

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA



### DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 22, 2015  
5:00 PM  
County Council Chambers

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dixon called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Session: July 28, 2015** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to reconsider the adoption of the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to move #10: “Motion to Name Courtroom 2b in the Judicial Center the Ada Harper James Courtroom” to an action item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ITEMS FOR ACTION

**Motion to request Legal Department assess potential liability of permitting human occupied watercraft at Pinewood Lake** – Mr. McDonald stated this item was a request to review the potential liability of permitting watercraft on the Pinewood Lake property.

Mr. Smith stated a memorandum was forwarded to the committee under separate cover since it is client/attorney privileged information; therefore this item should be taken up in Executive Session.

Mr. McDonald suggested deferring Executive Session on this item until the Council meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Council Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair  
District Nine

Bill Malinowski  
District One

Seth Rose  
District Five

Norman Jackson  
District Eleven

#### Others Present:

Tony McDonald  
Sparty Hammett  
Warren Harley  
Brandon Madden  
Michelle Onley  
Larry Smith  
Amelia Linder  
Roxanne Ancheta  
Chad Fosnight  
Ismail Ozbek  
Daniel Driggers  
Monique McDaniels  
Nancy Stone-Collum  
Kim Roberts

Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward to Council without a recommendation. The vote was in favor.

**Department of Public Works: Private Pond Policy** – Mr. McDonald stated this item is to tighten the regulations on private ponds and place some of the financial responsibility for maintaining these ponds on the pond owners.

Ms. Williams stated the County will maintain the infrastructure associated with the lakes, detention and/or retention ponds (i.e. the pipes, the spillways, and hardware), but have the owner/HOA to maintain the aesthetics, landscaping and litter control.

Mr. Malinowski requested a redlined version of the policy in the Council agenda. In addition, Mr. Malinowski requested a definition of an “established home or pond owner’s association”, “perpetual maintenance” and clarification of the definition for “Waters of the state”.

Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to create a streamlined matrix for evaluating if the County will assist with the maintenance of private owned lakes and dry detention basins. When a privately owned lake meets criteria for maintenance, the County will be guaranteed a 50% cost match by the lake owner. The vote in favor was unanimous with Mr. Malinowski recusing himself from the vote.

**Conservation Department: Conservation Easement on Back Swamp Road** – Mr. McDonald stated this is a request from the Conservation Commission to authorize them to purchase an easement for conservation purposes on Back Swamp Road.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to place a conservation easement on 251 acres of wetlands and high ground on Back Swamp Road thus preserving in perpetuity water quality protection for Myers Creek, public trail access, and high quality wildlife habitat. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Update on the Curbside Recycling Trends Associated with the County’s New Recycling Roll Cart Program** – Mr. McDonald stated Councilman Rose made a motion to place stickers on the recycling roll carts to inform the citizens of what is recyclable in the hopes of increasing participation in the program. Council decided to monitor the recycling program and not place the stickers on the roll carts. After a six month evaluation, Solid Waste was to report back to committee on the success of the recycling program.

Mr. Curtis stated the Solid Waste department has developed videos and placed them on the internet, produced a “Talking Trash” booklet, and is exploring new software to assist in communication with the citizens.

**Motion to Name Courtroom 2b in the Judicial Center the Ada Harper James Courtroom** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve this item.

Mr. Smith stated the Clerk of Court is legally in charge of the courthouse; therefore, there may need to be some communication with the Clerk of Court as to what this body would like to do.

Mr. Malinowski requested a legal opinion regarding the matter before moving forward.

The vote was in favor of forwarding this item to Council.

### ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

**Motion to Remedy the Issue of Developers Who Do Not Fulfill Their Obligations** – This item was held in committee.

**Motion to Pursue the Closure of Businesses Operating Without a Richland County Business License** – This item was held in committee.

**Motion to Explore all Options for Providing County Assistance with a Public Housing Project** – This item was held in committee.

**Comprehensive Youth Program** – This item was held in committee.

**Fund and/or seek a partnership with SCE&G to plant indigenous flowers and plants along transmission line corridors in Richland County** – This item was held in committee.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:51 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council