



Richland County Council  
Special Called  
September 18, 2018 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Dickerson, Chair; Bill Malinowski, Vice Chair; Calvin “Chip” Jackson, Norman Jackson, Gwen Kennedy, Paul Livingston, Jim Manning, Yvonne McBride, Dalhi Myers, Greg Pearce and Seth Rose

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Beverly Harris, James Hayes, Kim Williams-Roberts, Cathy Rawls, Trenia Bowers, John Thompson, Brandon Madden, Tracy Hegler, Sandra Yudice, Stacey Hamm, Eden Logan, Larry Smith, Dwight Hanna, Tim Nielsen, Shahid Khan, Michelle Rosenthal, Jeff Ruble, Melissa Watts, Michael Niermeier, Michael King, Nathaniel Miller, Dale Welch, and Steven Gaither

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Dickerson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
  2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was led by the Honorable Dalhi Myers
  3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Dalhi Myers
- POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Rose recognized Daniel Coble, new Associate Chief Judge, Ms. Jackie Murph, new Deputy Clerk of Court, Ms. Donall Brown Bowser, new Court Administrator, and Judge Edmond were in the audience.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
    - a. Special Called Meeting: September 11, 2018 Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve the minutes as distributed.

Mr. Malinowski stated, in reviewing the minutes, he noted there were some members of Council that abstained from voting. Council Rule 5.21 says, they must submit a reason to the Clerk if they do so. He inquired if the Clerk’s Office had received anything from the Council members.

Ms. Roberts responded the Clerk’s Office has not received anything.

Mr. Malinowski stated he believes we need to follow the rules or stop abstaining on the votes.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

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Opposed: Manning

The vote was in favor.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Dr. Yudice stated the following items need to be added under the Report of the Assistant County Administrator: (1) Lowman Homes, which is an Executive Session item; and (2) Letter of Agency: Huger Street Property.

Mr. C. Jackson stated he would like to remove Item 14(a) “An Ordinance to levy and impose ad valorem property taxes for Richland County School Districts One and Two; to improve, simply and make more efficient the systems and procedures among Richland County School Districts One and Two and Richland County Government to fulfill responsibilities under Act 280 of 1979; and to repeal Ordinance Sec. 2-537(2) and Amended Ordinance Sec. 2-253(H)”. He stated the budget has been adopted and staff is currently working on an alternative solution to that matter.

Mr. N. Jackson stated Item 19(a) “Interim County Administrator Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation” needs to be discussed in Executive Session.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **PRESENTATION: Pam Dukes, Executive Director – Senior Resources** – Ms. Dukes, Executive Director of Senior Resources, stated she was joined tonight by volunteer Board Members and staff in support of Senior Resources and the services they provide. Senior Resources is a private, non-profit founded by Richland County government 51 years ago when the County decided it no longer wanted to directly provide senior services. Their services enable seniors in Richland County to remain independent, in their own homes, as long as possible. They prevent or delay institutionalization. Meals on Wheels is the largest and best known service. A corp of 100s of volunteers deliver a meal, a safety check, and a moment of human interaction each day to a senior’s home with caring and compassion. Last year, they delivered almost 164,000 meals to seniors in Richland County. Many of the Meals on Wheels recipients also benefit from in-home care services they provide. The services assist with housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, and other services that allow seniors to maintain their homes safe and clean. Those receiving home care services are their most frail clients, and the most at risk for institutionalization. They also operate 4 wellness centers in the County that are co-located in Recreation Commission buildings. The primary purpose of these centers is to provide the lunch meal, but they are so much more than a senior feeding site. They provide transportation for those unable to drive or unable to access public transportation. At the senior centers they provide nutrition education, health education programs, structured evidence based physical fitness programs and socialization backed by their integrated social works staff. Finally, they offer 2 volunteer programs where senior volunteers either provide mentoring and tutoring to at-risk children in Richland County schools or provide companionship to a homebound senior. Both programs pay the senior volunteer a small stipend for their services. These programs are a part of the senior corp programs under the same umbrella as the AmeriCorps program. Their continuum of services from senior volunteers to Meals on Wheels to homecare provides seniors in Richland County a range of services from which they can choose to enable them to maintain independence. In our continuum, it is not unusual for us to have client who is a senior volunteer, and then when they can no longer drive they become a wellness center client, and we transport them. As their ability to get out of their home declines they become a Meals on Wheels and homecare client. The interconnection of their services is very important because it allows them to know their seniors and to work holistically to meet their

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needs. Their services are not only comprehensive; they are also a bargain. A year of Meals on Wheels costs about the same as one day in a hospital or 12 days in a nursing home. Approximately 80% of their clients are living at 200% or below of poverty; 63% are women; 55% are an ethnic or racial minority; more than 60% live alone, and 11% are veterans. A majority of their clients are more than 75 years of age, including 10 that are more than 100 years old. They serve all areas of Richland County, and no one is turned away because of where they live. Many of you have seen their work in progress, whether it is helping deliver meals or visiting one of their wellness center. Some of you, like many of them and their client's families, know the difficulties of caring for an elderly loved one.

Mr. C. Jackson inquired about how the Meals on Wheels were provided during the recent hurricane, and if they were interrupted, and if they were interrupted what did they do during that time.

Ms. Dukes stated one benefit to a hurricane is that they can prepare. They provide shelf stable meals, which require little or no preparation out to all of their clients to cover the days they do not serve. They delivered out 2 shelf stable meals out to every one of single Meals on Wheels client on Wednesday so they had food for Thursday and Friday. They also operate a senior care food pantry, which came from the floods of 2015. The pantry allows them to provide food that is non-perishable out to those that need it.

Ms. Myers inquired how Senior Resources determine which facilities they will co-locate with and what causes them to discontinue the service.

Ms. Dukes stated they want to serve, and do serve all parts of Richland County, so they look for facilities that are located in areas where we need to serve people. They need to have a certain number of people come to those centers to make it financially feasible to operate them. For example, they have one at Killian Park, so they would not also have one at Blythewood Park. They have centers located in Blythewood, North Columbia, Hopkins, and Eastover. They used to have more sites, but it became a matter of resources and financial ability to operate those sites.

Ms. Myers inquired if on the days they are providing meals if the seniors in the surrounding areas are made aware so they can come. She stated there are a lot of small senior groups in all of these areas that may or may not be connected to the ones where they provide this important hot meal service.

Ms. Dukes stated they may or may not provide it to a specific senior group. They constantly work to get information out to the communities so people know these services are available. Because these services are funded by the Older Americans Act through the Federal and State government there is criteria to be eligible to be able to participate in those programs. They have limited funding for all of their services, but when someone wants to participate they go through an intake process and are evaluated by their social worker to determine whether or not they qualify for the services, and whether or not they are a good fit for that program. The wellness centers are not adult daycares, so they have to make sure someone is physically and cognitively able to participate in those programs. Any one that would like to participate is free to contact them and they would be glad to evaluate them. She stated if there are particular groups Council members would like for them to reach out, they would be glad to do so.

Mr. Rose thanked Ms. Dukes and her Board for all they do.

Ms. Dickerson stated her hat was off to Ms. Dukes. She thinks our main concerns are for our youth and our seniors.

7. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – Mr. Smith stated the following items are eligible for Executive Session.

- a. Property Negotiations Update – Township Auditorium
- b. Potential Litigation: Lowman Homes
- c. Interim Administrator Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation

8. **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. Property Negotiations Update – Township Auditorium – This item was taken up in Executive Session.
- b. Potential Litigation: Lowman Homes – This item was taken up in Executive Session
- c. Huger Street Property – Letter of Agency – Mr. Madden stated this is a request for Council to authorize Dr. Yudice to execute of a letter of agency for the Huger Street property that is under contract to be purchased. The buyer wants to submit to the City an application to consolidate the parcels. The Huger Street property consists of 2 pieces of property, and they want to submit an application the City to consolidate that. The letter of agency will let the City know the County has no objection to them submitting the application for review and approval.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to authorize Dr. Yudice to sign the letter of agency.

Mr. Malinowski stated, if we sell the property, what difference does make what kind of letter we give, it belongs to the purchaser.

Mr. Madden stated, as he understands it, the City has a certain process, which is different than ours.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

9. **CITIZENS' INPUT: For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing:** No one signed up to speak.

10. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. Tea & Talks with Planners, September 24, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room – Ms. Roberts reminded Councilmembers about the Tea & Talks with Planners event on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Institute of Government Classes & County Council Coalition, October 24 – 25, Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia – Ms. Roberts stated the Institute of Government Classes and County Council Coalition will be held October 24 – 25 at the Embassy Suites. Any Council member that would like to sign up for classes should contact the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Pearce noted that Mr. C. Jackson is going to be moving up the chain to Vice President in the County

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Council Coalition organization.

- c. Capital City Classic: "A Journey Remembered" Honoring Coach Willie and Mary Jeffries, October , 6:00 PM, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street – Ms. Roberts stated Council was reminded last week of the Palmetto City Classic honoring Coach Willie Jeffries. The event was to have taken place on September 17<sup>th</sup>, but has been rescheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Midlands Technical College Annual Oyster Roast & Shrimp Boil, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, MTC Northeast Campus, 151 Powell Road—Ms. Roberts stated Midlands Technical College is requesting an RSVP. If those Council members that plan to attend will contact the Clerk's Office by September 25<sup>th</sup>, it would be greatly appreciated.
- e. 2019 County Council Retreat – Ms. Roberts stated last week Council chose a site for the 2019 County Council Retreat. She was notified the site is not available for the dates requested. She stated the following week the Myrtle Beach location is available on Thursday and Friday. For your information, the next week would be the 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting for 2019. In addition, she found out that the Charleston site is available on the dates that were originally chosen.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to keep the originally chosen dates and move the location to Charleston.

In Favor: C. Jackson, Myers, Manning, Dickerson, Livingston, and McBride

Opposed: Malinowski and Rose

Abstain: Pearce and N. Jackson

The vote was in favor.

The Clerk's Office will notify the incoming Council members after the November election regarding the Council Retreat.

## 11. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Ms. Dickerson thanked the employees for their efforts to prepare for the response to Hurricane Florence, especially personnel that worked throughout the weekend monitoring the storm and potential effects in Richland County. Our community is blessed to have escaped the devastation seen in other areas, including South Carolina. It is comforting to know that dedicated employees were doing everything possible to ensure the citizens were prepared and well served during this time of disaster. It is good to know that staff, and other partners (City of Columbia, Sheriff Lott, Chief Holbrook Chief Jenkins, and School Boards). We all pulled together to make sure that everyone was informed and knew exactly where they could be in case of an emergency. She wanted to extend her heartfelt especially to Mayor Steve Benjamin because he was making sure that our efforts were collective. She also thanked the COMET, and John Andoh. Mr. Andoh made sure the buses were available. She stated the County's thoughts and prayers go out to those effected by the weather emergency. She thanked Mr. Manning and Mr. N. Jackson for touring the County during to ensure the citizens' safety.

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- a. Deadline for Council/Committee Items and Motions – Ms. Dickerson stated in order for us to stay on track and have the documentations we need, she is asking that all of her colleagues to follow the guidelines and get your motions into the Clerk's Office in a timely manner.

Mr. Malinowski stated it is not just our colleagues that may not get things in. There are a lot of items that come late from staff. If it is passed the deadline in the rules, the clerks have been instructed not to amend an agenda.

Ms. Dickerson stated that sometimes it depends on the urgency or nature if it is considered to be added to the agenda.

#### **12. OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Roads, Highways, and Bridges; Section 21-1, Purpose; and Section 21-2, Jurisdiction; so as to add language regarding annexation – No one signed up to speak.
- b. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of an infrastructure credit agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to DPX Technologies, LLC and DPX Holdings, LLC; and other related matters – No one signed up to speak.

#### **13. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. 18-025MA, Evan Wilson, RS-LD to RS-MD (7.18 Acres), Joiner Road and Deloach Drive, TMS # R16415-04-24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and R16415-05-01. 02 [THIRD READING] – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **14. THIRD READING ITEMS**

- a. An Ordinance to levy and impose ad valorem property taxes for Richland County School Districts One and Two; to improve, simplify and make more efficient the systems and procedures among Richland County School Districts One and Two and Richland County Government to fulfill responsibilities under Act 280 of 1979; and to repeal Ordinance Sec. 2-537(2) and Amended Ordinance Sec. 2-535(H) – This item was removed under the Adoption of the Agenda.
- b. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Roads, Highways, and Bridges; Section 21-1, Purpose; and Section 21-2, Jurisdiction; so as to add language regarding annexation – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of an infrastructure credit agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to DPX Technologies, LLC and DPX Holdings, LLC; and other related matters – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**15. SECOND READING ITEMS:**

- a. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of an infrastructure credit agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to Arclin Surfaces—Blythewood Co.; and other related matters – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**16. REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- a. A Resolution Authorizing the acquisition of certain real property in the Northpoint Industrial Park and other matters related thereto – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. A Resolution rescinding a previous vote of County Council to enter into a lease agreement; authorizing the payment of certain funds to Jushi USA Corp.; and other related matters – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

Mr. Malinowski stated he is agreement with approving this. He would like to make sure we have a MOU that indicates what we have done here.

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In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. A Resolution Authorizing the acceptance and administration by the County of certain grant funds from the South Carolina Department of Commerce – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. A Resolution approving the 2018 Assessment Roll for the Village at Sandhill Improvement District, Richland County, South Carolina – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **REPORT OF THE DIRT ROAD AD HOC COMMITTEE**

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- a. Approval to have the OETs Re-Design 42 Dirt Roads – Mr. N. Jackson stated the PDT conducted a review of the remaining 42 dirt roads, including Dennis Corporation's Years 1 and 2 contract, to determine the specific status of each project. The recommendation was to approve the design of the 42 dirt roads.

Mr. Malinowski stated, for the record, while the committee recommendation was for approval, these 42 roads from Years 1 and 2 were going to be made a priority and they were going to do some creative thinking to be able to paving some immediately.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Right-of-Way: Fee Simple or Easement – Mr. N. Jackson stated the recommendation is to acquire all right-of-way as an easement, instead of a fee simple.

Mr. Livingston requested to hear the rationale before voting on the item.

Dr. Thompson stated the PDT's process has been easement the entire time. If we go to fee simple, it will cost us more money to do it versus doing easement. Going to the landowner and asking for permission to pave that dirt road versus paying the landowner to take a sliver of their land.

Mr. Livingston stated, for clarification, you may end up doing both.

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Dr. Thompson stated they want to go with one process. Either stick with the easement or go to fee simple.

Ms. Dickerson requested Dr. Thompson to define fee simple.

Dr. Thompson stated fee simple is a legal process where the government will go in, negotiate and purchase a sliver of the landowner's property.

Ms. McBride stated, for clarification, the motion is for fee simple or easement.

Dr. Thompson stated the recommendation from the committee, Transportation and the PDT is the easement process.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Process for Deferral of Roads/Prioritization – Mr. N. Jackson stated the committee's recommendation is to approve the recommendation of the PDT.

Mr. Beaty stated the dirt roads have previously been ranked, and prioritized. As the PDT is reviewing them, some conditions have changed. For instance, a road may be ranked higher, but conditions may have changed and there may no longer be residents or it may have been done incorrectly originally. Instead of the PDT or staff arbitrarily cutting off that project, what they are requesting is to come to the Dirt Road Ad Hoc Committee and present the finding, and then ask for guidance on how that project may be removed from the process.

Ms. Dickerson inquired how the assessment will be done and how will it be replaced.

Mr. Beaty stated when the penny was originally passed, staff ranked what they called Years 1 and 2 and Years 3 and 4 projects, which was about 250 dirt roads. There is a dirt road ordinance that explains how they are supposed to be ranked, and they were ranked according to the ordinance. All he is asking is when they come to the next project in the list, according to ranking, and conditions have changed, or perhaps there was an error. They would come to you and say this road may have been ranked higher, but things have changed. If Council directed that they could not work on that project, they would go to the immediate next ranked project.

Mr. Livingston inquired if that will be based on the same criteria.

Mr. Beaty stated they would not be re-prioritizing the list.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose, and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

d. Approval of Utility Agreements:

1. Sara Matthews Road – SCEG
2. Bluff Oaks Road – SCEG
3. Labrew Drive – Fairfield Electric
4. Net Dean Road – Fairfield Electric
5. S. Hask Jacobs – SCEG

Mr. N. Jackson stated the committee recommended approval of the utility agreements.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE**

18.

a. HMGP – 4241 (2015 Flood) Property Buyout Program –

1. #26 (Spring Valley Little Jackson Creek Stream Mitigation) Project Recommendation – Mr. Pearce stated we have applied to many different programs from FEMA under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Most all of those buyout programs have been approved, but there is one pending application related to the mitigation program at the Little Jackson Creek. It is a mitigation and stream restoration project. FEMA wants some additional cost benefit analysis on that. It should cost less than \$6,000, which the Planning Department can fund. By spending the money there is a high degree of confidence that we can receive additional money from FEMA. We are seeking Council's approval to pursue this project so we can provide additional information.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. Non-Residential Properties (a) Acquisition – Mr. Pearce stated under FEMA's HMGP Program the County applied for 9 non-residential property buyouts. Working with the SCEMD and HUD to provide the 25% match source. Staff was made aware that 2 of the properties run a risk of not meeting HUD Cost Reasonableness Standards and would run a significant risk of being de-obligated if funded by HUD at any of the appraised values received. Note, one of the properties has been recently purchased for an amount substantially below the 2 appraised values received by the County, and the other has been completely repaired and it fully functioning with current tenants. When presented with this information the Blue Ribbon Committee unanimously recommended proceeding with the purchase of 7 properties for which there are no cost reasonableness concerns, and not to proceed with the voluntary purchase of properties #8 and #9.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Non-Residential Properties (b) Appraisal Review and Appeal Process – Mr. Pearce stated FEMA requires an appeal process for property owners who wish to appeal the appraised property value provided to them by the third-party appraiser. County staff researched and proposed an appeal process that has been used in other jurisdictions for residential properties, which was previously approved by County Council, at an earlier meeting. This process is required for non-residential properties, as well. Staff proposed the same process, specifically for properties that have not changed ownership since the flood. The motion is to request Council's approval of the proposed appeal process for non-residential properties that have not changed ownership since the disaster.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. HMGP 4286-DR (Hurricane Matthew) Property Buyout Program – Mr. Pearce stated the Federal Government requires uniform relocation assist when receiving funds for disaster recovery. Per the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendation in June 2018, Council approved reallocating \$755,000 from the CDBG Small Rental Rehab (SRR) Program to the HMGP Buyout Program to cover uniform relocation assistance for HMGP buyouts. Including in the \$755,000 was an amount not to exceed \$112,000 for the County's procured flood recovery vendor, TetraTech, to implement the uniform relocation assistance. This is already budgeted within the grant, so there is no direct cost to the County. The motion is to request approval of the TetraTech Task Order in the amount of \$112,000 to administer the Uniform Relocation Assistance Program.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to what TetraTech will be doing.

