



Richland County Council
Regular Session
September 21, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston Chair, Yvonne McBride Vice-Chair, Bill Malinowski, Derrek Pugh, Allison Terracio, Gretchen Barron, Overture Walker, Jesica Mackey, Cheryl English, and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT:, Kyle Holsclaw, Michelle Onley, Tamar Black, Ashiya Myers, Dale Welch, Justin Landy, Lori Thomas, Leonardo Brown, John Thompson, Aric Jensen, Elizabeth McLean, Bill Davis, Dante Roberts, Michael Maloney, Casey White, James Hayes, Jennifer Wladischkin, Judy Cater, Randy Pruitt, Ronaldo Myers, Sandra Haynes, Stacey Hamm, Christa Sheehan, Michael Byrd, Stephen Staley, Synithia Williams, Geo Price and Jeff Ruble

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **INVOCATION** – The Invocation was led by the Honorable Allison Terracio
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Allison Terracio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.
 - a. **Special Called Meeting: September 14, 2021** – Ms. English moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, and English

Not Present: J. Walker

Abstained: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

Ms. Newton stated the Report of the Employee Evaluation and Oversight Committee needed to be added to the agenda to discuss the County Attorney Search. She note it is a personnel matter, and would qualify for Executive Session.

Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to adopt the agenda as amended.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton.

Opposed: Malinowski

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Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

6. a. **Resolution Recognizing National Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs ("GEAR UP") Week** - Mr. O. Walker read the proclamation into the record.
7. **REPORT OF THE ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** - Ms. McLean stated the following items were appropriate for Executive Session:
 - a. **Economic Development Accountability Report**
 - b. **Report of the Employee Evaluation and Oversight Ad Hoc Committee: County Attorney Search**

8. **CITIZEN'S INPUT**

- a. **For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public** - No one signed up to speak.
- b. **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 time.)** - No one signed up to speak.

9. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. **Coronavirus Update** - Mr. Brown noted there were some additional information and updates from the Governor's Association that spoke to what other states have done to encourage persons to get vaccinated. The other is a case out of North Charleston regarding a vaccine mandate, and how their employees responded to the mandate.
- b. **Project Updates** - Mr. Brown stated the Land Development Manual (LDM) is a guide for engineers and developers on development regulations in the County. The LDM is connected to, but different from the Land Development Code. The Land Development Manual provides the technical specifications needed to comply with road and drainage design standards in the Land Development Code. Staff in Community Development and Planning and Public Works Departments have worked on the update to the manual over several years. Staff held multiple meetings with the development and conservation community on the updated design standards in order to receive and incorporate feedback on the proposed changes. The updated manual incorporates requirements from the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit, the SCDHEC Construction General Permit, the SC Asphalt Pavement Association pavement design standards, and addresses localized flooding. Major changes in the LDM include new water quality design standards to reduce pollution associated with development. A downstream analysis for all development and re-development sites to identify potential flooding issues and avoid making downstream flooding worse. Revised minimum asphalt pavement thickness from 2" to 3" to improve the quality of roads taken into the County's maintenance system, and other changes including formatting, clarification, streamlining of sections for ease of reading, and the inclusion of a table of all major changes.

Ms. Newton inquired if the manual would be coming back to full Council for approval.

Ms. Williams responded the plan was to bring the manual back to Council as a part of the Zoning Public Hearing next week.

Mr. O. Walker inquired if the Public Safety Complex contract under legal review is with the architecture firm.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Mr. O. Walker inquired if Legal is reviewing it.

Mr. Brown responded the contract has been reviewed. The County and firm are looking at the terms in the actual agreement.

10. **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL** – No report was given.

11. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – Mr. Livingston requested Councilmembers submit their ad hoc committee preferences to by Thursday, September 23rd at Noon.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Ms. English thanked Chief Cowan for his service, as he is moving on to Cayce as their Sheriff.

Mr. Livingston also thanked Chief Cowan for all he has done for the County. He introduced Major Polis, who will be fulfilling some of the duties of Chief Cowan.

12. **THIRD READING ITEMS**

a. **21-010MA Kevin Steelman PDD to PDD 8930 Rabbit Run TMS # R21800-01-06** – Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Terracio, to defer this item until the next meeting.

In favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

13. **SECOND READING ITEMS**

a. **21-018MA DR Horton RU to RS-E (94 Acres) Hard Scrabble Road TMS #R14600-03-17(p)**

b. **Authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., to provide for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes; and other related matters**

c. **Authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Project Bridge to provide for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes; and other related matter**

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to approve items (a) (b) and (c).

Mr. Malinowski noted he is awaiting further information for items (b) and (c), so he will be voting “no” on those item.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

14. **REPORT OF RULES & APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

a. **NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS**

1. **Employee Grievance Committee – Three (3) Vacancies (Must be a Richland County employee; 1 seat is an alternate)** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommends appointing Mr. Williams S. Ryon, and re-advertise the remaining vacancy.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. **Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council [LRADAC] – one (1) Vacancy** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommends appointing Ms. Maryann Wright.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **Procurement Review Panel – (2) Vacancies (one applicant must be from the public procurement arena & one applicant must be from the consumer industry)** – Mr. Malinowski stated the applicant was unavailable to be interviewed due to family illness.

15. **REPORT OF THE EMPLOYEE EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

- a. **Update on County Attorney Search [EXECUTIVE SESSION]** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

16. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. **FY22 - District 2 Hospitality Tax Allocations**
- b. **FY22 - District 9 Hospitality Tax Allocations**

Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to approve items (a) and (b)

Mr. Pugh noted there needed to be a correction on 15(a). The amount allocated should be \$12,500.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to reconsider Items 16(a) and (b)

Opposed: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

Not Present: J. Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to go into Executive Session.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

*The Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:29 PM
And came out at approximately 7:40 PM*

a. **Economic Development Accountability Report** – Mr. Livingston stated this item was received as information.

b. **Report of the Employee Evaluation and Oversight Ad Hoc Committee** – Mr. Livingston stated no action was taken.

18. **MOTIONS PERIOD**

a. **Based on the fact the Planning Commission makes decisions that affect unincorporated Richland County only, members assigned must reside in unincorporated Richland County)** – This item was referred to the Rules and Appointments Committee.

19. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:41 PM