

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Gilland, Chairman (arrived at 6:03 p.m.); Harold Worley; Brent Schulz; Marion Foxworth; Gary Loftus; Howard Barnard; Bob Grabowski; James Frazier; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Jody Prince; and Al Allen (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; John Weaver; Anne Wright; Steve Gosnell; Paul Whitten; Janet Carter; Westley Sawyer; and Lisa Bourcier.

In accordance with the FOIA, notices of the meeting were provided to the press stating the time, date, and place of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Bob Grabowski called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mr. Barnard gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Council members led the pledge.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Melanie Holmes spoke on Safe Haven, Inc.
2. General Vaught spoke on International Drive.
3. Michael Visnich spoke on illegal immigrants using soccer fields.
4. Dee Wolfe was to speak but was absent.

Vice Chairman Grabowski closed public input at 6:15 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Chairman Gilland.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Gilland requested to remove Resolution R-50-09 from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Schulz moved to defer Ordinance 25-09 and to remove discussion on the Animal Shelter from the Consent Agenda to Old/New Business, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

Mr. Grabowski moved to withdraw from Old/New Business the discussion on Special Events Permits for Bike Week, seconded by Mr. P. Prince. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

Mr. Barnard moved to reconsider Third reading of Ordinance 02-09, seconded by Mr. Frazier. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.) Mr. Weaver explained that reconsideration of this ordinance was necessary because of a recent Advisory Opinion/Memorandum issued by the SC Supreme Court Chief Justice that dealt with enforcement penalties. He provided a brief summary of the proposed amendments relating to civil administrative penalties. **Mr. P. Prince moved to amend, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.) Mr. P. Prince moved to approve Third reading of Ordinance 02-09 as amended, seconded by Mr. Schulz. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS: Mr. P. Prince moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting March 17, 2009: Mr. Worley moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. P. Prince. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

MEMORIAL DEDICATION: It was requested that upon adjournment, Council adjourn in memorial of the following individuals:

Terry K. Booth, Sr.
Juanita B. Harper
Martha Lee Brantley
Marvin August
Ella Sarvis Green
Douglas Elliott Brown
Miriam Evelyn Spires Anderson
Henry Jehu Causey
James Randy Todd
William George Nagel
Lee Scott Taylor
Betty S. Jernigan
Lindburgh Grate
Dennis L. Setzer, Sr.

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MONTH: Virtue: The moral excellence evident in my life as I consistently do what is right.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Grabowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

First reading of **Ordinance 32-09** approving the abandonment of a drainage easement on property located on Hughes Gasque Road.

First reading of **Ordinance 33-09** approving the abandonment and conveyance of a cul-de-sac located on frontage road parallel to Hwy 17 Bypass to Gairy Nichols and authorizing the administrator to execute a quit claim deed.

Resolution R-45-09 recognizing April as Fair Housing Month.

Resolution R-46-09 approving the replacement of Trammel Road with Smith Blvd on the District #6 road improvement list for Year 12.

Resolutions accepting roads and drainage into the county system at the following locations: **R-47-09** The Farm Phase 26 (Morning Frost Pl; **R-48-09** Forestbrook Reserve (Vintage Cr, Quail Hollow Blvd, Marlot Ct, Shiraz Ct) and **R-49-08** Southgate Phase 10 (Autumn Pond Ct.)

The motion passed. (Mr. Barnard voted nay on Resolutions R-47-09, 48-09 and 49-09 and Mr. Allen was absent.)

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Resolution R-41-09 naming April 9th as Bruce Dal Canton Day. Chairman Gilland presented the resolution to Guy Sherman and Derick Minseoni from the Pelicans. **Mr. Grabowski moved to approve, seconded by Mr. P. Prince. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)** Mr. Sherman spoke briefly.

Resolution R-50-09 in support of the City of Conway's efforts to extend the existence of its redevelopment area TIF District and agreement to adopt an amendment to the TIF Plan and allowing revenue generated by county millage to be included in the funding of the recreation project. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski.** Mr. Graham, City of Conway, spoke on the TIF. **The motion passed. (Mr. Foxworth voted nay.)**

Resolution R-42-09 and Public Hearing to approve the request for a telecommunications tower located on Nichols Highway near Singing Pines Lane. **Mr. J. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf.** No one spoke at the public hearing. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution R-43-09 to designate funds from the 5% restricted portion of the ATAX monies held by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce for promotion of tourism in the Grand Strand area. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Loftus.** Brad Dean, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber, spoke briefly. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution R-44-09 concurring with SCDOT regarding the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 17 Bypass South and Shetland Lane. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Frazier. The motion passed unanimously.**

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 24-09** to amend the index map of the official map ordinance for Horry County adding the realigned and widened right-of-way for SC Hwy 707 from SC Highway 544 south to the Horry County line. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Schulz and Mr. Foxworth were absent.)**

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 26-09** to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Appendix B, Article V, Section 526.2 pertaining to temporary use permits for adult entertainment. **Mr. Barnard moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Loftus.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Schulz and Mr. Foxworth were absent.)**

Public Review of Ordinance 27-09 authorizing the refunding (refinancing) of the hospitality obligation bonds in the amount of \$19,905,000. There was no public review. Frannie Hizer, McNair Law Firm, spoke briefly on the possibility of saving hospitality tax money. Chairman Gilland stated a vote was not needed because third reading would be held at the upcoming budget retreat.

Second reading and public review of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **28-09** Johnnie Mae Blackwell, Cynthia Branton, Thomas A. Johnson- Branton Minor PDD; **29-09** Robert Guyton, agent for Partners of Cypress Plantation, LLC; **30-09** Mark Wolfe and **31-09** Kimberly J. Russell & Beverly J. Williams. **Mr. J. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Allen.** There was no public review. **The motion passed unanimously.**

First reading of **Ordinance 34-09** to amend the county code pertaining to commercial activity at public boat landings. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Allen.** **The motion passed unanimously.**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Update on actions taken by the Public Safety Committee relating to the Horry County Animal Shelter. Mr. Whitten gave an update stating that the County would resume management of the animal shelter. A Request For Proposals would be developed for an offsite adoption center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. in memorial of Terry K. Booth, Sr.; Juanita B. Harper; Martha Lee Brantley; Marvin August; Ella Sarvis Green; Douglas Elliott Brown; Miriam Evelyn Spires Anderson; Henry Jehu Causey; James Randy Todd; William George Nagel; Lee Scott Taylor; Betty S. Jernigan; Lindburgh Grate and Dennis L. Setzer, Sr.