



Richland County Council  
Special Called Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
May 23, 2024 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair; Derrek Pugh(arrived at 6:15 PM), Vice-Chair; Jason Branham, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen Barron, Overture Walker, Cheryl English (arrived at 6:05 PM), and Chakisse Newton

NOT PRESENT: Yvonne McBride

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Aric Jensen, Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Susan O’Cain, Dale Welch, Ashiya Myers, Kyle Holsclaw, Angela Weathersby, Andrew Haworth, Tamar Black, Michael Maloney, Jackie Hancock, Chelsea Bennett, Lori Thomas, Darlene Gathers, Bill Davis, and Maddison Wilkerson

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Livingston moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **FY24-25 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. An Ordinance authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year’s carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2024 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government during the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. So as to raise revenue, make appropriations and amend the General Fund, Millage Agencies, Special Revenue Fund, Enterprise Funds, and Debt Service Funds Budget for Richland County, South Carolina for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025
- b. An Ordinance authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year’s carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2024 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government during the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Ms. Barron moved to suspend Council Rules to allow all individuals signed up to speak at the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Walker.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Pugh and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey opened the floor to the public hearing.

1. Sandra Jackson, 265 King Charles Road, Columbia, SC 29209 – Midlands Technical College
2. John Griggs, 4536 Nandina Drive, Columbia, SC 29206 – Midlands Technical College
3. Natavia Thaggard, 1013 N. Kings Street, Apt. 202D, Columbia, SC 29223
4. William Sexton, 83 Sand Oak Court, Blythewood, SC 29016
5. Andrew Boozer, 2817 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205 – Senior Resources
6. Byron Gipson, 1701 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Solicitor’s Office
7. Rodrick Shiver, 1530 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169 – Historic Columbia
8. Barry Knighton, 428 Cami Forest Lane, Columbia, SC 29209 – Columbia International Festival
9. Meredith Edwards, 208 Amelia Oaks Way, Columbia, SC 29209 – Columbia International Festival

10. Raj Aluri, 1827 Greene Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Columbia International Festival
11. Veldene Holas, 9 Upton Court, Columbia, SC 29209 – Columbia International Festival
12. Jachoon Choe, 301 Cherrywood Drive, Elgin, SC 29045 – Columbia International Festival
13. Jacqueline Green, 2223 East Boundary Road, Columbia, SC 29223 – Columbia International Festival
14. Bill Sweeny, 4860 Portobello Road, Columbia, SC 29206 – Columbia International Festival
15. Ryan Dupre, 413 Sesqui Trail, Columbia, SC 29223 – Columbia International Festival
16. Will Edward, 319 South Chimney Lane, Columbia, SC 29209 – Richland Library
17. Sharon Green, 559 Motley Road, Hopkins, SC 29061 – Richland Library
18. Theron Jamison, 149 Rivendale Drive, Columbia, SC 29229 – Richland Library
19. Larry Salley, 930 Richland Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Richland Library
20. Miriam Atria, 3427 Kennerly Road, Irmo, SC 29063 – Capital City Lake Murray Country
21. Viola Hendley, 104 Alabama Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Mill District Alliance, Constituent Services, and Richland Library
22. Louis Dessau, 15 Myrtle Court, Columbia, SC 29205 – Columbia International Festival
23. Lee Lumpkin, 21 Heathwood Circle, Columbia, SC 29205 – Columbia Classical Ballet
24. Mark Rapp, 2123 College Street, Columbia, SC 29205 – Cola Jazz

The floor to the public hearing was closed.

#### 4. **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- a. Department of Public Works – Jim Hamilton-LB Owens Airport – Award of Fixed Base Contract – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended extending the current contract with Eagle Aviation on the current terms, with no change to cost.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: McBride and Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Utilities – Town of Eastover – Intergovernmental Agreement – Chalk Street Development – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended accepting staff's recommendation to authorize the County Administrator to enter into negotiations with the Town of Eastover regarding the development of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Eastover and Richland County for the provision of sewer service for the Chalk Street Development.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: McBride and Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Terracio moved to reconsider items 4(a) and (b), seconded by Ms. Newton.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: McBride and Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

#### 5. **REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. 2024 Penny Projects, Principles, and Categories – Ms. Mackey stated the committee recommended the 2024 Penny, Projects, Principles, and Categories document be forwarded to Council for review and feedback. In addition, the committee recommended May 28, 2024, as the cutoff for projects to be submitted to the consultant for inclusion in the Transportation Needs Project List. The list will be provided to Council by June 4, 2024.

Ms. Terracio noted the committee discussed including a provision for the uncompleted 2012 Penny projects in the document, but it was not reflected in the agenda packet. She inquired if it was being considered for inclusion in the document.

Ms. Mackey responded the committee did discuss the uncompleted 2012 Penny projects, and feedback was provided to Mr. Ray Jones. Once Council provides its feedback, all recommendations will be provided in an updated document.

Mr. Weaver reiterated that the Transportation Needs Project List will be provided to Council prior to the June 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Ms. Mackey replied a request had been made that the document be provided prior to the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: McBride and Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider Item 5(a), seconded by Mr. Pugh.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: McBride and Walker

The motion for reconsideration failed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Barron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Branham

Not Present: McBride

The vote in favor was approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 PM.