Ms. Hegler stated the Federal requirements for uniform relocation assistance are strict and where a lot of jurisdiction get in trouble if they do not follow it. There is a lot of legal work. A lot of proper notification and handholding of residents that need to be relocated.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous

1. Residential Property Buy-Out Administration Task Order – Mr. Pearce stated the Blue Ribbon Committee was briefed on the approval of another HMGP funding source related to Hurricane Matthew from 2016. The County proposed, and was approved, to mitigate future flood damage by purchasing 12 additional residential properties. The County's procured flood recovery vendor, TetraTech, has provided an additional Task Order to administer this program. There will no direct cost to the County as it will be fully funded by the grant. The request is to approve the task order in the amount \$147,098 to administer the HMGP Buyout Program for this grant award.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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c. CDBG-DR

1. Small Rental Rehab (SRR) Program – Mr. Pearce stated, on March 6, 2018, County Council approved sun setting the Small Rental Rehab Program, which is part of the HUD CDBG-DR award in 6 months as it was not receiving many applications. To date, only 2 applications have been received. Two million dollars was originally allocated to the program; \$755,000 has been reallocated to the Uniform Relocation Assistance, a requirement of HMGP, leaving \$1.245 million in the budget. The committee is seeking Council’s approval of reallocating what remains of the \$1.245 million, after the 2 repairs are completed, to Single Family Homeowner Rehab Program and sun setting the Small Rental Rehab Program.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. Action Plan Task Order – Mr. Pearce stated the County is receiving an additional \$21.9 million in CDBG-DR funding for mitigation activities from the 2015 flood. The Federal Register has not been released instructing the County how to use the funds. The County only has 90 days from the time of the Federal Registers release to develop an action plan for submission to HUD for their review. Therefore, having everything in place to develop an action plan in a timely manner is critically important. The County’s procured flood recovery vendor, TetraTech, has provided an additional task order to assist in the development of this action plan. There will no additional costs to the County since this is an allowable CDBG-DR expense. The motion is to approve the TetraTech Task Order in the amount of \$83,970 to develop the action plan required for this grant award.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded Mr. N. Jackson, to reconsider all of the Blue Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee items.

Opposed: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

19. REPORT OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. Committee Recommendation: Interim Administrator Position – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

20. PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

- a. Committee Update: September 18, 2018 – Ms. Myers thanked her colleagues, Ms. McBride and Mr. C.

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Jackson. She stated the items discussed will be placed on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Agenda.

**21. OTHER ITEMS**

- a. FY19 – District 10 Hospitality Tax Allocations – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, to approve this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to reconsider this item.

Opposed: Malinowski, C. Jackson, Myers, Pearce, Manning, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The motion for reconsideration failed.

**22. CITIZENS' INPUT: Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda** – Ms. Barbara Roach, Mr. Richard Brown and Mr. Roger Leakes spoke regarding rescheduling of the Ordinance Review Ad Hoc Committee to take up their community concerns (i.e. overgrown lots, parking on the grass, etc.).

Mr. Malinowski stated the reason the committee meeting was cancelled is the exact thing was on the agenda that it was the last time the committee met in spite of the fact that requests were made for additional information to be provided. A request has been made of staff to provide the answers, so we can reconvene the committee and move forward with some recommendations.

Mr. C. Jackson stated there are a lot of neighborhoods that are experiencing that same problem. Not just from those that issued a petition. Windmill Orchard held a meeting about 2 months and that was #1 on the list of concerns for that community. Though he understands the proper process was not instituted to have the agenda correctly reflect the changes, he would hope we would move expeditiously to get the committee meeting rescheduled and address these issues, so there are some teeth in the enforcement. He has had multiple meetings with the teams from the Richland County Sheriff's Department, and they have told him that people that do not want to comply are simply playing games (i.e. moving cars from the front yard to the backyard).

Mr. N. Jackson stated, to reiterate, this has been sitting for almost a year and has not been moving forward.

Ms. McBride thanked the citizens for coming in, and not giving up. She stated she has seen some of the citizens come 3 or 4 times before Council with the same issues. She wants the citizens to know there are people listening to you. She has met with several citizens and staff, and we made promises to get back to you. We need to come back with some concrete information and move forward to resolve this issue one way or the other.

Ms. Dickerson stated she has been driving through the neighborhoods in her district. She has passed by 3 mattresses, for 2 weeks, that has been lying by the road. She stated it is not so much about cutting grass, but when they cut the grass they throw all the debris in the streets. When the street grows up in the street you have grass growing up in the lane, so it makes the neighborhoods look bad. She understands what the citizens are

going through and she will work diligently to make sure this issue is addressed. She stated Mr. Leakes should not have to move because other people do not take care of their properties. We need to address the main issue, which are the rental properties in our neighborhoods. They are the ones that are really contributing to this problem because they do not have an investment.

Ms. Myers told Mr. Leakes Council is going to work with him and get this resolved.

Mr. Malinowski stated those citizens that are interested in this committee should provide their emails to the Clerk of Council's office, so he can contact them when the meeting is rescheduled.

Ms. Kennedy stated she agrees with everyone's comments. It is going to take a lot of effort. She stated she believes education is one of the things we are going to have to do for the neighborhoods to make them aware of the regulations.

Ms. Dickerson stated she believes that will address the communities that do not have ordinances. She stated her district has a lot of apartments and that is where she has a lot of problems.

Ms. Kennedy stated there may be some rules that citizens are not aware of. For example, the signs that she has picked up.

Dr. Yudice reminded Council that there is the clean sweep program that neighborhoods can sign up for.

Ms. Dickerson stated the clean sweep does not address what we are discussing. What we are discussing is a continual thing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Smith stated the following items are eligible for Executive Session.

23.

- a. Personnel Matter: Interim Administrator Recommendation
- b. Property Negotiations Update – Township Auditorium
- c. Potential Litigation: Lowman Homes

In Favor: Malinowski, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

Opposed: Manning

The vote was in favor of going into Executive Session.

***Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:18 PM and came out at approximately 7:56 PM.***

In Favor: Malinowski, Myers, Pearce, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor of coming out of Executive Session was unanimous.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Ms. Dickerson recognized that Ms. Christin Mack from Finding Good People who is assisting with the County Administrator search was in attendance.

Property Negotiations Update – Township Auditorium – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to direct the staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session, as to the purchase of property for the Township.

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In Favor: Malinowski, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Potential Litigation: Lowman Homes – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to authorize the Richland County Legal Department to issue a compliance order to the Lowman Home, pursuant to the control of fats, oil and grease regulation adopted by County Council.

In Favor: Malinowski, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Personnel Matter: Interim Administrator Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to direct Mr. Hanna to invite Candidate A, as recommended by the committee, for an interview on next Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

In Favor: Malinowski, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

Abstain: Manning

The vote in favor was unanimous with Mr. Manning abstaining from the vote.

Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to meet the other candidate, as well.

In Favor: Malinowski, Kennedy, N. Jackson and Livingston

Opposed: Myers, Pearce, Manning, Dickerson, Rose and McBride

The motion failed.

#### **24. MOTION PERIOD**

- a. To research the use of HA5 asphalt sealant to increase the life of all roads new and existing [N. JACKSON]  
– This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- b. Resolution Honoring Joe Pinner a/k/a “Mr. Knozit” on his retirement from WIS-TV [DICKERSON] – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to adopt the agenda honoring Joe Pinner.

In Favor: Malinowski, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to reconsider this item.

Opposed: Malinowski, Myers, Pearce, Kennedy, Manning, Dickerson, N. Jackson, Livingston, Rose and McBride

The motion for reconsideration failed.

Mr. Manning requested that we schedule ample time for that presentation.

25. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 PM.