



Richland County Council
Regular Session
MINUTES
January 4, 2022
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29202

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair, Jesica Mackey, Vice-Chair, Bill Malinowski, Derrek Pugh, Yvonne McBride, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Joe Walker, Gretchen Barron, Cheryl English and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Ashiya Myers, Jennifer Wladischkin, Randy Pruitt, Michael Byrd, Stacey Hamm, John Thompson, Judy Carter, Bill Davis, Dwight Hanna, Dale Welch, Geo Price, Jeff Ruble, Leonardo Brown, Tamar Black, Lori Thomas, Brittney Hoyle-Terry, Patrick Wright

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM.
2. **INVOCATION** – The Invocation was led by the Honorable Cheryl English.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Cheryl English
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to adopt the agenda as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. English, to nominate Mr. O. Walker for the position of Chair.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR** – Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to nominate Ms. Mackey for the position of Vice-Chair.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Special Called
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Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. J. Walker, to move the Selection of Seats to the end of the meeting.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

Opposed: Malinowski and Terracio

The vote was in favor.

7. **SECOND READING ITEMS**

- a. **An Ordinance establishing new electoral districts for the election of members of Richland County Council pursuant to the United States Census of 2020 and in compliance with Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended** – Ms. Mackey moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

8. **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- a. **Richland County Sheriff's Department – School Resource Officer Grant** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended receipt of the grant, if awarded. He noted Council members were provided a Memorandum of Understanding tonight.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. J. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to reconsider this item.

Opposed: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Barron thanked the Sheriff's Department and the School District.

Mr. O. Walker recognized Richland School District II Board Chair, Dr. Teresa Holmes; Richland School District II Board Member, James Manning, Superintendent, Dr. Baron Davis; Chief Finance Officer, Dr. Harry Miley were in the audience.

Mr. Malinowski recognized Deputy Chief Polis, who was instrumental in this endeavor.

9. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. **Review of "An Emergency Ordinance extending previous emergency ordinance requiring the wearing of face masks to help alleviate the spread of COVID-19, specifically the recent surge in**

the delta variant" – Ms. Mackey moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to approve this item.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about how many notice of violations the County received, and if any citations were issued.

The County Administrator, Leonardo Brown, responded he does not have that information, but can provide the information to Council members.

Ms. Newton stated she would like to make accommodations, or take into consideration, those individuals that are fully vaccinated.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if Ms. Newton is requesting the ordinance be amended.

Ms. Newton responded she does not know the will of her colleagues.

Ms. Barron inquired when the current mask ordinance is set to expire.

Mr. Brown responded it will expire on February 9, 2022.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

Opposed: Malinowski, Terracio, J. Walker

The vote was in favor of extending the mask ordinance.

10. **SELECTION OF SEATS**

1. Malinowski
2. Pugh
3. Barron
4. McBride
5. Mackey
6. O. Walker
7. Livingston
8. English
9. Terracio
10. Newton
11. J. Walker

11. **MOTION PERIOD**

- a. **I move to have staff amend Section 26-186 (Development with Open Space Design Standards) of the Land Development Code by amending the formula used in determining the total number of units allowed in the utilization of density-based and density bonus design standards by subtracting the constrained open space area acreage from the total site acreage prior to calculating. In addition, all lots must conform to DHEC minimum required sizes so no bonus allows that lot size to be less than the DHEC requirement**
[MALINOWSKI] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM