



Richland County Council
Regular Session
MINUTES
November 7, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair; Jesica Mackey, Vice-Chair; Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Yvonne McBride, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen Barron, Cheryl English, and Chakisse Newton (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Aric Jensen, Patrick Wright, Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Chelsea Bennett, Lori Thomas, Stacey Hamm, Thomas Gilbert, Susan O’Cain, Dale Welch, Ashiya Myers, Kyle Holsclaw, Angela Weathersby, Andrew Haworth, Michael Maloney, Abhijit Deshpande, Dante Roberts, Jennifer Wladischkin, Tamar Black, Geo Price, Hayden Davis, Crayman Harvey, Shirani Fuller, Sarah Harris, Sandra Haynes, Jeff Ruble, and Venyke Harley

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Mr. Walker acknowledged that Ms. Newton will participate virtually in tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Walker noted that Solicitor Bryon Gipson, Chief Magistrate Stroman, former City of Columbia Mayor Bob Coble, and former Councilman Bill Malinowski were in the audience.

2. **INVOCATION** – The Invocation was led by Rabbi Jonathan Case on behalf of the Honorable Jason Branham.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Jason Branham.

4. **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

- a. A Resolution recognizing the Richland County Public Works Department’s Solid Waste & Recycling Division – Ms. Barron moved to adopt the resolution recognizing the Richland County Public Works Department’s Solid Waste & Recycling Division, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey presented the resolution to the Richland County Public Works Department’s Solid Waste & Recycling Division.

5. **PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. A Proclamation recognizing Keep the Midlands Beautiful and declaring November 15, 2023, as America Recycles Day in Richland County – Ms. Newton read the proclamation recognizing Keep the Midlands Beautiful and declaring November 15, 2023 as American Recycles Day in Richland County into the record.
- b. A Proclamation recognizing Family Court Awareness Month – Ms. Mackey presented the proclamation recognizing November as Family Court Awareness Month.
- c. A Proclamation recognizing Share Operations Care – Ms. English presented the proclamation recognizing Share Operations Care.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Session: October 17, 2023 – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Special Called Meeting: October 24, 2023

c. Zoning Public Hearing: October 24, 2023 – Ms. Newton moved to approve the Special Called Meeting and Zoning Public Hearing minutes of October 24, 2023, as distributed, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

8. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70)** – Mr. Wright indicated the following items qualify for Executive Session under South Carolina Code section 30-4-70:

a. Blythewood Property Retention Ponds [Pursuant to S.C. Code Sect. 30-4-70(a)(2) and (5)]

b. Personnel Matter: Grievance Reviews and Recommendations

c. Personnel Matter: Discussion and legal advice concerning duties of the County Administrator regarding Richland County Code Sec. 2-79 and Sec. 2-80

d. Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center

e. Letter of support for the University of South Carolina purchase of real property from the Development Foundation, Richland County Tax Map Number R11201-02-10, R11100-01-04, R11100-01-15, and R11100-01-10

f. Public-Private Partnership

Ms. Terracio moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Items 8(a) and 8(f), seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:35 PM
and came out at approximately 7:16 PM***

Mr. Livingston moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Walker indicated no action was taken in Executive Session.

a. Blythewood Property Retention Ponds – Ms. Mackey moved to authorize the County Administrator to move forward with the Blythewood Property retention ponds, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

Abstain: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

9. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

a. For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing

1. Kim Murphy, 154 Old Laurel Lane, Chapin, SC 29036 – Dirt Road Package “O”
2. John Zeigler, 103 Roundtree Road, Blythewood, SC 29016 – Stonington Subdivision
3. Edith Taylor, 1099 Motley Road, Hopkins, SC 29061 – Property Zoning
4. Jason Jaco, 931 Texas Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Olympia Mill Village
5. Margaret Marcuso, 817 Ohio Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Olympia Mill Village
6. Vi Hendley, 104 Alabama Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Olympia Mill Village
7. Sherry Jaco, 1166 Olympia Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201 – Olympia Mill Village

10. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda (Items for which a public hearing is required or a public hearing has been scheduled cannot be addressed at this time.) – No one signed up to speak.

11. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

a. Updates for Consideration:

1. *Operation Green Light* – The County Administrator, Leonardo Brown, stated this Veteran's Day, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and borough to join Operation Green Light. Operation Green Light is an opportunity to show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 6 to November 12. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported. He presented slides of the County's Judicial Center, the Administration building, the Central Magistrate Court, and the Sheriff's Department Annex participating in Operation Green Light.
2. *Personnel Matters:*
 - a. Grievance Reviews and Recommendations – This item was taken up in Executive Session.
 - b. Discussion and legal advice concerning duties of the County Administrator regarding Richland County Code Sec. 2-79 and Sec. 2-80 – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

b. Administrator's Nomination: Items in this section require action that may prejudice the County's interest in a discernable way (i.e., time-sensitive, exigent, or of immediate importance)

1. *Human Resources Department – Compensation Study Recommendation Implementation* – Mr. Brown stated this is a huge opportunity for the County to take a step forward with our compensation study recommendations. He noted the County entered into an agreement with Evergreen Solutions, LLC, in 2022 to conduct a compensation study and analysis. As a result of the findings, Evergreen has recommended the County adjust county employee salaries to better reflect the market. During the summer of 2023, Richland County Council approved a motion allowing staff to evaluate the salary recommendations proposed by Evergreen Solutions to develop a new compensation structure and classification system for the County. Evergreen is a national multidisciplinary, public-sector management consulting firm, which specializes in working with public-sector organizations. The recommendations from Evergreen have been carefully developed to address the pressing needs of the County's workforce, ensure competitive compensation, and yield numerous benefits for the county as a whole. The implementation of the salary increases aligns with the County's strategic plan to "establish competitive salaries." County employees play a pivotal role in maintaining the essential services and programs that benefit the community. However, employees have faced the challenges of rising living costs and increased workloads. In light of these concerns, the formulated compensation plan aims to:
 - a. Determine and place all employees into a grade classification and step to compensate for the skills used to perform their job and for the years of service in that position with the County;
 - b. Attract and Retain Top Talent;
 - c. Boost Morale and Job Satisfaction;
 - d. Enhance Productivity and Efficiency;
 - e. Reduce Employee Turnover;
 - f. Reflect the Cost of Living;
 - g. Maintain a Competitive Edge; and
 - h. Demonstrate Employee Appreciation.

In summary, approving this compensation plan is an investment in Richland County's future. It will empower employees to perform at their best, improve service quality, and maintain a competitive position within the labor market. Furthermore, it demonstrates the County's commitment to the well-being of those who serve Richland County tirelessly. The recommendation is to approve the implementation of this study on December 21, 2023. He noted that all appointed and elected officials and department heads have been met with.

The Solicitor, Byron Gipson, spoke in favor of implementing the study recommendations.

Mr. Weaver inquired when this item would be before Council for approval.

Mr. Brown replied it is before Council tonight for approval. He noted Council authorized staff to meet with the elected and appointed officials and department heads before coming back to Council with the results in order to implement the study. Staff has now met with all the officials and put together an implementation plan, and we are ready to move forward.

Mr. Weaver inquired if the County generated \$17M in new revenue.

Mr. Abhijit Deshpande, Budget Director, responded the County generated approximately \$17M.

Ms. Mackey moved to approve the Administrator's recommendation to implement the compensation study, with an implementation date of December 21, 2023, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Mr. Branham acknowledged that this study implementation equates to more than half of the increase in revenue to the County. He also recognized there is a 24% turnover rate among the employees of the

County. In addition, he acknowledged the employees received a 4% cost of living increase earlier this year, but before that, there had not been an increase in compensation for three years. He noted he supports the implementation of the study because he is here to invest in the core functions of governments. We are investing in capital projects, and it is important to invest in the personnel providing quality services.

Ms. Barron indicated this is critical for us to attract young people to live and work here.

Mr. Livingston stated this item received three readings and a public hearing during the process, and the funds are available.

Ms. Mackey thanked staff for all of their hard work on this plan. In the Strategic Plan, the Council agreed to put County employees first to ensure this is where they want to work. Additionally, to recruit the younger generation to work in government and be proud of where they work.

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

Opposed: Weaver

The vote was in favor.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Weaver

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

The motion for reconsideration failed.

2. *County Administration – Acceptance of South Carolina Department of Veterans’ Affairs Grant Awards* – Mr. Brown indicated this item has been before the body. The request is to accept the grant awards for McEntire Air Force Base’s firefighter temporary housing and Fort Jackson’s Centennial Park.

Mr. Livingston moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Mr. Branham noted on p. 22 that there seemed to be a typo on the Fort Jackson Centennial Park funding amount.

ACA Jensen responded the amount should read: \$ \$1,145,466.53

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider Items 8(a) and 11(b)(2), seconded by Ms. English.

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

The motion for reconsideration failed.

12. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. Proposed 2024 Council Meeting Schedule – Ms. Mackey moved to adopt the 2024 Council meeting schedule, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

13. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – No report was given.

14. **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. An Ordinance to adopt the text amendment recommendations of the Richland County Planning Commission to the 2021 Land Development Code, which will regulate development in the unincorporated areas of Richland County – Mr. Pugh moved to suspend the rules to allow the citizens signed up for this item an opportunity to speak, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

Not Present: Newton (technical difficulties)

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The following citizens spoke in favor of this item:

1. Steven Boyer, 320 Ballentine Estates Road, Irmo, SC 29063
2. Terry Rowell, 3635 Kennerly Road, Irmo, SC 29063
3. Michael Watts, 359 Adams Road, Blythewood, SC 29016
4. Henry Martin, 124 Winding Road, Irmo, SC 29063
5. Pam Selkinghaus, 1944 Marina Road, Irmo, SC 29063
6. Mark Hershberger, 15 Sweet Bay Drive, Columbia, SC 29209
7. Brad Everhart, 10 Morningstar Court, Irmo, SC 29063
8. Heather Bailey, 1937 Marina Road, Irmo, SC 29063
9. George Brower, 4 Sundance Court, Irmo, SC 29063
10. Lisa Borden, 116 Rideoutte Point, Irmo, SC 29063
11. Elaine Johnson, 109 Cardinal Cove, Irmo, SC 29063
12. Marc Rankin, 9 Crystal View Court, Irmo, SC 29063
13. Cora Lee Swink, 1812 Leesburg Road, Columbia, SC 29036
14. Elaine DuBose, 7262 Sunview Drive, Columbia, SC 29209
15. Elaine Cooper, 3105 Dalloz Road, Columbia, SC 29204
16. Marty Crouch, 218 Derrick Drive, Irmo, SC 29036
17. Tom Bryant, 1325 South Carolina Road, Eastover, SC 29044
18. Carol Vanderheide, 1904 Marina Road, Irmo, SC 29063
19. Kim Murphy, 154 Old Laurel Lane, Chapin, SC 29036
20. Dena Crapps, 316 Nature Road, Blythewood, SC 29016
21. Carol Sloop, 292 Old Farm Road, Irmo, SC 29063
22. Susan Crouch, 218 Derrick Drive, Irmo, SC 29063
23. Les Tweed, 111 Saratoga Road, Irmo, SC 29063
24. Jason Pittman, 1212 Canterfield Road, Chapin, 29036
25. Edwin Johnson, 109 Cardinal Cove, Irmo, SC 29063
26. Ivery Jackson, 2178 Congaree Road, Eastover, SC 29044
27. Donna Cole, 209 Amenity Road, Chapin, SC 29036

The following citizens spoke in opposition to this item:

1. Lady June Cole, 309 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29206
2. John Grego, 830 Old Woodlands Road, Columbia, SC 29209
3. Bill Malinowski, 11824 Broad River Road, Chapin, SC 29036
4. Mike Sloan, 1430 Wonder Drive, Chapin, SC 29036
5. Quentin Gaddy, 630 Canalside Street, Columbia, SC 29201
6. Kevin Stillman, 120 Harborside Circle, Columbia, SC 29229
7. Tombo Milliken, 18 Tombee Court, Columbia, 29209
8. Ben Wilcenski, 187 Garden Brooke Road, Irmo, SC 29063
9. Pamela Greenlawn, 1314 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Mr. Wright indicated the motion(s) by the former Councilmember were received after their term had expired. Current council members made those motion(s), and they were either sent to committee or disposed of by Council action.

- b. Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in one or more series, tax-exempt, or taxable, in an amount not to exceed Ninety-Three Million Dollars (\$93,000,000), to fund the acquisition, construction, equipping, rehabilitation, and improvement of certain capital projects and to refund all or a portion of certain of the County's outstanding General Obligation Bonds; authorizing the County Administrator to prescribe the details of the issuance and sale of the bonds and the form and details of the bonds; providing for the disposition of the proceeds of the bonds and the payment of the bonds; and other related matters – No one signed up to speak.
- c. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes and incentive agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Annett Holdings, Inc., previously identified as Project Truck, to provide for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes; authorizing certain infrastructure credits; and other related matters – No one signed up to speak.

15. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Case #23-030MA, Fan Disharoon, OI to RS-LD (0.37 Acres), 1528 Legrand Road, TMS # R19100-07-01 [SECOND READING]
- b. Case #23-037MA, Ernesto Martinez, GC to RM-MD (0.46 Acres), 226 Jamaica Street, TMS # r19813-03-04 [SECOND READING]
- c. Department of Public Works – Engineering Division – Briarsgate Circle

Mr. Pugh moved to approve Items 15(a)-15(c), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey moved to reconsider Item 15(c), seconded by Ms. English.

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

The motion for reconsideration failed.

16. **THIRD READING ITEM**

- a. Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in one or more series, tax-exempt or taxable, in an amount not to exceed Ninety-Three Million Dollars (\$93,000,000), to fund the acquisition, construction, equipping, rehabilitation, and improvement of certain capital projects and to refund all or a portion of certain of the County's outstanding General Obligation Bonds; authorizing the County Administrator to prescribe the details of the issuance and sale of the bonds and the form, and details of the bonds; providing for the disposition of the proceeds of the bonds and the payment of the bonds; and other related matters – Ms. McBride moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

Mr. Weaver inquired if this is the issuance of bonds for the Detention Center and the DSS facility. He was under the impression the bond was for \$88M.

Mr. Walker stated the issuance is up to \$93M. The intent is only to use \$71M. He stated for clarification, we are using debt millage to pay for this bond. Based on the value of the mill, we would be utilizing 2.5 mills. It is also his understanding if we do not use the millage, we will lose it.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. McBride moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- b. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes and incentive agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Annett Holdings, Inc., previously identified as Project Truck, to provide for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes; authorizing certain infrastructure credits; and other related matters – Mr. Livingston moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. English.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

The motion for reconsideration failed.

17. **SECOND READING ITEMS**

- a. An Ordinance to adopt the text amendment recommendations of the Richland County Planning Commission to the 2021 Land Development Code, which will regulate development in the unincorporated areas of Richland County – Mr. Pugh moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Branham.

Ms. Mackey stated during the work session on this item, she had additional questions related to electric vehicle charging stations. She noted on p. 228, staff worked with the consultant to address edits to the proposed text that addressed her questions and added clarity and specificity.

Ms. Terracio made a substitute motion to approve this item, including the modifications regarding electric vehicle charging stations, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

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

Opposed: Weaver

The vote was in favor.

- b. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County, the execution and delivery of a public infrastructure credit agreement to provide for public infrastructure credits to a company identified for the time being as Project Orei; and other related matters – Mr. Livingston moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, and English

Recuse: Mackey (due to her parent company representing the applicant)

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Case #23-039MA, Alonza Haynes, Jr., RU to OI (2.69 Acres), 1849 Willowby Street, TMS # R19707-01-06 – Ms. English moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Walker.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, and English

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

18. **REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- a. A Resolution requiring certain accountability practices concerning Economic Development Projects in Richland County – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item with the inclusion of age, gender, and county of residence.

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

Opposed: Branham

Not Present: Newton

The vote was in favor.

19. **REPORT OF THE DETENTION CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Detainee Food Service Provider – Mr. Pugh stated the committee recommended awarding the contract for detainee food service to Trinity Services Group, Inc.

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

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Alvin S. Glenn Visitation Center Conversion Project Contract Award – Mr. Pugh stated the committee recommended awarding the contract for Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center's Attorney Visitor Center to JM Cope.

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

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

20. **REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Award of Construction – Dirt Road Package O – Mr. Walker stated the committee recommended awarding the construction contract to Cherokee, Inc. for \$1,359,494.45 and to include a 10% construction contingency. Dirt Road Package "O" is comprised of Howard Coogler Road (District 1), Sara Mathews Road (District 7), Nathan Ridge Lane (District 10), and Jackson Road (District 10).

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

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider Items 19(a), 19(b), and 20(a), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

Not Present: Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

21. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. FY24 – District 5 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Greater Rosewood Merchants Association - \$12,000)
- b. FY24 – District 7 Hospitality Tax Allocations (The Big Red Barn Retreat - \$10,000 and Junior League of Columbia - \$20,000)
- c. A Resolution to appoint and commission John Ladavid Charity, III as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County
- d. A Resolution to appoint and commission Epihany Nefertarie Henley as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County

- e. A Resolution to appoint and commission Jacqueline Sakil as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County

Mr. Pugh moved to approve Items 21(a)-21(e), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. McBride moved to reconsider Items 21(a)-21(b), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

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

Not Present: Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

22. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Terracio moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Items 8(b), 8(c), 8(d), and 8(e), seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Walker, Mackey, and English

Opposed: Weaver

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***Council went into Executive Session at approximately 9:17 PM
and came out at approximately 9:43 PM***

Ms. Terracio moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

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

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Walker indicated no action was taken in Executive Session.

- a. Personnel Matter: Grievance Reviews and Recommendations – Mr. Weaver moved to uphold the Grievance Committee and Administrator’s recommendations, seconded by Ms. Barron.

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

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

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

Not Present: Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- b. Personnel Matter: Discussion and legal advice concerning duties of the County Administrator regarding Richland County Code Sec. 2-79 and Sec. 2-80 – No action was taken.

- c. Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center – No action was taken.

- d. Letter of support for the University of South Carolina purchase of real property from the Development Foundation, Richland County Tax Map Number R11201-02-10, R11100-01-04, R11100-01-15, and R11100-01-10 – Mr. Livingston moved to authorize the Administrator to move forward with the letter of support, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

Opposed: McBride and Terracio

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: McBride and Terracio

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, Livingston, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

23. **MOTION PERIOD**

- a. I move to rename the Hopkins Magistrate office located at 5425 Lower Richland Boulevard after the late Judge Clemon L. Stocker [ENGLISH] – Ms. English moved to take action on this item, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Ms. Mackey inquired if we have any rules or processes that require us to follow a particular path to rename buildings.

Mr. Wright replied that a part of the County Code states how it is to be done, and this item falls within those guidelines.

Ms. English stated that she had spoken with Chief Magistrate Stroman to ensure that she did not have a problem with renaming the Hopkins Magistrate's Office.

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

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. English moved to rename the Hopkins Magistrate office located at 5425 Lower Richland Boulevard after the late Judge Clemon L. Stocker.

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

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. English.

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

Not Present: Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- b. I move that Council establishes written guidelines regarding the number of proclamations and acknowledgement resolutions that can be presented at County Council meetings [WEAVER and TERRACIO] – Mr. Weaver moved to take action on this item, seconded by Ms. McBride.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, and English

Opposed: Pugh, McBride, Terracio, Barron, Walker, and Mackey

Not Present: Newton

The motion failed.

Mr. Walker referred this item to the Rules and Appointments Committee.

24. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Mackey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. English.

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

Opposed: Walker

Not Present: Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 PM.



Richland County Council

STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

In accordance with Section 8-13-700(B) [*provides in part that no public official, public member or public employee may make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use their official office, membership or employment to influence a governmental decision in which they, a member of their immediate family, an individual with whom they are associated, or a business with which they are associated has an economic interest.*], I hereby recuse myself from all votes, deliberations and other action on the following matter(s):

(Please add agenda Item number and description):

17(b) Project Orei

REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

Parent Company represents the applicant

Jesica Mackey / Jesica Mackey

Print and sign your name

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