

# MINUTES OF



## RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006 6:00 p.m.

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Anthony G. Mizzell
Vice Chair	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Joseph McEachern
Member	Mike Montgomery
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Kit Smith
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Absent	Doris Corley

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Michelle Cannon-Finch, Tony McDonald, Joe Cronin, Roxanne Matthews, Larry Smith, Brad Farrar, Amelia Linder, Donny Phipps, Michael Criss, Geo Price, Chief Harrell, Rodolfo Callwood, Monique Walters, Daniel Driggers, Stephany Snowden, Audrey Shifflett

### 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

## PRESENTATION

**Mr. Marvin Bryant, Founder, Parents of Murdered Children (P.O.M.C.)**—Mr. McEachern and Ms. Dickerson presented Mr. Marvin Bryant with a resolution for his support of Parents of Murdered Children.

**Ms. Becky Bailey, Chair, Richland County Conservation Commission**—Ms. Bailey was unable to attend.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to move the Executive Session items after the last Citizen's Input and approve the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Session: February 7, 2006** – Ms. Finch noted that on page 9 under Arthurtown Construction Contract it should read: "and award the contract to Kirven Construction". Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Joint County/City Meeting Update**—Mr. McDonald stated that Mr. Pope had sent an e-mail regarding his interpretation of the joint county/city meeting that was held. Mr. Pope would like confirmation from Council that his interpretation was correct.

## REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

**Education Summit—Clarion Hotel, February 22, 2006, 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.**—Ms. Finch wanted to remind Council of the Education Summit at the Clarion Hotel.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

No report was given at this time.

## PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- **Approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Approval of Floodplain Management Permits for Development or Construction Within a Portion of the Congaree River Flood Plain**—No one signed up to speak.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the following consent items:

- **05-103MA, Stan Mack, RU to GC (1.6 acres), General Commercial, 03300-03-16, Broad River Road near Dutch Fork Road [Third Reading]**
- **05-108MA, Gregg Douglas, RU to PDD (67 acres), Single Family Detached Subdivision, 14800-04-25/32/34/14/15/31/13, South Side of Marthan Road [Third Reading]**
- **05-109MA, Mamie Hudson & Mary Jacobs, GC to RS-E, Construct a Single Family Residence, 17500-02-14, Farrow Road north of Clemson Road [Third Reading]**
- **05-111MA, Nick Leventis, RU to PDD, Construct a Mixed Use Development, 21900-06-14, NE Quad of Lower Richland Blvd./Rabbit Run [Third Reading]**
- **Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Hospitality Tax Budget to Add Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for Township Operations [Second Reading]**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

### THIRD READING ITEMS

**Approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Approval of Floodplain Management Permits for Development or Construction Within a Portion of the Congaree River Flood Plain**—Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

**Establishment of a Bond Review Committee**—A discussion took place.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to amend the membership terms and have the County Auditor and County Treasurer serve ex officio as voting members of the committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### SECOND READING ITEM

**05-114MA, Joe Clark, RU to RS-MD, Single Family Detached Subdivision, 01506-01-06, SW Quad of Three Dog Rd. & Dutch Fork Rd.** – Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

#### I. Notification of Vacancies on Boards, Commissions and Committees

**Employee Grievance Committee-1** – Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended for staff to advertise the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### II. Notification of Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

**Accommodations Tax Committee-3** – Mr. McEachern stated that there were two applicants at this time. Committee's recommendation was to appoint the two applicants and keep the other position open until filled.

**Employee Grievance Committee-1**—Mr. McEachern stated that there is one vacancy and three applicants.

Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Pearce, and Ms. Hutchinson voted in favor of Mr. Anthony S. Christiano.

Mr. McEachern, Mr. Jeter, Mr. Mizzell, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Scott and Ms. Dickerson voted in favor of Ms. Betty A. Etheredge.

Ms. Smith voted in favor of Ms. Deborah Jordan.

Ms. Betty A. Etheredge was appointed.

**Midlands Workforce Development Board-3**—Mr. McEachern requested that Council approve the committee's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**Irvin A. Branham**—Ms. Hutchinson moved for approval, seconded by Mr. McEachern. A discussion took place. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Project Unity**—Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended deferral of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Project Chicago**—Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended deferral of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Northpoint Industrial Park**—No action was taken on this item.

**Small Business Incentives**—No action was taken on this item.

**Kolorpro Proposal**—No action was taken on this item.

#### **APPLICATION FOR LOCATING A COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF RICHLAND COUNTY**

**Karen (or) Ebony Thompson, 323 Nelson Road, Columbia, SC 29203**—Mr. McEachern moved to table this item until staff can provide proper information, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **MEDICAL CONTRACT (ASGDC)**

Mr. McDonald briefed Council on this item. A discussion took place. Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to have the County Administrator move forward with the negotiations and to have someone appointed to the committee with a mental health background. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:47 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:16 p.m.**  
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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- a. **Pending Litigation: Solid Waste**—No action taken.
- b. **Pending Litigation: Detention Center**—No action taken.

**MOTION PERIOD**

**Tax Bill**—Mr. McEachern directed the County Attorney and County Treasurer to investigate the fee versus tax and bring back a report to the A&F Committee.

**Farmer's Market**—Mr. Jeter requested that staff provide an update on the firm assisting in the construction of the vendor's facilities and the federal funding that was to be secured through a consultant. This information can be brought back to the D&S Committee or full Council.

**Resolution for Neighborhood Connections**—Ms. Smith moved to adopt a resolution without reference for Neighborhood Connections. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**International Downtown Improvement District Association**--Mr. Mizzell moved to direct the County Administrator to use \$10,000 of unallocated Hospitality Tax money to sponsor this item. A discussion took place. The item was forwarded to the A&F Committee.

**Front Yard Vehicle Parking and Unlicensed Cars**—Ms. Hutchinson directed staff to review the ordinances on parking vehicles in front yards and on unlicensed cars. Ms. Hutchinson asked that staff bring back a recommendation to the D&S Committee. A discussion took place.

**Satellite Dishes on Front Lawns**—Ms. Dickerson forwarded this item to the D&S Committee.

**Signage Ordinance**—Ms. Hutchinson directed staff to review the signage ordinance and forward their recommendation to the D&S Committee. A discussion took place.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:34 p.m.

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