

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 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 – Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Sparty Hammett, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Stephany Snowden, Jennifer Dowden, Tamara King, Larry Smith, Daniel Driggers, Kevin Etheridge, Lashedra Toole, Becky Knotts, Dan Johnson, David Hoops, Geo Price, Michael Byrd, Janet Claggett, Connellus Morgan, Staci Pritchard, Dan Kim, Dan Cole, Dale Welch, Kyle Holsclaw, Tiaa Rutherford, David Adams, Amelia Linder, Anna Almeida, James Hayes, Paul Brawley, Lillian McBride, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:08 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

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized Ms. Melinda Anderson, Former Councilman Mike Montgomery, Dr. Stephen Hefner, Mr. Chip Jackson, Stephanie Burgess, and Mr. Dan Neal.

Mr. Pearce recognized Dr. Sonny White.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: May 19, 2009 – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Special Called: May 26, 2009 – Mr. Malinowski asked that the minutes for Tourism Development on p. 8 of the minutes be corrected to include the maker and second of the motion. He also stated that the very first motion on p. 11 of the minutes needed to be corrected to state that the substitute motion was to request the County Administrator to present a budget that will be as close to a no-tax increase as possible.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the minutes as corrected.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Pope requested to add Palmetto Utilities and to amend Purchase of Property to Purchase of Properties under the Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items and to defer Employee Recognition under the Report of the County Administrator until the June 16th meeting.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The following items were potential Executive Session items:

- a. **Purchase of Properties**
- b. **Fire Contract**
- c. **Palmetto Utilities**

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Purchase of Properties – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

Fire Contract – This item was taken up during Executive Session.

Employee Recognition – This item was deferred until the June 16th Council meeting.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

No report was given.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

No report was given.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Mr. Livingston opened the floor to the following public hearings:

- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Hospitality Tax Budget to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to Historic Columbia for repairs to the Hampton-Preston House** – No one signed up to speak.

The public hearings were closed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- **Request to authorize the Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program (RCNIP) to proceed with six “pilot projects” in approved Neighborhood Master Planning Areas**
- **Council Motion (Washington): An ordinance of the County Council of Richland County, South Carolina, amending the zoning map of Unincorporated Richland County, South Carolina, to change the zoning designation for the real property described as TMS #11203-01-02 from RM-HD (Residential, Multi-Family—High Density District) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial District); and providing for severability and an effective date [TO BE FORWARDED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION]**
- **Request to approve purchase orders and contract renewals for the Emergency Services Department contingent upon approval of the FY2009-2010 Budget**
- **Request to release a parcel of property (0.13 acre) from the lease agreement between Richland County, the Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, Richland Memorial Hospital, and the Palmetto Health Alliance**

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the consent items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:20 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:38 p.m.
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- a. **Purchase of Properties** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to send the two properties to the appropriate committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Fire Contract** – No action taken.
- c. **Palmetto Utilities** – No action was taken.

THIRD READING ITEMS

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Hospitality Tax Budget to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to Historic Columbia for repairs to the Hampton Preston House – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item until the June 16th meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt a budget for Richland County, South Carolina for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 {This item was reconsidered at the June 16, 2009 meeting}:
The Auditor gave an update regarding the estimated millage cap numbers.

- **Richland School District One: (FY09 Appropriated \$168,828,800; Requested: Cap; Estimated Cap: \$176,862,315)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$176,778,915 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Richland School District Two: (FY09 Appropriated \$110,032,400; Requested: Cap; Estimated Cap: \$115,288,591)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve \$118,864,125 for this item. A discussion took place.

Ms. Dickerson withdrew her motion.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$115,332,991 for this item and that before the minutes are approved to attempt to resolve the differences in calculations.

Ms. Hutchinson made a 2nd substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve \$118,864,125 and that before the minutes are approved to attempt to resolve the differences in calculations. A discussion took place.

The 2nd substitute motion was approved.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to request that the Auditor meet with the School District financial staff and the County's financial staff along with the Assessor's Office to review the Excel spreadsheet program from last year and this year to review every property classification millage rate and any assumptions in carry forwards, revenue collections, etc. and review the final directive of Council in order to reconcile the two sets of numbers. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Recreation Commission: (Recreation Commission appropriation in excess of five mills is made with the following conditions; the appropriated fund use must include the continuation of the free after-school programs JUMPS, Fighting Back and Tutorial)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Recreation Commission: (FY09 Appropriated \$10,275,200; Requested: Cap; Estimated Cap: \$11,003,700)** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$10,570,840 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Midlands Technical College (MTC) Operating: (FY09 Appropriated \$4,142,300; Requested: Cap; Estimated Cap: \$4,338,600)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$4,175,250 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Midlands Technical College—Capital: (FY09 Appropriated \$1,287,000; Requested value of 1 mill; Estimated Cap: \$1,418,400)** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$1,364,833 for this item. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Midlands Technical College—Capital Debt Service: (FY09 Appropriated \$643,500; Requested value of .5 mill; Estimated Cap: \$709,200)** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$682,417 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Library: (FY09 Appropriated \$19,264,300; Requested: Cap; Estimated Cap: \$20,526,000)** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$19,579,500 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Riverbanks Zoo: (FY09 Appropriated \$1,868,100; Requested: \$1,939,630; Estimated Cap: \$1,894,200)** – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$1,868,100 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Mental Health: (FY09 Appropriated \$1,704,400; Requested: \$1,704,400; Estimated Cap: \$1,770,800)** – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,705,250 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Any agency that was required to submit an accountability of funds audit to Richland County for funding received last year and has not done so will not be considered for receiving funds in the next budget year. (The minimum dollar amount was established last year and will be in council meeting records)** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to accept the Administrator's recommendation to withhold the funds until the documents are received as required by ordinance. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Solid Waste: (Approve Solid Waste funding level at \$26,301,863. No millage increase.)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Airport Operations: (Approve Funding Level at \$614,356)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Utilities System: (Approve Funding Level at \$5,903,582)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Parking Garage: (Approve Funding Level at \$299,850)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Victim's Assistance: (Approve Funding Level at \$1,016,374—includes transfer from general fund of \$241,374)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the funding level. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Fire Service: (Approve Funding Level at \$18,548,804. Includes going to millage cap.)** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve the funding level. A discussion took place.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to fund this item at 5% less than last year's appropriation. A discussion took place.

The substitute motion failed.

The original motion was approved.

- **Hospitality Tax: (I noticed that SC State Museum Foundation requested \$40,000 and was awarded \$10,000. If the motion is to fund them \$250 for the next four year is passed it is possible for the SC Philharmonic be awarded at least \$5,000 to stay within the budget?)** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to table this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Hospitality Tax: (Approve funding for Auntie Karen’s Emergency Kids Promotion in the amount of \$19,500)** – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to table this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Hospitality Tax: (Fund Capital City Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board at \$56,162 more than the \$24,588 adopted at 2nd Reading)** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve an additional \$56,162 from the Hospitality Tax fund balance for Capital City Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

- **Hospitality Tax: (Suspend action on adding any further agencies to the H-Tax ordinance until the 2-year suspension of the 1 cent reduction of H-Tax ordinance has been completed)** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Pearce	Jackson
Malinowski	Manning
Hutchinson	Kennedy
Jeter	Washington
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Smith	

The vote was in favor.

- **Hospitality Tax: (Appropriate \$100,000 in Hospitality Tax funding for use by the Richland County Office of Public Information for marketing and promotion of tourist-related activities in unincorporated Richland County. Richland County staff would present a comprehensive promotion plan by October of 2009)** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to appropriate \$100,000 for the Public Information Office for marketing and promotion of tourist-related activities in unincorporated Richland County contingent upon approval of a comprehensive promotion plan. A discussion took place.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to call for the question. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote was in favor.

- **Hospitality Tax: (To appropriate \$200,000 to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention and Visitor's Bureau from undesignated Hospitality Tax Funds)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$200,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Hospitality Tax: (Suspend rules regarding distribution percentage in Hospitality Tax Ordinance)** – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to call for the question. The vote was in favor.

The vote was in favor of suspending the rules regarding the distribution of funds.

- **Hospitality Tax: (Approve Funding Allocation at \$4,323,383)** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the funding allocation at \$4,779,545. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council took a short recess

- **Roads & Drainage: (Approve Funding Level at \$5,353,878)** – This item was approved unanimously.
- **Mass Transit: (Approve Funding Level at \$2,800,000)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$2,800,000 for this item. The vote was in favor.
- **Emergency Telephone System: (Approve Funding Level at \$3,603,312)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, 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.)** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$3,062,900 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Industrial Park: (Approve Funding Allocation at \$317,000)** – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$317,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Accommodations Tax: (Approve Funding Level at \$550,000)** – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$550,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Conservation Commission: (Approve Funding Allocation at \$867,000 at current mill rate.)** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$867,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Neighborhood Redevelopment: (Approve Funding Level at \$692,000 and current mill rate. Includes \$600,000 transfer to General Fund)** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$692,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Temporary Alcohol Permit: (Approve Funding Level at \$98,935)** – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve \$98,935 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Tourism Development: (Approve Funding Level at \$900,000)** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$900,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Probate Court Advertising: (Approve Funding Level at \$35,000)** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$35,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Title IV-D Civil Process (Approve Funding Level at \$55,000)** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$55,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Solicitor Drug Court: (Approve Funding Level at \$57,000)** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve \$57,000 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Sheriff Operating Budget: (Approve the rank structure plan)** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **All Departments: (Amend budget based on current salary reports in the amount of -\$69,388)** – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **General Fund—Use of Fund Balance: (Cooperative Health Centers in the amount of \$300,000)** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to deny this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **All Departments: (Approve Multi-Year Capital Projects)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **\$90,000 for the Hopkins Senior Center** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$90,000 for this item.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Jackson	Pearce
Jeter	Malinowski
Kennedy	Hutchinson
Washington	Livingston
	Dickerson
	Manning
	Smith

The motion failed.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Motion (Manning): An ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Section 26-180, Signs; so as to allow legal nonconforming off-premise signs in commercial, manufacturing, and industrial zoning districts to be replaced by surface area digital signs – Mr.

Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve this item.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item until the June 16th Council meeting.

Mr. Jeter offered a friendly amendment to give First Reading approval and send to the Planning Commission. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

Mr. Livingston made a 2nd substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to send this item to the Planning Commission and then bring it back for First Reading.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Pearce	Jackson
Malinowski	Jeter
Hutchinson	Dickerson
Livingston	Manning
Smith	Kennedy
	Washington

The 2nd substitute motion failed.

The substitute motion failed.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Jackson	Pearce
Jeter	Malinowski
Livingston	Hutchinson
Dickerson	Smith
Manning	
Kennedy	
Washington	

The motion for First Reading approval and forwarding to the Planning Commission was in favor.

Council Motion (Washington): An ordinance amending the 2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan for the rural portions of the Lower Richland Area by incorporating the study prepared by the Center for Social Inclusion, entitled “Growing Together: Thriving People for a Thriving Columbia” into the Plan – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Motion (Jackson): Request to delay the 2009 countywide reassessment for a period of one year – The committee recommended denial. The vote was in favor of denial.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- I. **NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**
 - a. **Building Codes Board—3** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended that staff advertise for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
 - b. **Employee Grievance Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended that staff advertise for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
 - c. **Planning Commission—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended that staff advertise for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Mr. James B. Blackwell and Mr. Daniel R. Wilson. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Building Codes Board of Adjustments & Appeals—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Mr. E. Ralph Walden. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Employee Grievance Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Mr. William T. Young and to re-advertised for the remaining vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Historic Columbia Foundation—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote was in favor.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded Mr. Washington, to reconsider this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to re-appoint Mr. John W. Cullum. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- e. **Internal Audit Committee—1** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- f. **Richland County/City of Columbia Animal Care Advisory Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended appointing Ms. Louise C. Emmott and Mr. Edwin Shawn Sorrell.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to vote on the applicants individually. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jackson made a 2nd substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Manning, to defer this item.

The 2nd substitute motion failed.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Jeter	Pearce
Livingston	Malinowski
Dickerson	Jackson
Manning	Smith
Kennedy	
Washington	

The motion for voting on the applicants individually was approved.

Anderson: Manning

Butt: Jeter, Livingston, Dickerson, Manning

Cahoon: None.

Emott: Pearce, Malinowski, Jackson, Hutchinson, Washington, and Smith

Sorrell: Pearce, Malinowski, Jackson, Hutchinson, Jeter, Smith

Wilson: Livingston, Dickerson, Kennedy, Washington

Mr. Sorrell and Ms. Emmott were appointed.

- III. **Council Individual Discretionary Accounts** – This item was held in committee.
- IV. **Revised Application** – This item was held in committee.

