



Richland County Council

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
August 1, 2019 – 5:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Chair; Dalhi Myers, Calvin “Chip” Jackson, Gwen Kennedy, Bill Malinowski, Jim Manning (via telephone), Yvonne McBride, Chakisse Newton, Allison Terracio, and Joe Walker

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Kim Williams-Roberts, Donny Phipps, Ashiya Myers, Larry Smith, Ashley Powell, Leonardo Brown, Pam Davis, Brad Farrar and Geo Price

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM.
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – The agenda was adopted unanimously.

In Favor: Terracio, Malinowski, Jackson, Newton, Myers, Walker, Livingston and Manning

Present but Not Voting: Kennedy

3. **APPEAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE REVOCATION: LAROICE, LLC** – Mr. Smith stated his office has been informed by the parties involved in this matter: the Sheriff’s Office, the Business Service Center Director and the County Administrator, that they have a proposed resolution to this issue they would like for Council to entertain, and put on the record. It is his understanding that this agreement will subsequently be reduced to writing.

Major Polis stated he has spoken with Taylor Bell, who is representing the owners of Laroice. They have agreed that Laroice has willing to surrender their business license and all alcohol licenses to the DOR and Business Service Center. They will also put in writing that Laroice, LLC has been dissolved, and will close permanently. The Sheriff’s Office believe this is an effective measure to the problems they have been having at Laroice.

Mr. Bell stated he is in agreement with Major Polis. He requested that this be held in abeyance until it can be reduced to writing.

Major Polis stated for the record the padlocks will stay in place until they receive written confirmation, and all obligations have been met.

Mr. Malinowski stated, in the ordinance, it states that in all cases of emergency abatement, regardless of any determination pursuant to Subsection 3, “there shall be an automatic review of the License Official’s determination by the Richland County County Council (“Council”) within seven (7) calendar days of that determination, or as soon thereafter as is practical, without the need for any party to request such review.” Based upon that, are we allowed to accept such a compromise.

Mr. Smith stated he believes the review can be in whatever form you elect for it to be in. He does not think that it is required that you necessarily have to go through all of the information that has been presented, if, in

fact, the parties themselves have indicated they have come to an amenable resolution, that also achieves the goal and purpose of the ordinance, which is the abatement of the nuisance.

Ms. McBride inquired if this review fulfills the requirements of ordinance.

Mr. Smith stated, at this point, what Mr. Bell has requested is a continuance of the matter. It does not necessarily mean there will not be a review. He has requested a continuance to allow them to take the agreement, that they have put on the record, and put it in writing. At that point, Council can review that, if they wish, to determine that it has met the purpose and intent of the ordinance, which is to abate the nuisance.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve a continuance of this matter, pending the Richland County Sheriff's Department coordinating with the County Administrator to bring this back to Council after all of the discussions have taken place.

In Favor: Terracio, Malinowski, Jackson, Newton, Myers, Kennedy, Walker, Livingston and McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:09 PM