



Richland County
Development & Service
July 27, 2021 –5:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Chair, Derrek Pugh, Cheryl English and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Yvonne McBride, Bill Malinowski, Jesica Mackey, Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, Tamar Black, Leonard Brown, Elizabeth McLean, Sandra Haynes, Stacey Hamm, Dwight Hanna, Mike Zaprzalka, Zachary Cavanaugh, Mike Maloney, Lori Thomas, Geo Price, Chris Eversmann, Ashiya Myers, Randy Pruitt, Dale Welch, Kyle Holsclaw, Dante Roberts, Ronaldo Myers and John Thompson

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Terracio called the meeting to order at approximately 5:03PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **Regular Session: June 22, 2021** – Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, English, and Newton

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. English moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to adopt the agenda as published.

In Favor : Pugh, Terracio, English and Newton

Not Present: Barron

The voted in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Newton inquired if there was an update on the work session referenced in the minutes.

Mr. Brown responded he would follow-up with Ms. Watson to determine when the Recreation Commission would be available to meet with Council.

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4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. **Adoption of the Jim Hamilton – LB Owens Airport Runway Extension Justification Study** – Ms. Newton requested a brief overview of the recommendation.

Mr. Eversmann responded this dates back to the airport’s master plan from approximately 10 years ago. This is a first step in what would be a series of projects that would eventually expand the runway by about 780 feet. It will have an impact on the utility of the airport. He noted, if the expansion project is approved, 90% of the cost would be funded by the FAA, 5% by the State and 5% would be locally funded.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if there were any mishaps that could be attributed to marginal weather, and, if so, how many.

Mr. Eversmann responded, in his 11 years onsite, there was 1 incident. However, it was still under investigation by the NTSB, and the final cause has not been determined.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if Mr. Brown had any comments.

Mr. Brown responded the runway expansion has been on the County’s plan for a while, and he did not see any issue with it. He noted, when they met with the FAA, the FAA thought it was a worthwhile project. He believes it would be a positive step.

Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. English, to forward to Council with a recommendation to adopt the Jim Hamilton-LB Owens Runway Extension Justification Study.

In Favor: Pugh, Terracio, English, and Newton

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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]** – Ms. Terracio stated she would like to schedule a meeting. She has had some requests from constituents about this item.

Ms. Newton inquired, since the last meeting, if there were any changes or recommendations have been made to simplify the remedy process.

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Mr. Zaprzalka responded the modified language was sent to Ms. Terracio and Ms. Newton, but staff would need the Committee’s guidance on how to modify the intent of the ordinance.

Ms. Newton stated she would like for landlords/owners to have “skin” in the game when it comes to

enforcement. She noted that adding staff and vehicles was not what she originally thought would be needed. She stated staff should not respond until a complaint has been filed, and put the landlord/owner on notice about the violations.

Mr. Zaprzalka responded there are potentially over 20,000 rental properties in unincorporated Richland County. Any time there is a violation someone would have to make a visit. He noted, with the current system, they would log a complaint, the system would automatically send an email to the owners about the violations and there would be a record of it.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:29PM.