

**MINUTES**  
**HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**June 1, 2004**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley; Marion Foxworth; Gene Smith, Jr.; Mike Ryan; James Frazier; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Kevin Hardee; and John Boyd.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Howard Barnard.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; Janet Carter; Paul Whitten; Steve Gosnell; Beth Fryar; Westley Sawyer; and Roland Meyer.

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 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**INVOCATION:** The Honorable Carl Schwartzkopf gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Honorable Harold Worley led in the Pledge.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

1. Isabelle Laidlaw spoke regarding funding for the Animal Control Center. Mr. Boyd stated the Public Safety Committee would address this matter at the next Public Safety Meeting on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.
2. Jimmy Thomas spoke regarding the paving of Thomas Road. Mr. Lazarus requested Mr. Thomas contact him to work on the problem.
3. Margaret Hancox spoke regarding the Chamber Booth at Myrtle Beach International Airport. Chairman Gilland stated she would meet with Ms. Hancox and Mr. Brad Dean of the Myrtle Beach Chamber.
4. J.J. Allen spoke regarding Ordinance 10-04, Time Share Fee.
5. Bob Davies was to speak regarding a Veterans State Cemetery but was not present.
6. Carl Hood spoke regarding Communicating Citizens Concerns and requested a discussion on the establishment of a public forum for citizens be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.
7. Valerie Horney gave an Expression of Gratitude to Council and staff.

Chairman Gilland closed public input.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

Chairman Gilland **requested the addition of a discussion on the proposed Coastal Carolina Arena, LLC.** Mr. Worley **moved to add to the agenda,** seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Boyd **moved to add to the Consent Agenda the Appointment of Sam Ward to the Open Space Board,** seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS:**

Mr. Frazier **moved to approve the agenda contents,** seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Session, May 18, 2004:** Mr. Hardee **moved to approve the minutes as submitted,** seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEMORIAL DEDICATION OF MEETING:**

There was none.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Smith **moved to approve the Consent Agenda,** seconded by Mr. Ryan. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- Third reading of **Ordinance 58-04** to approve the request of Carl B. Hardee to amend the official zoning maps.
- **Resolution R-80-04** proclaiming June 25-27, 2004 as Hickman Family Reunion Days.
- **District Appointments to Board and Commissions:**  
 Pamela Hobeika to the Planning Commission  
 Adam Parness to the Planning Commission, reappointment  
 Ron Andrews to the Stormwater Advisory Committee, reappointment  
 William McKown to the Airport Advisory Committee  
 Perry Kent to the Airport Advisory Committee, reappointment  
 Joe Catino to PARTNERS Economic Development Board  
 Sandra Wrenn to PARTNERS Economic Development Board, reappointment  
 Terri Larkin to the Mt. Gilead Special Tax District Commission  
 Robert Page to the Assessment Appeals Board, reappointment  
 Sandra Thomas to the Assessment Appeals Board  
 Ernest Muratori to the Assessment Appeals Board  
 Gini Abee to the Assessment Appeals Board  
 Sam Ward to the Open Space Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**Presentation on the Little River Blue Crab Festival.** Mr. Worley introduced Steve Speros, President, Allen Lee, Vice President and Craig Hill, Secretary. Mr. Speros spoke on the success of the Blue Crab Festival and presented a Blue Crab Festival shirt to Council Members.

**Presentation on the Horry County Museum.** Stewart Pabst presented a brief history and mission statement of the Museum.

**Resolution R-81-04** authorizing and approving accommodations tax funding. Mr. Foxworth **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Mr. Worley **moved to amend to send the issue of funding for South Strand Campgrounds to the Administration Committee**, seconded by Mr. Prince. **The motion to amend passed unanimously.** Mr. Worley **moved to approve the remainder which were: Little River Chamber, \$46,500; Beach Patrol, \$688,532; and Beach & Street, \$497,466.** The motion to approve passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-82-04** approving and authorizing the Administrator to execute an intergovernmental reimbursement agreement with the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Redevelopment Authority for the design of the intersection of Farrow Parkway and the proposed access road for the new terminal complex at Myrtle Beach International Airport. Mr. Kemp explained the resolution. Mr. Lazarus **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-83-04** requesting the SCDOT reduce the speed limit at the intersection of Hwy. 57 and Hwy. 9 from 50 mph to 40 mph. Mr. Prince **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Boyd. Mr. Prince **moved to amend to 45 mph**, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion to amend passed unanimously. The main motion as amended passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-84-04** requesting support from the Horry County Legislative Delegation to continue to maintain operations of the State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Wildlife Office in Horry County. Mr. Boyd **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.

