

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007 6:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Joseph McEachern
Vice Chair	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Mike Montgomery
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Kit Smith

OTHERS PRESENT - Michelle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Kendall Johnson, Jennifer Dowden, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Donny Phipps, Tiaa Rutherford, Anna Almeida, Michael Criss, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Daniel Driggers, Audrey Shifflett, Lynn Keating, Chief Harrell, Dwight Hanna, Sandra Haynes, Teresa Smith, Dale Wingard, Janet Claggett, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joseph McEachern

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Joseph McEachern

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Pearce recognized that Mr. Jeter was selected as being a 20 Under 40 individual and presented Mr. Jeter with a gift certificate for Baskin Robbins.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to nominate Mr. Paul Livingston.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to nominate Joseph McEachern.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to close nominations. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Smith, Ms. Scott and Ms. Dickerson voted for Mr. Livingston.

Mr. Montgomery, Mr. McEachern, Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Jeter, Mr. Jackson, and Ms. Hutchinson voted for Mr. McEachern.

Mr. Joseph McEachern was elected as Council Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to nominate Ms. Valerie Hutchinson.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to nominate Ms. Joyce Dickerson.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to close nominations. The vote was in favor.

Mr. Jeter, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Scott and Ms. Dickerson voted for Ms. Dickerson.

Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Jackson, Mr. McEachern, Ms. Hutchinson, and Ms. Smith voted for Ms. Hutchinson.

Ms. Valerie Hutchinson was elected Council Vice-Chair.

SELECTION OF SEATS

Mr. McEachern stated the next order of business is the selection of seats.

(The selection of seats were taken up by seniority and continued in alphabetical order.)

The seats were selected from left to right as follows:

1. Pearce
2. Malinowski
3. Jackson
4. Jeter
5. Hutchinson
6. McEachern
7. Livingston
8. Dickerson
9. Smith
10. Scott
11. Montgomery

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. McEachern recognized that former Council Chair Tony Mizzell was in the audience

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Smith requested that the Carolina Care Plan—contractual matter be added as an Executive Session item.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to add the Carolina Care Plan—contractual matter as item b under the Report of County Attorney for Executive Session Items.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: December 19, 2006 – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Smith stated the following were Executive Session Items:

1. **Personnel Matter: Mercer Group**
2. **Contractual Matter: Carolina Care Plan**

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to move Executive Session until after Citizen's Input and reorder the agenda accordingly. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Council Retreat – Mr. Pope stated the Council’s Retreat will begin on Thursday, January 11th at Hickory Knob in McCormick County. Mr. Pope stated that there is a full agenda.

Rowing Center – Mr. Pope stated that the County has temporary access across the adjacent owner’s property and that the lease agreement is being finalized. Georgetown University is practicing at the Rowing Center this week.

Animal Care – Mr. Pope stated that the temporary animal care holding agreement has almost been finalized. The amount of animals that are being held has been reduced.

Farmers’ Market – Mr. Pope stated that a request to approve the Farmers’ Market Design and Build contracts will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Council Luncheon – Ms. Finch stated she had been directed at the last meeting to schedule a luncheon at the Capital City Club. Several dates were presented to the Council members. Mr. Finch further stated that the feedback she had received was that Council would choose a date to hold the luncheon at tonight’s meeting.

Board of the Midlands Education and Business Alliance Luncheon – Ms. Finch stated that MEBA will host a luncheon on January 23rd from 11:30-1:00 at Midlands Technical College—Airport Campus.

Directions to McCormick – Ms. Finch stated that she had directions to the Retreat available tonight.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

No report was given.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Mr. McEachern opened the floor to the following public hearings:

- **Assessor’s Office: Budget Amendment to Approve and Fund an Additional Appraiser I Position** – No one signed up to speak.
- **Industrial Park Account: Budget Amendment to Provide Funds (\$50,000) for the Industrial Park Budget for Economic Development Uses** – No one signed up to speak.
- **Budget Amendment in the Amount of (\$512,500.00) to Provide Funding to the Historic Columbia for Renovations to the Woodrow Wilson Home** – No one signed up to speak.

- **An Ordinance Authorizing Deed to F. N. Manufacturing Inc., or its Assignee, Parcel A and Parcel B in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park** – No one signed up to speak.

The public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the following consent items:

- **Assessor's Office: Budget Amendment to Approve and Fund an Additional Appraiser I Position**
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The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Boards of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals—3** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended that staff advertise for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. Building Codes Board of Adjustments and Appeals—1** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended that to advertise for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. Planning Commission—1** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended that staff advertise for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

- a. Midlands Workforce Development Board—1** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended appointing Joe Cronin to this board. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board—4** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to accept the four applicants: Virginia Leaman Crocker, Richard A. Schwab, F. Xavier Starks, and James E. (Rick) Wheeler. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Transportation Study Commission** – Mr. McEachern requested that the Council members submit their appointments. Mr. McEachern also invited any Council member that would like to have input during the interview process to be present at the next meeting.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to allow the 2006 Rules Committee to complete this process as an ad hoc committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson stated that her son and his friend were in the audience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- a. **Personnel Matter: Mercer Group** – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to take this item up at the Retreat. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Contractual Matter: Carolina Care Plan** – No action was taken.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:45 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:42 p.m.
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Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

Council Luncheon – Ms. Smith moved, with unanimous consent, that the Council Luncheon be held at the Capital City Club on February 8th at noon.

Retreat Transportation – Mr. Montgomery moved, with unanimous consent, that Council members are responsible for their own transportation to the Retreat.

Deacon John McDaniel Resolution – Mr. McEachern moved, with unanimous consent, to adopt a resolution for Deacon John McDaniel upon his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

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