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

MOTION PERIOD

A motion for a resolution to name the bridge crossing Cabin Creek off Clarkson Road in Lower Richland the Candacy-Darcel Sanders Bridge Crossing [JACKSON]

– Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt a resolution naming the bridge crossing Cabin Creek off Clarkson Road the Candacy-Darcel Sanders Bridge Crossing. A discussion took place.

Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to call for the question. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The motion to adopt the resolution failed and therefore, was referred to the D&S Committee.

A motion to request that the Chair of County Council re-establish a Transportation Ad Hoc Committee; that the purpose of the committee shall be to consider long-term funding options for the continuation of transit service in Richland County beyond June 30, 2011; that the committee may also consider additional transportation needs, including, but not limited to: road and intersection improvements, dirt road paving, local road resurfacing, sidewalks, greenways, and bike lanes; that the committee shall include at least three members of Richland County Council; that the Chair of County Council may invite the Mayor of Columbia to appoint up to three members to serve on behalf of Columbia City Council; that the committee shall make regular reports to the council as a whole; and that the committee shall bring its final recommendations to the full council no later than April 30, 2010 [JETER, DICKERSON, HUTCHINSON] – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

Motion to remove the following item from the A&F Committee (9/26/08) and present it to the full body of Council: to request to approve salary adjustments to the Board of Voter Registration Office for 4 Full-Time appoint Board Members and 1 Full-Time appointed Chairperson – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward to A&F Committee the review of the Treasurer, Magistrates, Voter's Registration, Election Commission and Assessor's Office pay increase policy.

Mr. Livingston withdrew his motion.

Mr. Washington withdrew his motion.

To forward to the A&F Committee the review of salary requests from the Treasurer, Magistrates, and Voter's Registration [LIVINGSTON] – Mr. Livingston referred this item to the A&F Committee.

To remove from D&S Committee and present to full Council supported by Councilman Malinowski and Councilwoman Kennedy the funding of Alternate Paving with \$2 million from Road Maintenance Fee and \$1 million from the CTC a bond to fund paving roads in three years max. Starting in 2009. [JACKSON, MALINOWSKI, KENNEDY] – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to use \$2 million from the Road Maintenance Fee and \$1 million from the CTC for a maximum of three years to fund the paving of road with the Alternative Paving program. A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item until the 1st Council meeting in July in order to obtain additional information.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Hutchinson	Jackson
Livingston	Jeter
Dickerson	Kennedy
Manning	Washington
Smith	

The vote was in favor of deferral.

- **The Administrator is requested to present changes to his recommended budget that would not include a tax increase in the General Fund or as close as possible** – Mr. Pope’s recommended reductions in the following: Advertising, Medical Supplies, Prisoner Clothing, Temporary Employees, 6 month vacancy factor, Uniforms, Capital, Diet, Part-time, Professional Services, and GASB.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to accept the County Administrator’s report as information. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved to take \$250,000 out of Capital.

The motion died for lack of a second.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Transfer Floodplain Coordinator position and associated salary and benefits (\$40,203) from Planning to Public Works—Engineering** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Voter Registration Office: (In the past, Board Members have not been compensated equally to the Richland County’s Pay and Classification Plan or salaries adjustment. Board Members were overlooked each time a Pay and Classification Plan study was commissioned by the County. There were two county salary adjustments (1997 and 2006) and at both times Board Members were omitted. The previous Board Chairperson submitted a request to the County Administrator for salary adjustment in September 1998 and the current Board Chairperson submitted a request in June 2006 but to no avail. There has not been any favorable action taken on this matter to ensure a competitive salary adjustment—Total \$125,000)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$125,000 for this

item by reducing Professional Services or by increasing the employee vacancy factor by one month.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to refer this item to the A&F Committee.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Pearce	Jackson
Malinowski	Manning
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Jeter	Washington
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Smith	

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

- **Office of Veterans Affairs/County Transportation Committee: (This office has not been included in the County Computer Upgrade Program. Funds will be used to replace computers, printers and furniture in this office. The computers are 10 years old and not able to support necessary software upgrades. The furniture is over 15 years old and in need of replacing— Total \$15,000)** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve \$15,000 for this item by reducing Professional Services or by increasing the employee vacancy factor.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$15,000 from the General Fund balance. A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a 2nd substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to direct the County Administrator to make a recommendation within the next two weeks. The vote was in favor.

- **The Columbia Urban League: (Under the current state of affairs, the Urban League’s ability to serve its consumers who are mostly between the ages of 16 and 19 and live in single parent homes has been adversely impacted. Additionally, this group is classified as the “working poor.” A sterling example of how such budget cuts are impacting the people who receive services is the drastic drop in the number of student intern job placements. During the same period in 2008, the Urban League had placed 100 student interns and to date, only 5 interns have been hired for jobs. In another program that serves a vulnerable population, foster care youth—the Urban League has experienced a 25% reduction in its programmatic budget. Without the continued financial support from Richland County and other funders—many youth who count on the Columbia Urban League to provide them with summer employment and other opportunities will be turned**

away—Total 25,000) – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$25,000 for this item by reducing Professional Services or by increasing the employee vacancy factor. A discussion took place.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$25,000 out of the General Fund balance.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to call for the question. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The substitute motion failed.

The original motion failed.

- **The Auntie Karen Foundation: (Create an Emergency Preparedness TV segment and training curriculum for Pre K-2nd grade students, train current emergency management personnel to spread the information to child care providers. (DSS requires child care providers to have fifteen hours of early child care education annually). The campaign, designed for Pre K to 2nd grade students, will have a special emphasis for four year olds in childcare. This underserved community needed help. The current information is not reaching this population. Auntie Karen's original cartoon characters will be used to teach emergency preparedness concepts. Olivia the Octopus will be the most visible character—Total 20,000)** – Mr. Washington moved, to approve \$20,000 for this item by reducing Professional Services or by increasing the employee vacancy factor.

The motion died for lack of a second.

- **To provide authority to the County Administrator to transfer up to \$100,000 between all general fund direct report budgets** – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the transfer of \$100,000 between general fund direct report budgets. The vote was in favor.
- **To amend the budget to encumber \$5 million of Hospitality Tax Fund Balance for the Richland County Regional Sports Complex and to develop an implementation schedule** – Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to encumber \$5,000,000 for this item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Jeter made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item.

Mr. Jeter withdrew his deferral to allow discussion.

Mr. Livingston made a 2nd substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to encumber \$3,000,000 for this item.

Ms. Smith made a subsidiary motion, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to table the 2nd substitute motion. The motion to table was approved.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Malinowski	Pearce
Jackson	Hutchinson
Jeter	Dickerson
Livingston	Manning
	Kennedy
	Washington
	Smith

The motion for deferral failed.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Hutchinson	Jackson
Dickerson	Hutchinson
Manning	Jeter
Kennedy	Livingston
Washington	
Smith	

The motion to encumber \$5,000,000 was approved.

- **To amend the budget to encumber \$5,000,000 of Hospitality Tax for the Lower Richland Regional Community Complex and develop an implementation schedule, land and facility** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to encumber \$1,300,000 for this item.

Mr. Manning called for the question. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Jackson	Pearce
Jeter	Malinowski
Kennedy	Hutchinson
Washington	Livingston
	Dickerson
	Manning
	Smith

The motion to encumber \$1,300,000 failed.

- **Total Budget: (Approve funding level at \$134,779,972; includes going to the millage cap and using \$3,129,814 of GF Fund Balance and \$600,000 of Fund Balance from Neighborhood Redevelopment)** – Mr. Malinowski moved,

seconded by Mr. Jackson, to eliminate from the Administrator's report of additional reductions \$660,000 for GASB; \$282,000 for EMS Horrell Hill/Elders Pond Station; \$250,000 from Capital Projects; and \$15,000 from Medical Supplies, along with the asterisk on the additional vacancy factor to give the authority to the Administrator to deal with emergency situations as they arise the budget would be reduced by \$1.79 million.

Mr. Jeter requested the following amendment: to eliminate the additional reduction of \$525,000 from the employee vacancy factor.

The motion to delete \$1,268,000 million was approved.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve the General Fund Funding Level at \$133,442,584. A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

- **Budget Ordinance: (Approve Budget Ordinance as amended)** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Clinch Minutes** – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:22 a.m.

Paul Livingston, Chair

Damon Jeter, Vice-Chair

Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy

Joyce Dickerson

Valerie Hutchinson

Norman Jackson

Bill Malinowski

Jim Manning

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

Kit Smith

Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

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