



Richland County Council
Special Called Meeting
MINUTES
June 20, 2023 – 4:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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

NOT PRESENT: Yvonne McBride and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Holsclaw, Michelle Onley, Ashiya Myers, Lori Thomas, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, Anette Kirylo, Angela Weathersby, Chelsea Bennett, Judy Carter, John Thompson, Dale Welch, and Sandra Haynes

- 1 **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

Mr. Walker noted Ms. Newton would be joining the meeting via Zoom.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Mr. Pugh moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

Ms. English noted the agenda Council received has the start time as 3:30 PM.

Mr. Patrick Wright, County Attorney, stated the agenda published to the public has the correct start time of 4:00 PM.

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

Not Present: McBride and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

- a. **Approve Updated 2024 Community Impact Grant Application** – Ms. Mackey stated the Community Impact Grants Committee recently met to discuss a budget motion allocating \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan funding. She noted the committee previously brought forth a Community Impact Grant application and guidelines, which Council approved. After the budget motion was forwarded to the committee, the committee met and came out with an updated Community Impact Grant application and guidelines, which are included in the agenda packet. The changes are highlighted in the attached document. The updated application allows the committee to take applications and receive the additional \$400,000 ARPA funds. The committee recommendation is to approve the updated application and guidelines so that we can meet the July 1st application opening date.

Assistant County Administrator Ms. Lori Thomas stated the amount being allocated should be \$2.180M instead of \$1.780M. The 60% would become \$1.308M, and the 40% would become \$872,000.

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

Not Present: McBride and Newton

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey thanked the body for approving the updated application, which enables us to meet the deadline of getting the application out by July 1st. In addition, the staff has committed to offering information sessions to inform the public.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. English.

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

Not Present: McBride and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

OTHER ITEMS

4.

a. **FY23 – District 2 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Kickin’ It With Dads – \$5,000)**

b. **FY23 – District 7 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Greater Columbia Community Relations Council - \$8,800)**

Ms. Barron moved to approve Items 4(a) and 4(b), seconded by Mr. Pugh.

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

Not Present: McBride and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider Items 4(a) and 4(b), seconded by Mr. Pugh.

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

Not Present: McBride and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

Mr. Walker recognized that the County Administrator, Leonardo Brown, was attending the meeting via Zoom.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Pugh moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. English.

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

Not Present: McBride and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:08 PM.