



Richland County
Development & Service
June 22, 2021 -5:00 PM
Zoom Meeting
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Chair, Derrek Pugh, Gretchen Barron and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Bill Malinowski, Tamar Black, Randy Pruitt, Ashiya Myers, Brian Crooks, Dale Welch, John Thompson, Elizabeth McLean, James Hayes, John Ansell, Leonardo Brown, Lori Thomas, Michael Maloney, Brittney Hoyle-Terry, Mike Zaprzalka, Ronaldo Myers, Sandra Haynes, Sara Scheirer, Stacey Hamm, Stephen Staley, Zachary Cavanaugh and Michael Byrd

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Terracio called the meeting to order at approximately 5:02 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **Regular Session: May 25, 2021** – Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, and Newton

Not Present: English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Newton inquired about Items 4(a) and (b), and if we were going to have a broader conversation about recreation and recreation needs in Richland County.

Ms. Terracio responded, when we get to those items, we could make a motion to address Ms. Newton's concerns.

Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to adopt the agenda as published.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, and Newton

Not Present: English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. **Special Revenue Fund - Hospitality Tax: RC Volley ball Complex - new group seeking Council funding (\$ 3,950,000)** – Ms. Terracio inquired if items (a) and (b) could be discussed together.

Ms. Barron responded she would like to combine Items (a) and (b).

Ms. Newton stated there needs to be a broader conversation about recreation in Richland County, what our priorities, and what makes sense for a sports complex before we look at specific items that came from an outside agency. She recommended having a work session to discuss the criteria and public uses. She stated the Recreation Commission commissioned a third-party study to look at recreation across the County to identify gaps and opportunities. She would like to see a collaboration between the Recreation Commission and the County before any specific opportunities are discussed.

Ms. Barron noted she agrees with Ms. Newton about the need for recreation sports in Richland County to make it a destination site. She stated, instead of outsourcing, she would rather us collaborate and partner with the Recreation Commission to maximize this project.

Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to instruct staff to move forward with their due diligence to determine what type of facility we need in Richland County, and to schedule with the Clerk's Office work session with stakeholders and those involved in the community to come together to decide the location and type of complex needed.

Ms. Newton recommended Council provide criteria and strategic input and have staff come back with options with how it works, the implications, etc. that will Council to give direction of what and where we would like to see things.

Ms. Newton made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to forward to Council with a recommendation to direct staff to organize a work session to discussion recreation league opportunities in Richland County, to include background information/criteria for Council to evaluate. Staff should collaborate with any groups necessary to gather information for said work sessions.

Ms. Mackey noted she did not hear any collaboration with the Recreation Commission, who is responsible for executing a lot of the recreation needs for the communities. She inquired if there was a desire for staff to collaborate with the Recreation Commission during their research.

Ms. Terracio responded she would hope the Recreation Commission, and any other pertinent entities, would be invited as stakeholders to these meetings.

Mr. Livingston stated he did not want Council to get too involved in making decisions about recreational needs in Richland County. He noted the Recreation Commission and its director's job is to provide recreational need to the County. He though we were primarily looking at destination sites in Richland County.

Ms. Newton stated here intent aligns with Mr. Livingston's concerns. Staff would not be precluded from collaborating with the Recreation Commission.

Ms. Terracio inquired if we could have a work session in July.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Special Revenue Fund - Hospitality Tax: SC Kings Foundation Nexx Level Sports Center - new group seeking Council funding (\$ 9,500,000)** – This item was taken up with Item (a).
- c. **I move to name June as Pride Month in Richland County [TERRACIO]** – Mr. Terracio moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve naming June as Pride Month in Richland County.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. **I move to authorize the County Attorney to take any and all necessary actions, including condemnation proceedings, to acquire ownership of the roadway parcels of Aiken Hunt Circle and Oak Brook Drive that are currently not in the County's road maintenance program. These parcels are located in the Wildewood Subdivision, and the current owner has been nonresponsive to prior requests by the Department of Public Works to acquire the roadway parcels. [MACKEY]** – Ms. Mackey stated these roads are not currently considered County-owned roads, and all the surrounding roads were taken over by the County. There have been several attempts by Public Works to contact the owner.

Ms. Newton noted there are many roads that need to be repaired in the County. She inquired how roads are added into the County's inventory and the effect it has on other roads on the list.

Mr. Maloney responded they intend to look at the roads once they are in the County system and not delay needed maintenance. He noted they have performed emergency maintenance due to large potholes that were a safety issue, but when it is time to do a mill and fill, they would look at these as any other road by looking at the condition index.

Ms. Newton noted, in the ordinance, it states, "First, distribute the funds based on the length within a district as compared to the entire County". She inquired if this meant all roads or paved roads.

Mr. Maloney responded it is referring to paved roads.

Ms. Newton stated she believes it creates inherent unfairness because the more paved roads you have the sooner you will get maintenance. She noted her district and District 10 have an overabundance of unpaved roads, which leads to the paved roads getting more traffic with lower maintenance because they do not have a lot paved roads.

Ms. Terracio inquired why the road was not acquired like the other roads.

Mr. Maloney responded he did not. This dates back 30 years, and could have been an oversight.

Ms. Terracio inquired about any liability issues for patching roads that are not County roads.

Ms. McLean responded there is an ordinance that allowed the County to do it on a limited basis.

Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. English, to forward to Council with a recommendation to move forward on this item.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- e. **I move to evaluate affordable housing options to include the option of establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for Richland County as a benefit to the public. Housing is considered to be “affordable” when 30% or less of one’s income is spent on housing and utilities. In Richland County, nearly half of renters pay more than a third of their income on rent and utilities [TERRACIO]** – Ms. Terracio moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to forward to Council with a recommendation for staff to schedule a work session to present a proposed ordinance, policies and potential funding mechanism for supporting affordable, attainable, accessible housing in Richland County. In addition, to consult with the Columbia Affordable Housing Task Force to glean the outcome of their meetings.

Ms. Newton made a friendly amendment to request staff present their recommendation on affordable housing to Council so we can provide additional guidance and priorities to determine how to move forward.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- f. **Amend the County's current ordinance, in order to allow lighting on Broad River Road [DICKERSON]** – Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to table this item until we know if it will fit into the new Broad River Improvement Plan.

Ms. English noted she has many areas in her district in need of light, particularly dirt roads.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- g. **Adoption of the Solid Waste Management Plan** – Ms. English moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to defer this item until the July Development and Services Committee meeting.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- h. **Municipal Solid Waste Management – Collections Contract** – Ms. Newton inquired if staff could discuss the parts that need to be forwarded to Council for action.

- i. Mr. Maloney stated there are parts that can be taken a la carte. There is a recommendation to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan, and approval of the Chapter 12 rewrite, which staff is working on for a future committee meeting. He noted putting reasonable limits on yard waste, requiring

yard waste to be picked up weekly, delegating and amending curbside collection contract terms from 5 years to 3 years, with two 1-year extensions. All these items were discussed at the recent work session.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the items would come back through committee for a final review since there is nothing definitely decided at a work session.

Mr. Maloney responded they would like to use an RFP process for proposals. They would be reviewing where the costs hit and what we get from the contractors, based on the process. There is an estimate with each item, but if there is questions on a particular item they can address them.

Ms. Newton inquired about the time sensitivity of this item.

Mr. Maloney responded they would like to have the RFP out by August.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Terracio, to forward to Council without a recommendation.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, Barron and English

Opposed: Newton

The vote was in favor.

5. **ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS: NO ACTION REQUIRED**

- a. **I move to direct the County Attorney to work with the County Administrator to research and draft an absentee landlord ordinance. The ordinance should provide potential remedies for individuals who violate county ordinances and provide, via supplemental documentation, a comprehensive review of the legal impacts [potentially] associated with the adoption of such an ordinance. [NEWTON and DICKERSON]** – No action was taken.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:01PM.