

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009 7:00 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	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Jim Manning
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Kit Smith
Member	Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Sparty Hammett, Kevin Etheridge, Daniel Driggers, Lashedra Toole, Becky Knotts, Joe Cronin, Larry Smith, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Tamara King, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Manning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Jim Manning

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Manning commended the County Administrator and staff for all their hard work on the budget.

SECOND READING ITEMS

Richland School District One: (FY09 appropriated \$168,828,800; Requested: \$176,862,315; Cap: \$176,862,315) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$176,862,315 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Richland School District Two: (FY09 appropriated \$110,032,400; Requested: \$115,288,591; Cap: \$115,288,591) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$115,288,591 for this item.

Recreation Commission: (FY09 appropriated \$10,275,200; Requested: \$11,003,700; Cap: \$11,003,700) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve to approve \$10,453,515 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Midlands Technical College: MTC Operating (FY09 appropriated \$4,142,300; Requested: \$4,338,600; Cap: \$4,338,600) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$4,142,300 for this item.

Midlands Technical College—Capital: (Requested value of 1 mill, Approve Funding Level) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,168,700 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Midlands Technical College—Capital Debt Service: (Requested value of .5 mill, Approve Funding Level) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$584,350 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Library: (FY09 appropriated \$19,264,300; Requested: \$20,526,000; Cap: \$20,526,000) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$19,449,700 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Riverbanks Zoo: (FY09 appropriated \$1,868,100; Requested: \$1,939,630; Cap: \$1,894,200) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,869,100 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mental Health: (FY09 appropriated \$1,704,400; Requested: \$1,704,400; Cap: \$1,770,800) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,704,400 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Solid Waste: (Approve Funding Level at \$26,301,863—No Millage Increase) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$26,301,863 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Airport Operations: (Transfer of position from Public Works to Airport and reclass to Airport Manager {\$100,000—personnel and operating to be transferred from General Fund}) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Airport Operations: (Approve Funding Level at \$614,356) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$614,356 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Utilities System—Hopkins (Rate increase to uniform county rate of \$42.02/month. DHEC approval required.) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Utilities System (Approve Funding Level at \$5,903,582) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$5,903,582 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Parking Garage (Approve Funding Level at \$299,850) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by \$299,850 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Victim's Assistance: (Approve Funding Level at \$1,016,374—includes transfer from General Fund of \$241,374) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$1,016,374 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fire Service: (Appropriate \$300,000 of fund balance for capital items, and increase lump sum appropriations by \$300,000) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fire Service: (Approve Funding Level at \$18,248,804. Includes going to millage cap.) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$18,248,804 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Amend H-Tax Undesignated Fund Balance policy to reflect that any undesignated H-Tax dollars will be reflected as unappropriated reserved funds in the final budget) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

Hospitality Tax—Use of Undesignated Funds (Township Operating Cost of \$281,448) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$281,448 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax—Use of Undesignated Funds (Renaissance Foundation Marketing Campaign at \$450,000) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$450,000 for this item.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to table this item until the County's current obligation has been satisfied. The substitute motion failed.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$375,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

Ms. Dickerson made a 2nd substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to defer this item until 3rd Reading.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Jeter	Jackson
Livingston	Hutchinson
Dickerson	Manning
Smith	Kennedy
	Washington

The 2nd substitute motion for deferral failed.

Mr. Jeter made a 2nd substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$100,000 for an additional five years contingent upon approval of a budget ordinance. The 2nd substitute motion was approved.

Hospitality Tax—Use of Undesignated Funds (South Carolina State Museum Capital Campaign--\$1,000,000 {\$250,000 for 4 years or \$200,000 for 5 years}; total \$1,000,000) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to fund \$1,000,000 for this item by implementing the 4-year plan of \$250,000 per year contingent approval of a budget ordinance. The vote was in favor.

Hospitality Tax: (Fund South East Rural Community Outreach at \$320,000) – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$320,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$237,500 for this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Jackson	Dickerson
Hutchinson	
Jeter	
Livingston	
Manning	
Kennedy	
Washington	
Smith	

The substitute motion was approved.

Hospitality Tax: (Transfer an additional \$50,648 from the H-Tax fund balance to the H-Tax operating fund to reduce the decrease in funding from 9.5% to 5% for the Columbia Museum of Art, Historic Columbia Foundation and EdVenture Children's Museum consistent with funding cuts to other outside agencies funded via the General Fund) – Mr. Pearce moved to unanimously approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding Distribution—County Promotions) – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item with the following changes: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center & Visitors Bureau--\$15,000 to \$25,000; Cultural Council of Richland--\$20,000 to \$30,000; SC Philharmonic--\$0.00 to \$5,000; Columbia City Ballet--\$0.00 to \$5,000; Columbia Music Festival Association--\$0.00 to \$15,000; and Columbia Classical Ballet--\$0.00 to \$5,000 and to instruct staff to evaluate whether the appropriations meet Council guidelines. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: Use of Undesignated Funds (Capital City Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board at \$56,170) – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$56,170 for this item.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Jackson	Pearce
Jeter	Malinowski
Livingston	Hutchinson
Dickerson	Manning
Kennedy	
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Smith	

The substitute motion for deferral was approved.
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Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding for Sweet Potato Festival in amount of \$20,000) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to have this item included in the funding for SERCO and amend the MOU. A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion to table. The motion died for lack of a second. A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to include this item in the funding from SERCO with a reduction of 5% of last year's budget and to amend the MOU.

The substitute motion was approved.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding for Golf Odyssey in the amount of \$10,000) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to have this item included in the funding for SERCO and amend the MOU. A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion to table. The motion died for lack of a second. A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to include this item in the funding from SERCO with a reduction of 5% of last year's budget and to amend the MOU.

The substitute motion was approved.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding for SC Gospel Fest in the amount of \$30,000) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to have this item included in the funding for SERCO and amend the MOU. A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion to table. The motion died for lack of a second. A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to include this item in the funding from SERCO with a reduction of 5% of last year's budget and to amend the MOU.

The substitute motion was approved.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding for Lower Richland All Comers Track Meet in the amount of \$7,000) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to have this item included in the funding for SERCO and amend the MOU. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jackson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$7,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Malinowski	Pearce
Jackson	Hutchinson
Jeter	Livingston
Manning	Dickerson
Washington	Kennedy
	Smith

The motion failed.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding for Auntie Karen’s Emergency Kids Promotion in the amount of \$19,500) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to defer this item. A discussion took place.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Kennedy
Malinowski	Manning
Jackson	
Hutchinson	
Jeter	
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Washington	
Smith	

The motion for deferral was approved.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding for Lower Richland Diamond Day in the amount of \$20,000) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to have this item included in the funding for SERCO and amend the MOU. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward this request to the 2nd round of H-Tax funding and have it evaluated. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding for SCALES in the amount of \$120,000) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$120,000 for this item. The motion failed.

Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding Allocation at \$3,504,367) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding allocation as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Roads & Drainage: (Approve Funding Level at \$5,353,878) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve \$5,353,878 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mass Transit: (Approve Funding Level at \$2,800,000) – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$2,800,000 for this item. The vote was in favor.

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Emergency Telephone System: (Approve Funding Level at \$3,603,312) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded Mr. Pearce, to approve \$3,603,312 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Stormwater Management: (Approve Funding Level at \$3,078,642. No Millage Increase.) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$3,078,642 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Industrial Park: (Professional services to assist the County in governmental relations at both the federal and state level in the amount of \$60,000) – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$60,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Industrial Park: (Approve Funding Allocation; \$257,000) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the funding allocation as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Accommodations Tax: (Approve Funding Distribution) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the funding distribution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Accommodations Tax: (Approve Funding Level at \$550,000) – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$550,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: (Appropriate fund balance to add to the \$25,000 for the analysis of test program for Mitigation Bank; total \$175,000) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the appropriation of \$200,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: (Approve Funding Distribution) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the funding distribution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: (Approve Funding Allocation at \$692,000 at current mill rate.) – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$692,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: (Approve Funding Level at \$692,000 at current mill rate. Includes \$600,000 transfer to General Fund) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$692,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Temporary Alcohol Permit: (Approve Funding Level at \$98,935) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$98,935 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Tourism Development: (Approve Funding Level at \$900,000) – The item was approved unanimously.
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Probate Court Advertising: (Approve Funding Level at \$35,000) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$35,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Title IV-D Civil Process: (Approve Funding Level at \$55,000) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$55,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Solicitor Drug Court: (Approve Funding Level at \$57,000) – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$57,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Auditor and Treasurer: (Salary supplement in the amount of \$19,395 each, for a total of \$38,790) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$38,790 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Discretionary Grant: (Approve funding distribution in the amount of \$150,000) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the funding distribution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Outside Agencies: (Approve funding distribution in the amount of \$3,086,839) – Ms. Smith moved, seconded Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the funding distribution. The vote was in favor.

All Departments: (Amend budget based on current salary reports) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to defer this item. The vote was in favor.

General Fund—Use Of Fund Balance: (Appropriate designated fund balance of \$250,000 to fund system implementation) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$250,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

General Fund—Use of Fund Balance: (Cooperative Health Centers in the amount of \$300,000) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$300,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item. The vote was in favor.

All Departments: (Approve Multi-Year Capital Projects) – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

General Fund: (\$160,000 for the Hopkins Senior Center) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$160,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion to defer this for one year until the funding for the Capital Senior Center is reduced. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to appropriate \$500,000 to open five senior centers in St. Andrews, Blythewood, Ballentine and Forest Acres.

Mr. Manning requested to add Decker Boulevard.

Mr. Livingston requested to add Ridgewood.

Ms. Smith amended the motion to include Decker Boulevard and Ridgewood and appropriate \$700,000.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Manning, to defer this matter until 3rd Reading. The vote was in favor.

General Fund: (Remove \$350 from Council Services {Object Code 5278.06—Official Expense—Manning}) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to remove \$350 from his expense account.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to return Council's discretionary account to \$5,000 per year instead of \$7,000. The motion failed.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Jackson
Malinowski	Jeter
Hutchinson	Livingston
	Dickerson
	Manning
	Kennedy
	Washington
	Smith

The substitute motion failed.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
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Manning	
Kennedy	
Washington	
Smith	

The original motion was approved.

General Fund: (Balance the budget with no increase in the general fund millage rate by eliminating the recommended increase to the cap of the tax rate and using fund balance. This is estimated to require an additional \$3.5 million dollars from the unencumbered

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funds of the general fund balance – Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to request that the County Administrator present for consideration a proposed minimal tax increase budget. A discussion took place.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to table this item. The motion failed.

Ms. Smith moved to have the millage agencies to submit the impact of having a no-tax increase. The motion died for lack of a second.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Livingston
Malinowski	Dickerson
Jackson	Manning
Hutchinson	Kennedy
Jeter	Washington
Smith	

The original motion was approved.

General Fund: Total Budget (Approve Funding Level at \$134,150,158. Includes going to the millage cap.) – The item was approved unanimously.

Sheriff—Continuation of Administrative Fee: (Richland County hereby enacts the implementation of an Administrative Service Fee of up to \$10 per hour, to be collected by the Sheriff from parties who request special duty services, and which are authorized by the Sheriff for the duration of fiscal year 2009-2010 only. Funds collected by the Sheriff that are derived from the up to \$10 per house administrative fee for special duty services shall be deposited directly into a Sheriff Administrative Fee revenue account in the General Fund. This revenue will be to offset the cost of the additional use of petrol oil and lubricants, and for the cost of administrative management of special duty assignments. The Sheriff and the Finance Director will assess the status of fees collected through the Special Duty Program prior to the end of fiscal year 2010. All excess funds collected over cost shall reflect as a designation of fund balance and shall be brought forward in the following fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the Special Duty Program and associated fees shall be evaluated each year during the budget process.) – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sheriff—Access to Utilize Insurance Reimbursement Funds: (All funds collected by the sheriff's department as a cost reimbursement from employees shall be credited back to

the sheriff's budget and allowed to utilize for other operational cost – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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General Fund Revenue—Review an Annual Inflation Adjustment to County Fees Based on Change in Consumer Price Index (CPI): (All major County set fees for services shall be reviewed annually as part of the budget process to adjust for any warranted inflationary adjustment (CPI), but not in excess of market comparables. (Fees established by specific statute would not be covered by this policy.) The CPI adjustment shall be the same as that used for other budget adjustments. Both existing and proposed fee rates and annual revenue estimates shall be included as part of the departmental budget request by each respective department each budget cycle. Also, because of the intent to cover services provided by the cost to provide those services, as part of this annual review, each fee-based revenue shall be compared to its total cost {direct and indirect}). – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Budget Ordinance: (Approve Budget Ordinance as amended) – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve this item as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Millage Ordinance: (Approve Millage Ordinance as amended) – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:33 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Paul Livingston, Chair

Damon Jeter, Vice-Chair

Joyce Dickerson

Valerie Hutchinson

Norman Jackson

Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy

Bill Malinowski

Jim Manning

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Kit Smith

Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

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