

Richland County Council

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING September 12, 2017 – 6:00 PM Richland Library – Main Branch 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Dickerson, Chair; Bill Malinowski, Vice Chair; Calvin "Chip" Jackson; Norman Jackson, Gwendolyn Davis-Kennedy; Paul Livingston; Jim Manning; Yvonne McBride; Dalhi Myers; Greg Pearce; and Seth Rose

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerald Seals, Brandon Madden, Jamelle Ellis, Tracy Hegler, Beverly Harris, Sandra Yudice, Tony Edwards, Michelle Onley, Jeff Ruble, Roger Sears, James Hayes, Larry Smith, Ismail Ozbek, Pam Davis, Stacey Hamm, David Bowser, Lillian McBride, and Kimberly Williams-Roberts

CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Dickerson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION – The invocation was led by the Honorable Jim Manning.

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Jim Manning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. <u>Special Called Meeting: July 25, 2017</u> – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the minutes as distributed.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to reconsider the "Contractual Matter with the City of Columbia" (p. 8 of July 25, 2017 minutes). The vote was in favor of reconsideration.

The vote was in favor of approving the minutes.

<u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u> – Mr. Pearce stated Item 18: Report of the Blue Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee needs to be deferred due to the Blue Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee meeting notice not being properly published.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION – Mr. Manning inquired if the items forwarded from the Blue Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee were properly advertised for the Special Called meeting and if anything is time sensitive.

Mr. Livingston stated if the items did not go through the committee process it simply means there is not a committee recommendation, but full Council should be able to take action.

Mr. Smith stated the items were placed on the agenda through the committee process. It is his understanding that none of the items are time sensitive. Therefore, it is his recommendation to defer action on those items until another Blue Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee meeting can be held.

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

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Smith stated the following items are potential Executive Session items:

- a. Business Service Center Appeals Board Appeals
- b. Pending Litigation Update
- c. Property Acquisition
- d. Item #17(b): An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$_____ General Obligation Bond, Series 2018A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County; fixing the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto
- e. Contractual Matter with the City of Columbia
- f. Item 17(a): Atlas Road Widening Project: Right-of-Way Acquisition

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:14 PM and came out at approximately 6:44 PM.

d. Item #17(b): An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$ General Obligation Bond, Series 2018A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County; fixing the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, to accept this item as information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>CITIZENS' INPUT</u> – No one signed up to speak.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. <u>Property Acquisition</u> This item was taken up in Executive Session.
- b. <u>Update: EMS Department</u> Mr. Seals stated this was handled with Council's assistance with the matter of the County's health insurance.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

- a. <u>REMINDER: Joint County/City Council Meeting, September 19th, 6:00 PM, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center</u> Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming Joint County/City Council meeting on September 19th.
- b. <u>REMINDER: Columbia Chamber's 115th Annual Gala, September 28th, 6:00 9:00 PM, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming Columbia Chamber of Commerce's Annual Gala. If Councilmembers wish to purchase tickets they should contact the Clerk's Office for assistance.</u>

- c. <u>Potential Council Retreat Locations</u> Ms. Onley stated that Ms. Roberts has been working on potential locations for the upcoming 2018 Council Retreat. Councilmembers were encouraged to contact the Clerk's Office if they would like to suggest a location. Action on this item will be taken at a future Council meeting.
 - 1. Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort: January 25 26
 - 2. Embassy Suites Charleston Airport Location: January 25 26
 - 3. Clemson University (Madren Center Conference Center & Inn): January 18 19
 - 4. Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Waterfront: January 18 19
 - 5. Recreation Commission Adult Activity Center (Malinowski)
- d. <u>Institute of Government and County Council Coalition, October 18 19, Embassy Suites</u> Ms. Onley stated the SCAC's Fall Institute of Government and County Coalition will be held October 18 19 at Embassy Suites Columbia.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. <u>Hurricane Harvey Relief</u> Ms. Dickerson thanked everyone who participated in the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.
- b. <u>Hurricane Irma Status Report</u> Ms. Dickerson thanked staff for their efforts during Hurricane Irma.
- c. Soda Cap Connector Ms. Dickerson stated the COMET initiated 2 free "Soda Cap Connector" routes.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate Three Hundred Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$307,383) to increase funding to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department No one signed up to speak.
- b. To establish and create a special tax district within Richland County, South Carolina, to be known as the "Lake Dogwood Special Tax District"; to define the nature and level of services to be rendered therein; to authorize the imposition of ad valorem taxes and user service charges therein, which shall be imposed solely within the special tax district; to establish a commission for the tax district and provide the terms therefore; and all other matters related thereto —

Opposed: Ms. Joyce Perkins, Ms. Sharon Steele, and Ms. Virginia Edelstein In Favor: Mr. Lawrence Flynn, Mr. Jack Spivey, and Mr. Monte Lemmon

- c. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to 209

 Stoneridge, LLC; and other related matters No one signed up to speak.
- d. An Ordinance authorizing a deed to Empire Equities Capital, Ltd. for One Summit Parkway, which is the former Summit Parkway Library; also described as TMS #23000-03-07 No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

a. <u>Department of Public Works: 2017 – Private Roads requested to be deeded to the County for</u> perpetual maintenance

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

ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

a. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to 209
 Stoneridge, LLC; and other related matters – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item.

<u>In favor</u>: Pearce, Rose, C. Jackson, N. Jackson, Malinowski, Dickerson, Livingston, Kennedy, Myers, Manning, and McBride.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate Three Hundred Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$307,383) to increase funding to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.
- b. To establish and create a special tax district within Richland County, South Carolina, to be known as the "Lake Dogwood Special Tax District"; to define the nature and level of services to be rendered therein; to authorize the imposition of ad valorem taxes and user service charges therein, which shall be imposed solely within the special tax district; to establish a commission for the tax district and provide the terms therefore; and all other matters related thereto Mr. N. Jackson stated he received an email from the Auditor explaining his stance on why implementing a flat fee.

Mr. Brawley stated the statute limits the Auditor's Office to apply a uniform fee and some of the things the Lake Dogwood Association has proposed does not meet the requirements. The previous special tax districts established used a flat fee and the taxing system to set up to accommodate the flat fees. The software vendor is unable to accommodate any changes prior to the issuance of the tax bills for this fiscal year.

Ms. Myers stated there was a statement in Mr. Brawley's letter that he was concerned if the new programming was implemented it would affect all tax bills.

Mr. Brawley stated when implementing a change to the system you have to test the programming to ensure it does not affect any of the other tax bills outside of the special tax district.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if Council will see what tax is going to be levied on the individuals prior to 3rd Reading of this matter.

Mr. Brawley provided an example of the taxes that would levied on the individuals to Council members.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the language in Section 5: Administration of the District as there does not seem to be any penalty if the Commission does not notify Council of any changes within 30 days.

Mr. Flynn stated the thought behind that was that they should not be penalized as long as they notify Council of the changes.

Mr. Malinowski stated the language on p. 6 of the ordinance (p. 56 in the agenda packet) does not seem to make sense.

Mr. Flynn stated the ordinance will be corrected prior to 3rd Reading.

Ms. Myers stated many of the homeowners have raised a concern there are many exempt properties; therefore, if there is a flat fee the funding necessary to repair the dam may never be obtained. If there is a variable fee the Auditor contends there is no realistic way to do so this fiscal year. She inquired if there is a way to do a flat fee and then change it in the future.

Mr. Brawley stated he more than willing to work with the homeowners' association to try to come to a resolution, but at this point the only option would be the flat fee.

Ms. Myers inquired if the Auditor knew how many of the properties were exempt.

Mr. Brawley stated with the flat fee none of the properties would be exempt.

Mr. Malinowski stated if you are a member of a homeowners' association you pay a flat fee for membership no matter the value of your property. Therefore, he does not understand why there cannot be a fee on each house in the community.

Mr. Rose inquired if the referendum specified the means of how the repairs would be funded.

Mr. Flynn stated the request before Council tonight is simply to approve the creation of the district. The follow-up is the type of levy because of the date by which the tax notice has been put out. The referendum question follows and mirrors the terms of the statute. It explicitly allows for the levying of ad valorem property taxes or the issuance of a uniform charge.

Mr. Rose inquired about the avenues taken to advertise the referendum.

Mr. Flynn stated a petition of at least 15% of the qualified registered voters in the community must be submitted to County Council. The petition was presented to Council at the end of 2016. The referendum, in accordance with State law, was noticed twice in The State newspaper. Once the referendum was finalized and the results were certified, the next step is the approval of the tax district. There were 99 eligible registered voters, of which 48 voted.

Mr. C. Jackson stated it appears that less than 50% of the eligible registered voters were able to participate. In addition, there are a number of property owners that do not live there; therefore, they are not able to participate. If you take the 51 that did not vote and add to it the number of people that were not eligible to vote it sounds like the number of people able to participate in the process was significantly more than those that live there or own property there. He inquired if there was any consideration given to those individuals thoughts on the process even though they could not vote.

Mr. Flynn stated there were at least 2 public meetings held at the Recreation Commission facility regarding the referendum.

Mr. N. Jackson stated the confusion came because people that owned property did not have an opportunity to voice their opinion by a vote on whether they should go along with the tax district or not. There are 122 lots, but only 50 people are registered to vote in that area.

Mr. Manning stated there have been 4 special tax districts that have previously come before Council. He inquired if on those previous special tax districts the only people affected were those that lived on or had access to the lake.

Mr. Flynn responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Manning inquired if the residents without direct access to the lake would be able to access the lake.

Mr. Flynn stated the reason properties outside of those adjoining the lake were included because everyone in the community has direct access to the lake.

Ms. Dickerson requested clarification on whether there is dock access if you do not live on the lake.

One of the residents of the community stated there is a road that leads directly to the dam that gives the community access to the lake when there is water in the lake.

Mr. Manning inquired if there is anyone not connected to the community that can address the issue of access to the lake. No one responded to Mr. Manning's inquiry.

Mr. Malinowski requested clarification on which residents are to be affected by the referendum and who was allowed to vote.

Mr. Flynn stated all of the registered voters in the community were allowed to vote on the referendum.

Mr. N. Jackson stated he would like to divide the question. He would like to move forward with approval of the referendum and take up the funding mechanism at a future Council meeting once clarity has been received from Legal and the Auditor. Mr. Malinowski seconded the motion.

Ms. Kennedy requested a legal opinion on whether the residents will have access to the lake.

Mr. Rose inquired about the impact of delaying the decision on the funding mechanism.

Mr. Flynn stated 3rd Reading of the ordinance is planned for October 3rd. A meeting for the Special Tax District will then be held on October 4th in order to ensure authorization to the Auditor's Office to place the fee on the tax bills.

Mr. Rose requested a friendly amendment to move the ordinance forward and request clarification on the funding mechanism prior to 3rd Reading.

Mr. N. Jackson stated that is what his motion was intended to do.

Ms. Myers inquired if the question is divided does that mean that $\frac{1}{2}$ of question is on track for 3^{rd} Reading and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ is on track for 2^{nd} Reading.

Mr. N. Jackson stated his motion is to forward the ordinance to the October 3rd Council meeting for 3rd Reading and take up the funding mechanism at next week's Council meeting.

Mr. Pearce inquired based on Mr. N. Jackson's motion if what Council is doing is appropriate.

Mr. Smith stated the motion to divide the question is not an appropriate motion. The item does require 3 readings and Council can always amend the ordinance at 3rd Reading to address the question of funding. It would be his suggestion to move the matter along and whenever the requested information is received by Council to amend the ordinance to address the concerns expressed by the public.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the ordinance as presented and follow the suggestion of the Legal.

Mr. Malinowski requested a friendly amendment to include language to address the funding mechanism on 3rd Reading.

The vote was in favor.

c. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Project Flag to provide for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes; the extension of an existing fee-in-lieu of tax agreement between Richland County and Project Flag; and other related matters – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to why the name of the company is not included in the documents since the company is already in existence and the fee-in-lieu is being updated.

Mr. Ruble stated the company requested to remain anonymous and there is an investment offer.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

d. An Ordinance Authorizing a deed to Empire Equities Capital, Ltd. for One Summit Parkway, which is the former Summit Parkway Library; also described as TMS # 23000-03-07 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve this item.

Mr. Malinowski stated there seems to be information missing in regards to this item. The ordinance cites an attachment, but there is not an attachment included in the agenda packet. He requested that any missing information be provided in the agenda packet for 3rd Reading.

Mr. Manning requested a friendly amendment that if the information is not provided that Council has no choice but to reject it.

Mr. Malinowski did not accept the friendly amendment.

Mr. N. Jackson requested clarification on the friendly amendment. It is his understanding that Mr. Manning's friendly amendment would automatically reject the item. Council would not have an opportunity to vote on the item.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, that if the information is not provided by the time the agenda is drafted the item will not be placed on the agenda.

Mr. N. Jackson stated for clarification that if the Chair and Vice Chair does not have the information by the Horizon meeting tomorrow, the item will not be added to the agenda. He stated he does not think it is appropriate to not add the item to the agenda because the Chair and Vice Chair does not have the information prior to the meeting.

Mr. Malinowski stated too many times Council gets to the meeting and information is not here and it has to be deferred. Therefore, it does not matter if it is on the agenda without all the information and it is deferred or we do not add the item to the agenda because we do not have the information.

The substitute motion failed.

Mr. C. Jackson requested Mr. Seals to refresh his memory as to what Empire Equities Capital is and what they intend to do with the property.

Mr. Seals stated Empire Equities Capital runs a chain of daycares; therefore, the property will be used as a daycare facility.

Mr. Manning stated it is his understanding that the property is zoned PDD and can only be used as a library. Therefore, at what point and how do we change that so a daycare can go there?

Mr. Seals stated it will come back to Council for action at a future meeting.

The vote was in favor of this item.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. <u>Sprinkler Head Replacements Phase 1-3 at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center</u> – Mr. Pearce stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

a. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- 1. <u>Central Midlands Council of Governments</u> 1 Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended re-advertising for the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- 2. <u>Township Auditorium Board</u> 2 Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended appointing Mr. Alexander English and holding the remaining vacancy in committee until the final applicant can be interviewed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

a. <u>Atlas Road Widening Project: Right-of-Way Acquisition</u> – Mr. Manning stated the committee recommended to move ahead with the acquisition of 16 parcels under the Council authority and refer 10 parcels to a later meeting of the ad hoc committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$ ----- General Obligation Bond,
Series 2018A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; fixing
the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to
the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto [FIRST READING BY TITLE
ONLY] – {This item was reconsidered at the October 3, 2017 Council meeting.}

Mr. Manning stated it was unanimously recommended by the committee to approve this item for First Reading by Title Only.

Mr. Malinowski stated this will not be on the consent agenda because it is by title only.

Mr. Seals stated this item was deferred to September 26th earlier.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to defer this item until September 26th in order to receive complete information.

<u>In Favor:</u> C. Jackson, N. Jackson, Malinowski, Dickerson, Myers <u>Opposed:</u> Pearce, Rose, Livingston, Manning, Kennedy, McBride

The substitute motion failed.

Mr. N. Jackson stated earlier Council was told they would receive the information on the 26th. Now we are voting to move forward before we receive the information.

Mr. Smith stated Council was given legal advice by bond counsel; however, it is within Council's discretion to decide what you are going to do in regards to following that advice. It was his understanding that Council was going to wait until September 26th to receive the information.

Mr. Rose stated this is a 3 Reading item and this matter will come back at the next Council meeting in October.

Mr. Smith stated there were reasons that bond counsel gave in her memo for why she did not think Council should go forward.

Mr. Pearce inquired if the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee felt moving forward was the correct thing to do at this time.

Mr. Manning stated Mr. Pearce was correct. The letter referenced by bond counsel was dated August 4th and the ad hoc committee meet the last week.

Mr. N. Jackson expressed concern with moving forward with this item after assuring bond counsel the matter would be deferred.

Mr. Malinowski stated the information Council has been provided by bond counsel contains the deadlines when a decision needs to be made if the County is going to pursue bonding and how much bonding to pursue.

Mr. Manning stated there are really 2 parts to the matter. One part is about whether the County is going to bond or not. The other is about how much. The County can decide not to do bonding in 2^{nd} or 3^{rd} Reading. Bond counsel has stated there is a clock ticking and by giving this ordinance 1^{st}

Reading by Title Only tonight will ensure the County stays on schedule to make sure the clock does not run out.

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

<u>In favor:</u> Pearce, C. Jackson, Livingston, Manning, McBride **Opposed:** Rose, N. Jackson, Malinowski, Dickerson, Kennedy, Myers

The motion to approve this item for First Reading by Title Only failed.

- c. <u>Broad River NIP: SCDOT Supplemental Agreement</u> Mr. Manning stated the committee recommended approving the supplemental agreement between the SCDOT and Richland County for the Broad River Neighborhood Improvement Project. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. <u>Monthly PDT Update at Council Meetings</u> Mr. Manning stated the committee recommended to have the Project Development Team update by bi-monthly beginning in October. The vote in favor was unanimous.

OTHER ITEMS

- a. A Resolution to appoint and commission David Donnell Green as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. A Resolution to appoint and commission Dantrell Laquinn Jones as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. <u>FY18 District 5 Hospitality Tax Allocations</u> Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. <u>FY18 District 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations</u> Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>CITIZENS' INPUT</u> – No one signed up to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. <u>Business Service Center Appeals Board Appeal</u> Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to uphold the Business Service Center Appeals Board vote to deny the licenses for both businesses. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. <u>Contractual Matter with the City of Columbia</u> Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to move forward with any items not directly related to the utilities.
 - Mr. C. Jackson stated he hopes at some point in the near future Council will take up the issue of relocation of utilities so that no projects are held up or delayed.
 - Mr. N. Jackson stated he wants to ensure the County does not end up with a stalled project because we have not addressed the utilities problem.

<u>In favor</u>: Pearce, Rose, C. Jackson, N. Jackson, Malinowski, Dickerson, Livingston, Kennedy, Myers, Manning, McBride

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. <u>Property Acquisition</u> Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to direct the Administrator to proceed with a letter of intent on the property discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. <u>Pending Litigation Update</u> Received as information.

MOTION PERIOD

- a. Resolution honoring Ms. Donella Wilson on being awarded the Order of Palmetto [ROSE] Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to adopt a resolution honoring Ms. Donella Wilson.
- b. Resolution honoring the gallant African American heroes of the 371st Infantry Regiment 93rd Division (Colored) of World War I [ROSE] Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce to adopt a resolution honoring the African American heroes of the 371st Infantry Regiment 93rd Division (Colored) of World War I.
- c. <u>Move to examine the EMS Department and receive a report on its current status [ROSE]</u> This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- d. Move that the Recreation Commission provide an update of the Recreation Bond to ensure that it was executed as Council approved and that any funds remaining after all items are completed it is Richland County Council's decision on how it is spent [N. JACKSON] This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- e. Richland County funds thirteen mills eight mills more than the five mills required by statute. I move that County Council develop a separate Recreation Commission to manage the eight additional mills if the Recreation Commission does not agree to the MOU or if Council still feels that there is taxation without representation. NOTE: This is a partial solution to the constant challenge for taxation and representation [N. JACKSON] This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- f. Move to approve a Resolution honoring the Richland County Library for its recent national recognition [PEARCE and LIVINGSTON] Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson to adopt the resolution honoring the Richland County Library for their national recognition.
- g. Resolution recognizing the achievements of Brownstone Construction and its President, Dale Collier Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt a resolution recognizing Brownstone Construction and its President, Dale Collier. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- h. To simplify the emergency preparedness process in the future, I move that Richland County coordinate with the City of Columbia and other municipalities to identify different types of emergency shelters/facilities and certify them, meaning what is required and the readiness of the facility factoring in accessibility due to potential obstructions (i.e. impassible bridges, roads, etc.) Working with recreation centers, school districts, churches and other civic centers to quality and certify these facilities to accommodate citizens in need during certain crisis. In this process each certified facility would be updated annually. Working with Councilmembers willing to participate from each district would also improve the process. NOTE: Shelters to include overnight stay, storage

and accommodate the Red Cross and other agencies. Facilities to include storage for distribution to designated areas [N. JACKSON] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:07 PM.

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Joyce Dickerson Chairwoman	Bill Malinowski Vice Chair	
Χ	X	
Calvin "Chip" Jackson District Nine	Norman Jackson District Eleven	
X	X	
Gwendolyn Kennedy District Seven	Paul Livingston District Four	
Χ	X	
Jim Manning District Eight	Yvonne McBride District Three	
X	X	
Dalhi Myers District Ten	Greg Pearce District Six	
X		
Seth Rose District Five		

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