

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009 6:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Paul Livingston
Vice Chair	Damon Jeter
Member	Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Jim Manning
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Kit Smith
Member	Kelvin Washington

OTHERS PRESENT – Michelle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Sparty Hammett, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Lynn Keating, Larry Smith, Daniel Driggers, Dale Welch, Teresa Smith, Anna Almeida, David Adams, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Hutchinson opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Pearce nominated Mr. Paul Livingston for the position of Council Chair.

Mr. Malinowski nominated Ms. Joyce Dickerson for the position of Council Chair.

The floor was closed for nominations.

Mr. Pearce, Mr. Jeter, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Hutchinson, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Smith, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Manning voted for Mr. Paul Livingston.

Mr. Livingston was elected Council Chair by a majority vote.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Hutchinson opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Manning nominated Mr. Damon Jeter for the position of Vice-Chair.

The floor was closed for nominations.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to elect Mr. Jeter Council Vice-Chair by acclamation. The vote was in favor.

SELECTION OF SEATS

Mr. Livingston stated the next order of business was the selection of seats.

(The selection of seats was taken up by seniority and continued in alphabetical order.)

The seats were selected from left to right as follows:

1. Pearce
2. Malinowski
3. Jackson
4. Hutchinson
5. Jeter
6. Livingston
7. Dickerson
8. Manning
9. Kennedy

10. Washington
11. Smith

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski stated that the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on December 30, 2008 needed to be included on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to adopt the agenda as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The following items were potential Executive Session items:

- a. **Columbia Downtown Airport—Contractual Matter**
- b. **King vs. Richland County**
- c. **Richland County Magistrate Pay Appeal**
- d. **Treasurer and Auditor Compensation**

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Columbia Downtown Airport—Contractual Matter – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

Project Pet Update – Mr. Pope stated that the \$1.5 million check was hand-delivered to Lexington County.

Joint City/County Ad Hoc Transportation Committee Update – Mr. Pope stated that another meeting has been scheduled for January 16th to finalize the recommendations to the councils.

NE Recreation/Entertainment Complex Update – Mr. Pope stated that a RFQ was issued to have a public/private partnership on this matter. The consultants are to forward additional information to Council.

Richland County Magistrate's Pay Appeal – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

Treasurer and Auditor Compensation – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Retreat Reminder – Ms. Finch reminded Council that the Retreat was going to be held Thursday, December 8th and Friday, December 9th at the Recreation Commission's Adult Activity Center on Parklane Road.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Livingston stated that he would be setting up individual meetings with Council members to discuss his plans for the future.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- **An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection** – No one signed up to speak.
- **Alternative Dirt Road Paving Program/Ordinance to permit adoption of countywide dirt road paving program standards** – Mr. Barry Walker, Sr. spoke regarding this matter
- **Eastover Sewer Budget Amendment** – No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **Ordinance allowing the reassessment of the business license fee structure each year during the budget process** – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve this item for Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

Alternative Dirt Road Paving Program/Ordinance to permit adoption of countywide dirt road paving program standards – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to amend the ordinance to clarify the time frame. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Eastover Sewer Budget Amendment – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to give Third Reading to this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

SECOND READING ITEM

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 General Fund Annual Budget to decrease Business License revenue by one million five hundred and thirty-six thousand (\$1,536,000) due to fee adjustments and appropriate undesignated General Fund Balance of one million five hundred and thirty-six thousand (\$1,536,000) to offset – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to give Second Reading to this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

OTHER ITEMS

Preliminary Approval of the Richland County Strategic Plan – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to authorize the Administrator to begin the process necessary to inform the public of the draft Strategic Plan and then bring it back to Council for final adoption. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:43 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:41 p.m.
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- a. **Columbia Downtown Airport—Contractual Matter** – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to authorize the Administrator to proceed with developing options for an Airport management position for Richland County. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **King vs. Richland County** – No action was taken.
- c. **Richland County Magistrate's Pay Appeal** – No action was taken.
- d. **Treasurer and Auditor Compensation** – No action was taken.

MOTION PERIOD

Bobby Gist Resolution – Mr. Jeter requested unanimous consent to adopt a resolution in honor of Bobby Gist contributions to Richland County.

Guidelines for Special Called Meeting Agendas – Mr. Malinowski referred this matter to the Rules & Appointments Committee for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m.

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Damon Jeter, Vice-Chair

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The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley