

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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
Absent	Kit Smith

OTHERS PRESENT – Michelle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Tamara King, Brad Farrar, Amelia Linder, Sandra Haynes, Geo Price, Daniel Driggers, Teresa Smith, 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 Mike Montgomery

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Mike Montgomery

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

- **Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds for a Joint Lexington County/Richland County "No-Kill" Animal Shelter**

Gene Daniels, Jane Brundage, Ron Rowe, Pat McQueen, Celeste Springer, Greg LaPointe, Delores Mungo, Denise Wilkinson, Linda Amoson, Laura Thaxton and Rhonda McCurry spoke regarding this matter.

The public hearing was closed.

THIRD READING

Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds or Other Financing Strategies for a Joint Lexington County/Richland County "No-Kill" Animal Shelter – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to direct staff to research other viable options. The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the main motion was in favor.

Animal Care MOU with Lexington County – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

MOTION PERIOD

Carolina Scholarships – Mr. Jeter requested that Carolina Scholarships' funding request be forwarded to the A&F Committee for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

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