Grants Department, who also serves as the Vice President of the East Columbia Youth Basketball League.

- b. A Proclamation recognizing the retirement of Ms. Gayle Aycock [TERRACIO] – Ms. Terracio read the proclamation recognizing the retirement of Gayle Aycock into the record.

Ms. Gayle Aycock, Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council – CEO thanked Council for the recognition.

Ms. Terracio recognized the LRADAC staff and LRADAC Board member in the audience.

- c. A Proclamation recognizing April 3-7, 2023, as the Week of the Young Child [MACKEY] – Ms. Mackey read the proclamation recognizing April 3-7, 2023, as the Week of the Young Child into the record and presented the proclamation to Richland County First Step staff members.

5. **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

- a. A Resolution recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month – Ms. Mackey moved to adopt a resolution recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, seconded by Ms. English.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey read the resolution recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month into the record.

Mr. Phillip Dan, Children’s Trust of SC – Board Member, thanked Council for the resolution.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Session: March 21, 2023 – Ms. Terracio moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Newton.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Zoning Public Hearing: March 28, 2023 – Ms. Newton moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

8. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70)** – There were no items for Executive Session.

9. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing – No one signed up to speak.

10. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda (Items for which a public hearing is required or a public hearing has been scheduled cannot be addressed at this time.) – No one signed up to speak.

11. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. Items for Consideration:

1. Planning Commission Recommendations – Land Development Code Map and Text Amendments – Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, over the course of several months and multiple meetings, the Planning Commission considered input from various community stakeholders throughout Richland County. The Commission is not ready to share the results with Council. The recommendations are on pp. 24-25 of the agenda packet.

Mr. Christopher Younke, Planning Commission – Chair, presented the following information to Council:

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS – South Carolina has a planning and zoning enabling act codified in Title 6, Chapter 29, SC Code of Laws which authorizes cities and counties to create zoning ordinances and zoning maps. The County is subject to the Planning Act in the performance of its duties.

ADOPTING A LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE:

- Prior to adopting a land development code and zoning map, a city or county must adopt a comprehensive land use plan.
- All zoning ordinances and amendments must conform to the comprehensive plan.
- The Planning Commission must make a recommendation to County Council before it adopts a land use code or zoning map.
- The County Council must hold a public hearing and then adopt the land development code and zoning map by ordinance.

COUNCIL DIRECTION TO COMMISSION – *Zone Map Preparation Process*. Upon adoption of this ordinance, the planning and development department staff shall assist the Richland County Planning Commission to:

- Prepare a zone map amendment, and
- Prepare any related land development code text amendments (the ledger of recommendations)

Mr. Yonke stated the Planning Commission's goal was to minimize disruption for the public and maintain continuity in the zoning as we transitioned from a dated 2005 Code to a current one.

OVERALL PROCESS AND CURRENT PLACE

March 2015	Council adopts Comprehensive Land Use Plan update
2016 through 2020	County’s consultant and Planning staff meet with community and draft land development code update
November 2020 through June 2021	Planning Commission discusses proposed LDC revisions
June 2021	Commission recommends draft text and zoning map to Council
November 2021	Council adopts 2021 Land Development Code text and defers Zoning Map consideration.
April 2022	Council directs the Planning Commission to “Restart” the zoning map and text amendment process (Ledger of Recommendations created)
November 2022	Planning Commission recommends a zoning map and text amendments to Council (Motion to pass Ledger to Council)
December 2022 through January 2023	County staff conducts Lower Richland focus group.
February 2023	County begins media campaign notifying public the Planning Commission has made a recommendation.
March 2023	Council receives first report following the Planning Commission process from Administrator Brown

ZONING MAP RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Is a translation of zones from the 2005 LDC to their equivalent in the 2021 LDC based on the “translation table” in the adopted 2021 LDC, with two exceptions:
 - Exception #1 – The Commission recommended that the Council add the M-1 Zone back into the 2021 LDC text.
 - Exception #2 – The translation table had more than one possible translation for rural zones, so the Commission created a metric for determining whether a property should be classified as AG, HM, or RT. The rule was applied to Rural and Rural Residential zones and is based on size/acreage:

AG = 35 acres or larger;
 HM = Over 3, but less than 35 acres;
 RT = 0-3 acres.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: ZONING MAP – The Planning Commission recommended Zoning Map is based on the translation table (see attached).

TEXT AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The Planning Commission approved 30 motions related to text amendments:
 - 6 motions related to minimum densities and minimum lot sizes in the AG, HM, and RT rural zones;
 - 1 motion to remove multiple-dwelling uses in the R2, R3, and R4 zones;
 - 1 motion to remove the manufactured-home use from the R2 zone;
 - 5 motions to add or delete uses from rural zoning designations;
 - 16 motions to amend how subdivisions are designed, including density bonus calculations, lot size ranges, and energy efficiency standards;
 - 1 motion to add the M-1 zone designation back into the Land Development Code.

NEXT STEPS – Mr. Aric Jensen, Assistant County Administrator, thanked Mr. Branham, the previous Planning Commission Chair, and instrumental in getting the “train down the tracks and into the station.” He noted the process stalled during the pandemic.

February through June 2023	Community meetings
June 27, 2023	Zoning Public Hearing
July 18, 2023	First Reading Zoning Map
August 29, 2023	Second Reading Zoning Map
September 12, 2023	Third Reading Zoning Map; Moratorium on new development applications (6 months); First Reading LDC text amendment

October 3, 2023	Second Reading LDC text; LDC text public hearing
November 7, 2023	Third Reading LDC text
March 12, 2024	Expiration of moratorium

Mr. Gary Dennis, Planning Commission Member, thanked Council for “restarting” the process. He noted there is an affordable housing shortage, and there were concerns expressed regarding manufactured homes. He indicated that no changes were made to the section regarding manufactured homes and carried over to the new code.

Mr. Branham stated he has a lot of blood, sweat, and tears in the process. He is grateful the recommendations are formally before Council. He encouraged those engaged with the Planning Commission to now be engaged with Council.

Mr. Brown noted this process is uniquely before Council. The next step(s) is to decide how you move forward.

Ms. Newton stated there is a motion in the “Motion Period,” which allows Council to determine how to move forward.

2. Land Development Code Community Meetings – The upcoming Land Development Code Community meetings are as follows:
 - a. April 10, 2023, New Castle/Trenholm Acres, 6:00-7:30 PM
 - b. April 12, 2023, Council Chambers, 6:00-7:30 PM
3. Ag+Art Tour – The Richland County Ag + Art Tour will be held on June 10, 2023, 10:00-4:00 PM, and June 11, 2023, 1:00-5:00 PM. These are free, self-guided tours that feature local artisans at each site. This year’s tours will showcase agriculture, forestry, foreign businesses, and art at 15 sites across Richland County. The tours aim to raise awareness about where our wood, food, and fiber products come from while celebrating and supporting local artists, musicians, and businesses. The SC Ag + Art Tour is led by the Clemson University Cooperative Extension, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District administers the tours with the support of Richland County, the Conservation Commission, and a number of other public and private sponsors.
4. Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center (ASGDC) – Mr. Brown stated on pp. 26-77 of the agenda packet is the information presented to the Detention Center Ad Hoc Committee on March 21, 2023. The highlights from the meeting are as follows:
 - There have been incremental increases in staffing;
 - The kitchen renovation is substantially complete; we are awaiting the installation of new equipment
 - The latest DHEC report was 97% out of 100%;
 - Hiring for a Director and Compliance Director is underway; both of these positions will report to the County Administrator;
 - Willo Wedge Locking System timeline and project pricing are included in the agenda packet

Mr. Weaver inquired as to the anticipated date of completion.

Mr. Brown noted the timeline for the project is outlined on pp. 56-57 of the agenda packet. The completion date is anticipated to be June 28, 2024.

5. Fireworks and Absentee Landlord Ordinances and Redistricting Lines – Mr. Brown indicated there are communication plans for those. More information will be provided at the next Council meeting. If Council has any questions or feedback, please provide it to Administration.
6. Midlands Heart Walk and Move More Challenge – Mr. Brown noted the County participated in the Midlands Heart Walk and Move More Challenge. The Richland County Sheriff’s Department raised \$900 for heart research through the Heart Walk process. There was an individual who raised \$325. The Richland County Emergency Services had 1200 hours of movement. Each employee who participated was rewarded with 7.5 hours of annual leave.
7. COVID-19 Protocols – Mr. Brown stated there have been questions about what steps the Administrator would take regarding COVID-19 and the processes in place. He noted he would like to get a general idea of how Council feels about removing the barriers.

Mr. Weaver stated he has heard from several Councilmembers that they would like to remove the barriers, and he favors their removal.

Ms. Newton suggested Councilmembers provide their thoughts to the Chair and/or the Administrator.

Mr. Brown stated he does not want to make a decision that affects Council when Chambers is under your purview.

Mr. Branham noted he made a motion related to this topic, which will be taken up during the “Motion Period.”

Mr. Walker directed Councilmembers to provide feedback to the County Administrator and copy him on any emails or correspondence.

12. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. American Red Cross Blood Drive – Ms. Anette Kirylo, Clerk to Council, mentioned the County has partnered with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive on April 11, 2023, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in the 4th Floor Conference Room. Those wishing to donate should register online at www.redcross.org.

13. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – No report was given.

14. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Case # 22-040MA, Mark Meadows, RU to GC (1.00 Acres), 311 Killian Road, TMS # R14781-04-10 [SECOND READING]
- b. Case # 23-001MA, Heather Bounds, M-1 to RS-HD (77.78 Acres), N/S Hard Scrabble Road, TMS # R17301-02-01 [SECOND READING]
- c. Case # 23-002MA, James Stembridge, PDD to RS-LD (4.01 Acres), 110 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, TMS # R25810-03-08 [SECOND READING]
- d. Case # 23-003MA, Wesley Slice, RU to GC (4 Acres), 1000 W Shady Grove Road, TMS # R02600-06-16 [SECOND READING]
- e. Case # 23-004MA, Carlos Hart, RS-MD to GC (0.31 Acres), 7011 Frost Ave, TMS # R07614-01-10 [SECOND READING]
- f. Case # 23-006MA, Ross P. McClary, PDD to RU (3.00 Acres), 11447 & 11451 Garners Ferry Rd, TMS # R35200-09-10 & 38 [SECOND READING]
- g. Economic Development – Partial Closure of Locklier Road
- h. Utilities – Southeast Sewer Master Plan
- i. Department of Public Works – Roads & Drainage Maintenance Division – Purchase of Vector Truck

Ms. Newton moved to approve Items 14(a) – 14(i), seconded by Ms. English.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to reconsider Items 14(a) – 14(i), seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

Not Present: Barron

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- j. Animal Services – City of Columbia Intergovernmental Agreement Renewal – Ms. Mackey moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Newton.

Ms. McBride requested an update on the agreement and the costs.

Mr. Brown stated this is the agreement with the City of Columbia for shelter services, which is up for renewal. The County does not have its own shelter; therefore, this intergovernmental agreement provides those shelter services. The cost reflected on p. 123 of the agenda packet shows the yearly cost paid to the City. The costs for FY21/22 was \$329,462.43. The cost will increase by no more than 2%, as it relates to CPI. He noted this is the only opportunity for the County to provide shelter services.

Ms. McBride noted it was her understanding that we were paying approximately \$1M.

Mr. Brown directed Ms. McBride's question to Ms. Sandra Haynes, Animal Services – Director.

The Councilmembers and Chamber audience were unable to hear Ms. Haynes.

Ms. McBride indicated she was under the impression applied for Community Impact Grants and were recommended for funding, which would be on top of the contractual agreement.

Mr. Brown responded that he does not believe the City of Columbia shelter applied for Community Impact Grants, but he will confirm.

Ms. McBride stated it was for animal services. She wondered if they had to go through the City of Columbia.

Mr. Livingston stated when he read the proposal, it gave the amount of \$329,000, which would increase by 2%. Therefore, the total cost should be 2% of last year's amount.

Mr. Wright noted the actual amount is the per diem rate per animal. Therefore, the amount can fluctuate.

For clarification, Ms. McBride asked if that was the amount we paid and if additional funds were going to this area.

Mr. Brown stated he would check on the additional funds. To his knowledge, according to the contractual agreement, the County pays the fee for sheltering the animals to the City.

Ms. Terracio indicated Ms. McBride might be thinking of Pawmetto Lifeline.

Ms. McBride stated she thought Pawmetto Lifeline worked directly with the City.

Ms. Terracio stated it is her understanding there is a contractual relationship between the City and the organization.

Ms. McBride stated she was trying to determine how much money the County was putting into this program area.

Mr. Brown noted, at one time, the County and Lexington County partnered to provide funding to Pawmetto Lifeline to construct their facility. Approximately a year ago, the County honored Pawmetto Lifeline's request to sever the contractual agreement.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. English.

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

Not Present: Barron.

The motion for reconsideration failed.

15. **SECOND READING ITEM**

- a. Authorizing the transfer of certain real property owned by Richland County and located in the Northpoint Industrial Park to Project Osmium; and other matters related thereto – Mr. Livingston moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

16. **REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- a. Committing to negotiate a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreement between Richland County and Project Armitage; identifying the project; and other matters related thereto – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

Ms. Terracio requested a synopsis of this project.

Mr. Livingston indicated the resolution is to allow Project Armitage to move forward with their investment in the County.

Ms. Terracio inquired about the number of jobs, etc.

Mr. Walker responded the company's investment is \$6.3M, with 80 jobs and an assessment ratio of 6%.

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

Not Present: Barron

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 Armitage to provide for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes; authorizing certain infrastructure credits; and other related matters [FIRST READING] – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

17. **REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

a. **NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS**

1. Board of Zoning Appeals – Four (4) Vacancies
2. Township Auditorium – One (1) Vacancy

b. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. 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 should make an effort to attend those interviews. (January 3, 2023)
2. Eliminate the requirement for applicants who are applying to serve on Boards, Committees, or Commissions to disclose their age range and sex during the application process. Appointments are done based on skills and knowledge. (January 3, 2023)

Mr. Walker stated Ms. Barron requested the Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee to be deferred.

Mr. Walker moved to defer Items 17(a)(1), 17(a)(2), 17(b)(1), and 17(b)(2) until the April 18th Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Newton.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

18. **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS COMMITTEE**

- a. Grant Funding Account for FY24 Budget – Ms. Mackey stated the committee discussed the proposed funding amount, and the recommendation is to set aside one mill in FY24 for the Community Impact Grants.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Branham, McBride, and Weaver

Not Present: Barron

The vote was in favor.

Mr. Brown stated that when you discussed the mill in committee, you discussed it for the last fiscal year so that you would have a known value. He noted if the desire is to approve it, you will need to do it so that you know the value rather than having to wait on a current value.

Ms. Mackey stated the committee recommended the value of one mill. To be more specific, because we do not know the mill's value, we recommend using the value of the mill from the previous year to adequately plan and budget appropriately.

Mr. Walker inquired if Council needed to vote again or reconsider the previous vote.

Mr. Wright stated the best thing to do is to rescind the previous motion and make a new vote.

Ms. Mackey moved to rescind the previous motion, seconded by Ms. Newton.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Mackey moved to set aside one mill in FY24 for Community Impact Grants. The value of the mill will be associated with the previous year's mill value. Mr. Livingston seconded the motion.

Ms. Newton inquired if the idea is to make a motion next year for funding or for this to continue.

Ms. Mackey responded in the affirmative.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Branham, McBride, and Weaver

Not Present: Barron

The vote was in favor.

19. REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. Mitigation Bank Credit – D.R. Horton, Inc. – Westport Phase 2 Development – Mr. Walker stated the committee recommended approving D.R. Horton's request to purchase mitigation bank credits for the Westport Phase 2 Development. The funds would be credited to the Transportation Penny Program.

- b. In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Mitigation Bank Credit – Fire Tower Road – Mr. Walker stated the committee recommended approving Fire Tower Logistics' request to purchase 17.47 wetland credits for road construction for \$20,000 per credit. The funds would be credited to the Transportation Penny Program.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. Mitigation Bank Credit – River Falls at Tega Cay – Mr. Walker stated the committee recommended approving River Falls at Tega Cay's request to purchase 2.162 wetland credits at a rate of \$12,500 per credit for a value of \$34,231.67. The amount of \$26,304 will be credited back to the Transportation Penny Program, while the remaining \$7,927 will go to the Mill Creek Mitigation Bank.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- e. Use of Project Reserve for Paved Road Resurfacing in FY23/24 – Mr. Walker stated the committee recommended approval of staff's request to transfer \$5M from the Project Reserve Fund to the Pavement Resurfacing Program for use in the FY23/24. This will increase the line item from the Transportation Penny from \$40M to \$45M. He noted Project Reserve Fund is the \$52.5M the County saved when the State took over the Broad River Road Interchange.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Walker moved to reconsider Items 19(a) – 19(d), seconded by Mr. Pugh.

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

Not Present: Barron

The motion for reconsideration failed.

20. OTHER ITEMS

- a. FY23 – District 4 Hospitality Tax Allocations: Lower Richland Sweet Potato Fest - \$5,000

- b. FY23 – District 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations: Richland County Recreation Foundation - \$5,000
- c. FY23 – District 11 Hospitality Tax Allocations: Lower Richland Sweet Potato Fest - \$20,000; Historic Columbia – Modejeska Simpkins House - \$10,000; Riverbanks Zoo - \$10,000

Mr. Pugh moved to approve Items 20(a) – 20(c), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to reconsider Items 20(a) – 20(c), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

Not Present: Barron

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- d. A Resolution to appoint and commission Kiera Williams as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County – Mr. Pugh moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

21. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There were no Executive Session items.

22. **MOTION PERIOD**

- a. I move that Council direct the County Administrator to report to Council by April 30 as to plans for reducing or removing COVID-19-related between the public and those providing services or conducting government business at County facilities with specific direction to complete the removal of the plexiglass-like enclosures in front of and in between the seats of the dais in the County Council Chambers and the plexiglass-like enclosures around the speakers' podiums (podia) in the Chambers by May 12, 2023. [BRANHAM] – The Chair referred this motion to the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee.
- b. I move that County Council adopt the 2021 Land Development Code text amendments and the zoning map recommended by the Planning Commission by unanimous vote on November 7, 2022, to take effect on the effective date of the full 2021 Land Development Code text and associated maps [BRANHAM] – The Chair referred this motion to the Development & Services Committee.

23. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Newton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM.