

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008 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, Jennifer Dowden, Tamara King, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Joseph Kocy, Anna Almeida, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Geo Price, Audrey Shifflett, Daniel Driggers, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to retain the current Chairman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to retain the current Vice-Chair. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SELECTION OF SEATS

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

(The selection of seats was 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the agenda as distributed.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: December 18, 2007 – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to amend the portion of the minutes regarding the Farmers' Market Resolution to delete the amendment made during the December 18, 2007 Council meeting with regards to the Pineview location.

Ms. Dickerson stated for the record that Mr. Shelley understood a tree buffer was to be kept in regards to the Ashley Oaks Development (Case #07-52MA).

POINT OF ORDER – Ms. Smith stated that the portion of the minutes relating to the Farmers' Market Resolution should be reconsidered.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to reconsider the portion of the minutes relating to the Farmers' Market Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the minutes as corrected. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The following items were potential Executive Session items:

- a. **HBA vs. Richland County**
- b. **Offer to Purchase Property**
- c. **Farmers' Market**
- d. **Potential Claim/Court**
- e. **Employee Grievances (2)**

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Council Retreat – Mr. Pope stated that a draft agenda for the Council Retreat had been e-mailed out to Council and if there were any questions or concerns to please forward them to staff.

City of Cayce Annexation – Mr. Pope stated that he and Mr. Smith had met with representatives from the City of Cayce and received a formal letter from them requesting a dialogue with Richland County regarding an intergovernmental agreement and services.

Employee Grievances (2) – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to accept the Administrator's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Incorporation Work Session – Mr. Pope stated that a work session had been scheduled for January 15th at 3:00 p.m. and the information had been forwarded to

Council. *[The date for this work session was rescheduled for January 22nd from 3:00-4:30 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict.]*

Update on Lower Richland Sewer – Mr. Pope stated that he had received a response back from the City of Columbia stating that they would prefer to have the County amend their 208 Plan and allow the City to serve that particular area. Mr. Pope stated he would like to send a second proposal to the City before the January 22nd meeting.

January D&S Meeting Schedule – Mr. Pope stated that the D&S agenda is extremely long and staff has requested that the meeting time be adjusted to accommodate the lengthy agenda.

Paul Moses Passing – Mr. Pope stated that Paul Moses, a longtime Richland County Sheriff's Department employee, passed away. Funeral arrangements are pending.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Council Retreat—Transportation – Ms. Finch stated that a 15-passenger van had been reserved for Council and that a departure time would be announced at the next Council meeting.

SCAC Institute of Government – Ms. Finch stated that the SCAC Institute of Government will be held on February 13th and 14th at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

City of Columbia Legislative Reception – Ms. Finch stated that the City of Columbia Legislative Reception will be held January 9th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at EdVenture Children's Museum. Transportation service will be available to and from the State House from 5:45-9:15 p.m.

Update on Agenda Software – Ms. Finch stated that IT was still in the testing phase of this project. IT believes that a test run may be possible in March.

2008 Wall Calendars – Ms. Finch stated that she had wall calendars available.

Mobile, AL "Together We Can" Trip – Ms. Finch stated that the City of Columbia and the Richland One School Board have partnered with the District A + Schools Program to assist all District schools. The "Together We Can" partnership is patterned after a successful program in Mobile, Alabama and the Columbia City Council and Richland One School Board have invited Council to join them on a site visit to Mobile on January 15-17th. Any Council members interested in attending were asked to contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mobile, AL “Together We Can” Trip – Mr. McEachern stated that the City of Columbia was sponsoring the trip to promote collaboration with all the entities.

Tribute to Senator Kay Patterson – Mr. McEachern stated that the Richland County Education Association’s Legislative Reception tribute to Senator Kay Patterson would be held Wednesday, January 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Logan Elementary, 815 Elmwood Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- **South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Waste Management of South Carolina, Inc. Project)** – No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **Sheriff’s Department: Request to approve the rollover and expenditure of \$184,909.60 of Special Duty Administrative fees billed in FY 2006-2007 and collected after July 1, 2007 for the purpose of purchasing non-lethal Taser Equipment and Training** – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; Section 23-69, Distribution of Funds; and Section 23-71, Oversight and Accountability – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the amended ordinance. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ballentine Park Property Lease Agreement – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to give First Reading to this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Waste Management of South Carolina, Inc. Project) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS’ INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

Resolution for Farmers' Market – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to delete the amendment to the resolution approved at the December 18, 2007 meeting with regards to the Pineview location. The vote in favor was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:32 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:11 p.m.
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- a. **HBA vs. Richland County** – No action taken.
- b. **Offer to Purchase Property** – No action was taken.
- c. **Farmers' Market** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to direct the Chair to form a joint committee with the Legislative Delegation to deal with issues related to the Farmers' Market. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Potential Claim/Court** – No action was taken.

MOTION PERIOD

Resolution Honoring Paramedics' Heroic Acts at Clemson/Carolina Game – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to honor the heroic acts of the Richland County EMS at the Clemson/Carolina game in saving a man's life by using the newly acquired defibrillators.

Designating Richland County Office Buildings as Non-Smoking – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to designate all Richland County office buildings as non-smoking. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of a Resolution in support of establishing a Post Office for the Pontiac Area – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to direct staff to research a resolution in support of establishing a post office for the Pontiac area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m.

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