

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley; Brent Schulz; Marion Foxworth (arrived at 6:15 p.m.); Mike Ryan; Howard Barnard; Bob Grabowski; James Frazier (arrived at 6:45 p.m.); Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; and Kevin Hardee.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Allen.

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: Chairman Gilland called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mr. Barnard gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Mr. Ryan led the pledge.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Vincent Lehotski spoke regarding County Waste and illegal workers.
2. Michael Visnich spoke regarding the Horry County Police Department.
3. Barbara Galli spoke regarding neighborhood problems.
4. Susan Sejda spoke on health issues.
5. Chris Tourtellotte spoke on a proposed Veterans Outreach Center.
6. Paul Souci spoke on a Boat Tax Ordinance.

Chairman Gilland closed public input at 6:45 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Mr. Grabowski request to add a presentation by Police Chief Johnny Morgan. There was no motion or second but a vote was taken that passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

Mr. Foxworth requested to remove from the Consent Agenda Resolutions R-141-08, R-142-08 and R-146-08.

Mr. Foxworth moved to add under Old/New Business discussion regarding the South Carolina Association of Counties Conference. There was no second to the motion but a vote was taken that passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

Mr. Foxworth moved to add Ordinance 85-08, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

Mr. Grabowski moved to add Resolution R-151-08, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to defer Resolution R-147-08 to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS:

Mr. Schulz moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting July 22, 2008: Mr. Barnard moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen was absent.)

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

Shelby Jean Elliott
Doris Howell
Jack Edwards Heins
Elizabeth Owens
Lydia Dorman
Michael Ammons
Echo Bellamy
Walker D. Chestnut
Nathan Housand
James Bellamy
Doris R. Shelley

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

Resolutions to accept roads and drainage into the county maintenance system at the following locations: **R-135-08** Bradford Meadows Subdivision (Shady Arbor Loop, Lineberry Ct, Greenhaven Dr.); **R-136-08** Jackson Estates PH 1 (Ladyfish Dr, Cabo Loop, Layson Dr); **R-137-08** Myrtle Grove Plantation PH 2 (Blue Rock Dr, Richwood Dr, Trap Shooter Ct, Clay Pigeon Ct); **R-138-08** Myrtle Grove Plantation PH 3 (Stockwood Dr, Trap Shooter Ct); **R-139-08** Southbury Subdivision (Southbury Dr); and **R-140-08** Westchester Subdivision (Dartmoor Ct, Stonehenge Ct.).

Resolution R-143-08 approving Year 7 distribution percentages for local accommodations tax collections.

Resolution R-144-08 to approve certain emergency medical service accounts to be written off.

District Board Appointment: Reappointment of Skip Skeens to the Library Board of Trustees.

The motion passed. (Mr. Barnard, Mr. Worley and Mr. Ryan voted nay on the following resolutions: R-135-08, R-136-08, R-137-08, R-138-08, R-139-08 and R-140-08.)

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation on the Horry County Police Department. Chief Morgan spoke briefly on recent cases that had been solved very quickly and recognized the hard working individuals in the Criminal Investigation Department.

Announcement regarding Myrtle Beach International Airport Landing Fees. Chairman Gilland, along with Brad Dean from the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and Bob Golden from Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday, announced that landing fees would be reduced from \$1.97 to \$.50 per 1,000 lbs for airlines currently serving Myrtle Beach, and landing fees would be waived for all regularly scheduled passenger operations for the months of December 2008 and January/February 2009. In addition, two new incentive plans for airlines were introduced. Incentive Plan A would allow a \$2.00 per seat invoice rate for newly scheduled non-stop, round trip service between MYR and any airport where MYR is not currently served. Incentive Plan B would allow a waiver of all fees for service to international markets.

Resolution R-151-08 authorizing revision of landing fees and a modified incentive program at Myrtle Beach International Airport. **Mr. Barnard moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Foxworth were absent.)**

Presentation on Grand Strand Air Transport Investigative Study Committee. Mr. Weaver stated that Senator Rankin, the chairman of the Investigative Study Committee, had requested in a letter to the County Chairman that Council participate in committee membership. Senator Rankin stated that it was an invitation to publicly discuss whether there were areas of current operations that could be improved versus keeping what they had. Rep. Clemmons concurred with the committee's focus. Mr. Schwartzkopf asked if it would be acceptable if Council appointed airport staff as two of the Council's four members. Senator Rankin had no objection. Rep. Clemmons stated that it was not his vision to try to second guess or micromanage the current operations of the airport. The goal was to look at the government structure as to how they could best create an umbrella government structure governing the management of the airport. **Mr. Barnard moved that Council participate in the study committee and appoint Mr. Frazier, Mr. Worley, Department of Airports Assistant Director Bob Woods, and Department of Airport's Chief Financial Officer Pat Apone, as the county's representatives, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf.** Ms. Gilland requested the matter be referred to the Administration Committee for further discussion. **Mr. Prince moved to defer to the Administration Committee, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:**

In favor

Worley Prince
Schulz Hardee
Foxworth Gilland
Frazier
Schwartzkopf

Opposed

Barnard
Grabowski

Absent

Allen
Ryan

Chairman Gilland stated there would be an Administration Committee meeting August 21st at 9:00 a.m. for this one purpose.

Resolution R-145-08 recognizing the winners of the 2008 Soil & Water Conservation Essay Contest. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Prince.** Tom Garigen, Stormwater, presented the resolutions to Abbie Rose Richardson and Grayson Grainger, both from Aynor Middle School. He introduced Matt Johnson, Chairman of the Horry Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Johnson spoke briefly recognizing the winners of the contest and the teachers. **The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

Chairman Gilland called a recess at 7:43 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Resolution R-148-08 to approve certain amendments to the County’s contract with Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to amend Paragraph 4b to read “85” and amend Paragraph 4j to read “\$13.7 Million for FY 2008”, seconded by Mr. Grabowski.** Chairman Gilland stated she needed a motion to approve before any amendments could be made. **Mr. Grabowski moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Barnard. Mr. Grabowski seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)** Mr. Schwartzkopf stated that Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation would honor the contract regarding Mr. Landford. **Mr. Grabowski moved to amend Paragraph 4j to “\$25 million for FY 2009 and FY 2010”, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf.** Mr. Hugh Owens, Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation, spoke on the minimum service levels. Mr. Schwartzkopf recognized Jimmy Yahnis, Chairman of Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation. **The motion to amend passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.) The main motion as amended passed. The vote was as follows:**

In favor

Worley Frazier
Schulz Prince
Foxworth Gilland
Barnard
Grabowski
Schwartzkopf

Opposed

Hardee

Absent

Allen
Ryan

Resolution R-141-08 proclaiming the week of September 17, 2008 as Constitution Week. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

Resolution R-142-08 recognizing the recipients of the Concerned Citizens Operation Reach-Out Organization's awards for community service. **Mr. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

Resolution R-146-08 proclaiming September 22, 2008 as Family Day- A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children. **Mr. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Third reading and public review of **Ordinance 84-08** to reduce the width of a drainage easement along Crabtree Canal on property owned by T&J Builders. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardee. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 70-08** to approve the request of Huck Thieken, agent for Development Southeast LLC, to amend the official zoning maps. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardee. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

Presentation on Airport Expansion. Rick Ott, MB Kahn, stated that on Monday, August 18th, they would be starting a series of public hearings throughout the County. He gave an update on the different alternatives on how the terminal could be expanded. They had narrowed the eight alternatives down to three. They would be coming back with more information after they received input from the communities. He also stated that before they could get back into the funding stream there was additional information that needed to be provided to the FAA. This information included an environmental assessment and a geotechnical analysis of the south sites. It would be an increase in Task One funding of \$250,000. Mr. Foxworth requested that Council be kept in the loop with powerpoint presentations, etc. Mr. Kemp spoke briefly on getting into the PFC cycle and the federal cycle for LOI's.

First reading of **Ordinance 98-08** to amend the FY 2009 budget ordinance so as to authorize and provide funding for additional special services related to program management service for eastside terminal development at the Myrtle Beach Int'l Airport. **Mr. Grabowski moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Worley.** Mr. Weaver stated this was a budget amendment to the annual budget and would require nine of the ten votes present to pass. If this was a no vote the terminal was dead. Mr. Weaver spoke on the presentation by Senator Rankin and Rep. Clemmons stating there would be a recommendation made by the study committee on or before January 15, 2009. That recommendation would be presented to Council and Council could decide if it wanted to agree with or disagree with that recommendation. If Council decided not to agree with the recommendation, whatever it might be, the study committee had the alternative of going to the State Legislature and introducing State legislation that would comply with the recommendation if the majority of the House and Senate saw fit. **The motion passed. The vote was as follows:**

In favor

Schulz **Schwartzkopf**
Foxworth **Prince**
Barnard **Hardee**
Grabowski **Gilland**
Frazier

Opposed

Worley

Absent

Allen
Ryan

(Clerk’s note: Mr. Barnard did not cast a vote nor did he abstain from voting.)

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 86-08** approving and authorizing the administrator to execute a lease agreement with HTC Communications LLC of property located at Myrtle Beach Int’l Airport for the purpose of installation, construction, and operation of a telecommunications facility. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 87-08** approving and authorizing the administrator to execute an amendment to the lease agreement with Avcraft Support Services, Inc. of property located at the Myrtle Beach Int’l Airport for the purpose of surrendering a portion of the leasehold to another lessee. **Mr. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 88-08** to abandon a previously accepted unimproved portion of a frontage roadway along Hwy. 17 Bypass near Tournament Blvd. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Schulz were absent.)**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 89-08** to add the Baptist Colored Cemetery, the Watts Home, the Singleton Cemetery, the McCracken Cemetery, the Hammond-Edmonds House, the Soles Cemetery, the Grainger Cemetery, the Mill Swamp School, the Sessions Cemetery, the Port Harrelson Cemetery, and the Buck Family Cemetery to the Historic Property Register as individual historic properties. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardee. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Schulz were absent.)**

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 90-08** to amend the county code pertaining to mobile home park district regulations. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Schulz were absent.)**

Second reading and public review of the following ordinances to amend the official zoning maps: **91-08** Coastal Services Minor PDD; **92-08** Charleston Lakes PDD; **93-08** The Earthworks Group, agent for Kenneth & Esther Webster & Robert Lewis; **94-08** Sallie Eaddy; **95-08** Barry Todd, agent for Joe Donnie Todd and **96-08** Gene & Barbara Parker. **Mr. Hardee moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Prince. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Schulz were absent.)**

Second reading of **Ordinance 85-08** to amend Ordinance 170-99 pertaining to a development agreement between Myrtle Beach Farms Company, Burroughs & Chapin, and Horry County so as to remove certain facilities which the developer agreed to make available for public use. **Mr. Foxworth moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Prince.** Public review would be held at third reading. **The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Schulz were absent.)**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

At-Large Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Bo Ives. Chairman Gilland stated they would appoint Mr. Ives by acclamation and she called for a vote. **A vote was taken that passed unanimously. (Mr. Allen and Mr. Ryan were absent.)**

Report on SCAC Conference. Mr. Foxworth spoke on a seminar on Paying for the Cost of Growth and Development that he attended at the recent South Carolina Association of Counties Conference in Hilton Head.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. in memorial of Shelby Jean Elliott; Doris Howell; Jack Edwards Heins; Elizabeth Owens; Lydia Dorman; Michael Ammons; Echoe Bellamy; Walker Dr. Chestnut; Nathan Housand; James Bellamy and Doris R. Shelley.