



**MINUTES OF  
RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 15, 2014  
6:00 PM**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Chair      | Norman Jackson            |
| Vice Chair | Joyce Dickerson           |
| Member     | Julie-Ann Dixon           |
| Member     | Damon Jeter               |
| Member     | Paul Livingston           |
| Member     | Bill Malinowski           |
| Member     | Jim Manning               |
| Member     | Greg Pearce               |
| Member     | Torrey Rush               |
| Member     | Seth Rose                 |
| Member     | Kelvin E. Washington, Sr. |

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Tony McDonald, Roxanne Ancheta, Sparty Hammett, Warren Harley, Beverly Harris, Justine Jones, Ismail Ozbek, Nelson Lindsay, Brandon Madden, Monique McDaniels, Amelia Linder, Nancy Stone-Collum, Laura Saylor, Larry Smith, Tracy Hegler, Rudy Curtis, Rob Perry, Chris Gossett, Toni Edwards, Shawn Salley, Chad Fosnight, Anna Lange, 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 Norman Jackson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Norman Jackson

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Special Called: June 30, 2014** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Regular Session: July 1, 2014** – Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Dixon requested that Item #17 – Report of the Dirt Road Ad Hoc Committee be moved to Item #13.a.

Mr. Malinowski stated that Item #9 – “An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, County Departments; by adding a new division entitled 5A, Office of Small Business Opportunity; so that a new department will be created” should not be listed as a consent item.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to add a resolution honoring Brigadier General Bruce T. Crawford on his promotion to Major General. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Smith stated that an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Columbia, Item #14.c. – Waterpark Scope of Work and Item #6.b. – Advance Biofuel Industry Cluster Presentation needs to be added under the Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items.

Mr. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. Pearce stated that the Coroner’s Office provided Council information regarding the DNA Act.

### **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

Mr. Smith stated that the following items were potential Executive Session Items:

- a. Solid Waste Contracts for Service Areas 1, 3 and 4**
- b. Employee Grievances (2)**
- c. Decker Center Naming**
- d. Richland County Logo**
- e. Limited Notice to Proceed for Program Development Team Contract**
- f. Potential IGA with City of Columbia**

**g. Advance Biofuel Industry Cluster Presentation**

**h. Waterpark Scope of Work**

#### **CITIZENS INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

#### **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. Introduction of New Employee** – Mr. McDonald introduced Mr. Shawn Salley with the Transportation Department to Council.
- b. Curtiss-Wright Hangar Update** – Mr. McDonald stated that the project to redevelop the Curtiss-Wright Hangar will not be moving forward at this time.

#### **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

No report was given.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

No report was given.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to allow those signed up for “Citizen’s Input: Must Pertain to Items Not on the Agenda” be allowed to speak at this time instead of at the end of the meeting. The vote was in favor.

#### **PRESENTATION**

**Historic Columbia: Robin Waites, Executive Director** – Ms. Waites presented to Council the 2014 Honor Award that Historic Columbia was awarded for the Woodrow Wilson House renovations.

#### **CITIZENS INPUT**

Ms. Helen Taylor, Ms. Wendy Brawley, Ms. Lillie Bates, Ms. Cameo Green, Mr. Barry Green, Ms. Karen Irick, Mr. Paul Brawley, Ms. Eileen Cooper, Mr. Willie Lewis and Mr. Thomas Gunter spoke regarding the Lower Richland Sewer Project.

Mr. Jacob Halstead spoke regarding the lack of a noise ordinance in Richland County.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- **14-10MA, Gerald Steele, RU to GC (1.34 Acres), 1530 Dutch Fork Rd., 02415-07-01 [THIRD READING]**

- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VII, General Development, Site, and Performance Standards; Section 26-180, Signs; Subsection (f), Temporary Signs Requiring Permits; so as to delete “Grand Opening Signs” [THIRD READING]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2; Administration; Article X, Purchasing by adding Section 2-591 to authorize County Council to determine which purchasing decisions regarding purchasing made exclusively with monies raised through the penny tax are of such County-wide significance that County Council has the authority to make the final and conclusive determination to whom to award the contracts [SECOND READING]**
- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Township Capital Projects budget to add Nine Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Dollars [SECOND READING]**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$35,000,00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014B, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof [SECOND READING]**

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the consent items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **FIRST READING ITEMS**

**An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$60,000.00 of General Fund Unassigned Balance to be used for Engineering Design and Easement Acquisition** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

Mr. Malinowski requested that the title of the ordinance be amended to provide more detail regarding the use of the funding.

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

- a. **Package “D” Bid Results** – Ms. Dixon stated the committee recommended approval of the individual bid package presented by staff for Package “D” and to award the contract to Lane Construction Co. for \$836,602.73. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

## REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**An Ordinance Authorizing, pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 170; Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 175; and Title 4, Chapter 29, Section 68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of an amendment to a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina and WNS Global Services Inc.; and matters relating thereto [FIRST READING]** – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval of this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Santee Cooper grant** – Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended approval of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Waterpark Scope of Work** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

## THIRD READING ITEMS

**An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, County Departments; by adding a new division entitled 5A, Office of Small Business Opportunity; so that a new department will be created** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to amend Sec. 2-232 as follows: “The director shall be appointed by and report to the county administrator...” A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor of the amendment.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the ordinance as amended. The vote was in favor.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

## OTHER ITEMS

### REPORT OF THE HOSPITALITY TAX FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

- a. **Sports Arena**
- b. **Proposed Financing Strategy**
- c. **Staff Next Steps**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to move forward with the appraisal, wetlands delineation, and the site assessment Phase II. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. Rose recognized that Major Chris Cowan who took Chief Birnie’s position was in the audience.

**REPORT OF THE SEWER AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. **Oasis Update** – Mr. Washington stated that the committee recommended scheduling a work session in September and to direct staff to analyze Options #1 and #2.

Mr. Pearce requested the costs associated with setting up an authority be provided by the time of the work session.

**REPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATION/PRIVATIZATION AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. **Septic and Storm Drainage Problems in the Suburbs** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded Mr. Washington, to direct staff to do their due diligence during the August recess and bring back to the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:42 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:30 p.m.**  
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- a. **Solid Waste Contracts for Service Areas 1, 3 and 4** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to direct staff to move forward with the Solid Waste contracts as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Waterpark Scope of Work** – Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to move forward with the contractual matter on the waterpark as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

- c. **Limited Notice to Proceed for Program Development Team Contract** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to award the contract to the PDT in the amount of \$2,834,100. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

- d. **Decker Center Naming** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to proceed with the committee’s recommendation to name the Decker Center the “Decker Center”. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- e. **Employee Grievances (2)** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to accept the Administrator’s recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- f. **Advance Biofuel Industry Cluster** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward this item to the Economic Development Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- g. **Richland County Logo** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to move forward with the Richland County logo as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### MOTION PERIOD

- a. **Move that Richland County Council restore the historic Curtiss Wright Hangar at the Richland County Owens Field Airport [ROSE]** – This item was referred to the Rules & Appointments Committee.
- b. **Council establish a budget committee [WASHINGTON]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- c. **Resolution Honoring Brigadier General Bruce T. Crawford [WASHINGTON]** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt a resolution honoring Brigadier General Bruce T. Crawford. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:36 p.m.

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Norman Jackson, Chair

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Joyce Dickerson, Vice-Chair

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Julie-Ann Dixon

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Damon Jeter

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Paul Livingston

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Bill Malinowski

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Jim Manning

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Greg Pearce

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Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley