

MINUTES OF RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 7, 2014 6:00 PM

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

| Chair | Norman Jackson |
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| Vice Chair | Joyce Dickerson |
| Member | Julie-Ann Dixon |
| Member | Damon Jeter |
| Member | Paul Livingston |
| Member | Bill Malinowski |
| Member | Jim Manning |
| Member | Greg Pearce |
| Member | Seth Rose |
| Member | Torrey Rush |
| Member | Kelvin E. Washington, Sr. |

OTHERS PRESENT – Tony McDonald, Roxanne Ancheta, Sparty Hammett, Warren Harley, Brad Farrar, Amelia Linder, Geo Price, Beverly Harris, Rob Perry, Sara Salley, Tracy Hegler, John Hixon, Dale Welch, Justine Jones, Chad Fosnight, Tige Watts, Chris Gossett, 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 Bill Malinowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Bill Malinowski

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Washington thanked his colleagues and staff for their support during his tenure as Chair.

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ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to nominate Mr. Jackson for the position of Council Chair.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to close the floor for nominations and appoint Mr. Jackson to the position of Council Chair by acclamation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to nominate Mr. Malinowski for the position of Vice Chair.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to nominate Ms. Dickerson for the position of Vice Chair.

Mr. Rose made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to nominate Mr. Rush for the position of Vice Chair.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to close the floor for nominations. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Pearce, and Mr. Jeter voted for Mr. Malinowski.

Ms. Dixon, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Washington, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Dickerson and Mr. Manning voted for Ms. Dickerson.

Mr. Rose and Mr. Rush voted for Mr. Rush.

Ms. Dickerson was appointed as Vice Chair.

SELECTION OF SEATS

Mr. Washington 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.)

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The seats were selected from left to right as follows:

- 1. Pearce
- 2. Malinowski
- 3. Rose
- 4. Dixon
- 5. Dickerson
- 6. Jackson
- 7. Livingston
- 8. Washington
- 9. Rush
- 10. Manning
- 11. Jeter

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Jackson thanked his colleagues for electing him to the position of Council Chair.

Ms. Dickerson also thanked her colleagues for electing her as Vice Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Called: December 17, 2013 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Public Hearing: December 17, 2013 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to add a motion requesting the Association of Counties to draft an Amicus Brief on behalf of County Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Farrar stated that the following item was a potential Executive Session Item:

a. Program Development Team Selection

CITIZENS INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

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REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award -- Mr. McDonald stated the County received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 19th consecutive year.
- b. Audrey Nelson Award CDBG/Transitions Mr. McDonald stated that the County received the Audrey Nelson Award for CDBG Programs. The award will be accepted by Richland County, Lexington County and the City of Columbia in Washington, DC later this month.
- **c.** Internal Audit Update Mr. McDonald stated the Build Your City program has been engaged to conduct the audit beginning January 15th.
- d. Staffing Update Mr. McDonald stated that Ms. Justine Jones has accepted a new role working with the Procurement Department managing and monitoring the SLBE/DBE Program.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

a. Retreat Update – Ms. Onley stated that the Council Retreat will be held January 23rd and 24th. The First Session is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 23rd at 8:30 a.m. Hotel reservations have been made for Wednesday, January 22nd and Thursday, January 23rd. The check-in time is 3:00 PM.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report was given.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Fairfield County, South Carolina, to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain real property located in Richland County; and other related matters – No one signed up to speak.
- An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Hospitality Tax Budget to appropriate \$50,000 of Hospitality Tax Unassigned Fund Balance for the Famously Hot New Year's Celebration No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

• Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Fairfield County, South Carolina, to expand the boundaries of the park to include

certain real property located in Richland County; and other related matters [THIRD READING]

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve the consent item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

THIRD READING

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Hospitality Tax Budget to appropriate \$50,000 of Hospitality Tax Unassigned Fund Balance for the Famously Hot New Year's Celebration – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to reconsider this item. The motion failed.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

a. Program Development Team Selection - This item was taken up in Executive Session.

<u>Utilities RFP Update</u> – Mr. McDonald stated that Oasis Consulting from Roswell, Georgia was selected to assist with analyzing privatization vs. selling of Utilities System. The contact is for a total of \$67,300 for their services. A discussion took place.

Solid Waste Contracts - Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

CITIZENS' INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

_____ Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:45 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:35 p.m. _____

a. **Program Development Team Selection** – Mr. Farrar reviewed the procedure for voting on the Program Development Teams.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to proceed with the process delineated by Mr. Farrar. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ROUND 1:

Team Baker – No votes

Team ENVIRO - No votes

Team Kahn – Mr. Livingston and Mr. Dickerson

Team CECS – Mr. Rose, Ms. Dixon, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Washington and Mr. Rush

Team ICA – Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Manning and Mr. Jeter

ROUND 2:

Team Kahn – No votes

Team CECS – Mr. Rose, Ms. Dixon, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Rush

Team ICA – Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Pearce, Ms. Dickerson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Washington, Mr. Manning and Mr. Jeter.

Team ICA was selected as the Program Development Team.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to reconsider that item. The motion failed.

MOTION PERIOD

- a. Resolution Honoring the USC Football team on their 3rd consecutive 11 win season, the MVP Connor Shaw and Jadeveon Clowney for his contribution to USC, the City, County and State [JACKSON, MALINOWSKI AND JETER] Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt a resolution honoring the USC Football team, Connor Shaw and Jadeveon Clowney. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. Request SCAC to file an Americus Brief regarding the Green Diamond Lawsuit on <u>behalf of County Council [PEARCE]</u> – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to request the SCAC to file an Americus Brief on behalf of County Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

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| The minutes were transcribed by Michelle | M. Onley |