



Richland County Council
Special Called Meeting
MINUTES
July 26, 2022 – 7:45 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Anette Kirylo, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, Lori Thomas, Tyrell Cato, Joh Ansell, Sarah Scheirer, Syndi Castelluccio, Brittney Terry, Aric Jensen, Michael Maloney, Michael Byrd, John Thompson, Stacey Hamm, Jennifer Wladischkin, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Justin Landy, Tamar Black, and Ashiya Myers

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 7:50 PM.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Newton.

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

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. English thanked Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, for the Employee Appreciation Event at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

3. **REPORT OF ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM** – There were no items for Executive Session.
4. **CITIZEN'S INPUT**
 - a. For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing – No one signed up to speak.
5. **CITIZEN'S 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.

6. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** – No report was given.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Mackey thanked Dr. John Thompson, Assistant County, Mr. Michael Maloney, Public Works Director and Ms. Syndi Castelluccio, Solid Waste & Recycling Collections Manager, for being responsive with the ongoing trash collection issues.

7. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. SCAC August 1-4, 2022 – Ms. Kirylo reminded Council members of the upcoming SCAC Annual Conference.

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

9. **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- a. Department Of Public Works – Solid Waste & Recycling Division – Waste Tire Disposal and Recycling Contract – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended approving a contract renewal with Ridge Recyclers for the disposal of waste tires collected from Richland County.

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

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

Not Present: J. Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- b. Department of Public Works – Solid Waste & Recycling Division – Collection Area 6 – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended awarding a contract for residential curbside solid waste collection service in Area 6 to NewSouth Waste.

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 to reconsider, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

Not Present; J. Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Ms. Newton noted her constituents will be pleased to have a new contractor in the area.

- c. **Community Planning and Development - Community Block Grant (CDGB) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) FY 2022-2026 Five Year Consolidated Plan** - Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended to approve the 5 Year Consolidated Plan FY 2022-2026 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plan budget and projects for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME investment Partnership (HOME) federal funds.

Mr. Malinowski stated he has spoken with the County Administrator and Mr. Aric Jensen, Assistant County Administrator, about obtaining additional information prior to the August 30th meeting; therefore, he will be voting “no” at tonight’s meeting.

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

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

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

a. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

1. 1. Accommodations Tax – Seven (7) Vacancies (TWO applicants must have a background in the lodging industry, THREE applicants must have a background in the hospitality industry, ONE (1) applicant must have a cultural background and ONE (1) applicant will fill an At-large seat)
2. Airport Commission – One (1) Vacancy
3. Board of Assessment Appeals – One (1) Vacancy
4. Board of Zoning Appeals – Six (6) Vacancies
5. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Nine (9) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE from the Gas Industry, ONE from the Building Industry, ONE from the Contracting Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Plumbing Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Electrical Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Engineering Industry and TWO from Fire Industry as alternates)
6. Business Service Center – Four (4) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Business Industry, ONE applicant must be an Attorney and TWO applicants must be CPAs)
7. Central Midlands Council of Governments – One (1) Vacancy
8. Community Relations Council – One (1) Vacancy
9. Employee Grievance Committee – Three (3) Vacancies (MUST be a Richland County employee; 2 seats are alternates)
10. Historic Columbia – One (1) Vacancy

11. Hospitality Tax – Two (2) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Restaurant Industry)
12. Internal Audit Committee – Two (2) Vacancies (applicant with CPA preferred)
13. Midlands Workforce Development – Six (6) Vacancies (ONE applicant must have a background in Apprenticeship, ONE applicant must have a background in Adult Education, ONE applicant must have a background in Education and THREE applicant must be from the Private Sector)
14. Music Festival – One (1) Vacancy
15. Richland Library – Six (6) Vacancies
16. Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees – Three (3) Vacancies
17. Township Auditorium – Two (2) Vacancies 18. Transportation Penny Advisory Committee (TPAC) – Three (3) Vacancies

Ms. Barron stated the committee recommended advertising the vacancies. She noted the advertisement will be going out on July 28th.

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 to reconsider, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

Not Present: J. Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed

11. **REPORT OF THE TRANSPORATION AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Award of Engineering – Clemson – Sparkleberry Intersection - Ms. Mackey stated the committee recommended awarding design services to Holt Consulting Company, LLC at a cost of \$1,730,853.35 for the Clemson Road/Sparkleberry Lane Intersection Project. Design will take the project to 100% Construction Plans and will include all necessary tasks to advertise the road improvement project for construction.

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

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Award of Construction – Screaming Eagle – Percival Intersection – Ms. Mackey stated the committee recommended awarding the Screaming Eagle/Percival Intersection Project to C.R.

Jackson, Inc. in the amount of \$2,489,126.25. Council's approval will include a 15% contingency amount of \$373,368.94 for a total approved construction phase amount of \$2,862,495.19.

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

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Request to Fund – Innovista Phase 3 - Ms. Mackey stated the committee recommended the City of Columbia receiving the balance of the funds from the \$50,000,000 Innovista Project once Phase 2 of the project is complete. The balance will be used to supplement other funding to complete Phase 3.

Mr. Malinowski stated, for the record, he felt this was a great piece of creative writing and he hoped the City of Columbia received the grant.

Ms. Newton inquired if the primary hope is that the City will receive the grant and that the County's support is required to receive it. If the grant is not received, the scope will reduced using fund previously allocated for this project.

Mr. Maloney responded they will reduce the scope if the City does not successfully receive the grant.

Ms. Dana Higgins, City Engineer, stated the City is requesting the funds remaining after Greene Street Phase II is completed at the end of this year. The request is for the City to obtain the remaining funds and show what they did with the funds afterwards.

Ms. McBride inquired if they are using the full de-scope amount.

Ms. Higgins responded in 2021 they re-scoped the project. Now they are coming back since they are at the end of Phase II, and there could be more funds received to do Phase III.

Ms. McBride stated Council voted on the de-scoped amount and inquired if they were working with the de-scoped amount.

Mr. Maloney responded the de-scope in April eliminated Phase II. In May 2021, it was re-scoped. The re-scope is dependent upon a grant that includes doing a NEPA process, as well as \$4,088,663, which will be available after Phase II. At this point, there could be \$6M-\$7M available after Phase II is completed.

Ms. McBride inquired if we gave approval for that amount.

Mr. Livingstons stated after they re-scoped the project they were back at the \$50M that was appropriated in the budget. What is being requested is what is remaining out of the \$50M, which will help leverage federal funds for Phase III.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if they used the \$4M as leverage, but do not get the grant, will they get the \$4M now. He was under the impression they had to wait until the next fiscal year.

Mr. Maloney responded, based on the fiscal limitations, \$2.5M is in the budget. The City is working on design and NEPA and would not need all of the funds this year. The approval would be to continue to use what is left of the \$50M going forward towards construction.

Mr. Brown stated, for clarification, the \$50M was put in a referendum for Innovisata Phase I and Phase II. They did not think there would be more than \$4M left. Council previously approved that award to go towards the grant funding for the City. The City is requesting the remainder of the funds from the completion of Phase I and II.

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

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

Ms. Mackey moved to reconsider Items 11(a) and (b), seconded by Mr. Livingston.

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

Not Present: J. Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - There were no items for Executive Session.
13. **MOTIONS PERIOD** - There were no motions submitted.
14. **ADJOURNMENT** - Ms. Newton moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. English.

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

Not Present: J. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:23 PM.