## **READING OF ORDINANCES:**

Second reading of **Ordinance 10-04** to create within the unincorporated areas a resort fee of \$5.00 per day chargeable to all occupants of various vacation timesharing accommodations other than the property owner as identified in the recorded deed. Mr. Worley **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Boyd. Mr. Worley **moved to defer for two weeks so that the national president of ARTA could come speak**, seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion to defer passed unanimously.

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 59-04** to approve the request of Richard Ross, agent for Garden City Holdings LLC to amend the official zoning maps. Mr. Lazarus **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Hardee. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously.

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 61-04** to approve the request of Dennis G. Permenter, agent for Southside LLC, Tupelo Bay PDD to amend the official zoning maps. Mr. Lazarus **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. Mr. Permenter spoke about the project. There was no public review. Carol Coleman from Planning addressed the issue of open space. Discussion took place regarding the impact fees and the upcoming referendum. The motion passed unanimously.

Second reading and public review of **Ordinance 62-04** to grant a 50' easement to the SC Public Service Authority across a portion of Spoil Basin B in Carolina Waterway Plantation subdivision for the purpose of installing an electrical transmission line. Mr. Hardee **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Worley. Mr. Smith recused himself. There was no public review. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gilland called a recess at 7:30. The meeting reconvened at 7:45pm.

First reading of **Ordinance 60-04** to approve the request of Richard Richardson, agent for RAD LLC to amend the official zoning maps. Mr. Hardee **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Prince. The following people spoke in opposition to the rezoning: Sarah Faulk, Ossia Tillery, and Ethel Tillery. Mr. Frazier **moved to allow the request of a variance**, seconded by Mr. Worley. Ms. Carter stated it was a use variance, which was not allowed by state law. Mr. Hardee **moved to amend for a mini PDD**. There was no second to the motion. Chairman Gilland called for the vote to approve first reading. The motion failed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Lazarus	Worley	Barnard
Frazier	Prince	
Hardee	Ryan	
Boyd	Schwartzkopf	
Gilland	Smith	
	Foxworth	

Mr. Smith **moved to reconsider first reading of Ordinance 60-04 for the purpose of sending it back to the Planning Commission with no reading**, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Worley	Ryan	Barnard
Lazarus		
Foxworth		
Smith		
Frazier		
Schwartzkopf		
Prince		
Hardee		
Boyd		
Gilland		

Mr. Smith **moved to defer Ordinance 60-04 to the Planning Commission for a recommendation**, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed unanimously.

First reading of **Ordinance 49-04** to raise revenue, make appropriations and adopt a budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. Mr. Knight gave an overview of the budget. Mr. Worley **moved to defer the car allowance for the Chairman of \$6,000 to the Budget Workshop**, seconded by Mr. Boyd. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Worley	Ryan	Barnard
Foxworth		
Lazarus		
Smith		
Frazier		
Schwartzkopf		
Prince		
Hardee		
Boyd		
Gilland		

Mr. Lazarus **moved to approve the additional expenses of \$11,807 which were for personnel in the Master-in-Equity's office and the Treasurer's Office**, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Knight reported there were additional funding needs for one ambulance and six light vehicles in the Fleet Fund and two unfunded Police Officer positions in the Airport Fund. Mr. Boyd **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus. There was no final vote taken on the motion to approve. Mr. Knight stated this was for information.

The following people spoke at public review:

- 1.) Florence Vaught spoke regarding funding for the museum.
- 2.) Sandra Booth spoke regarding funding for the museum.
- 3.) Dr. Randall Wells spoke regarding funding for the museum.
- 4.) Jackie Anderson spoke regarding funding for the museum.
- 5.) Ben Burroughs spoke regarding funding for the museum.

Mr. Smith generally discussed reviewing the County's collection system and **moved to remove the two-mil tax increase for the solid waste collection system, pass a balanced budget without a tax increase, and take the issue up at the June 10<sup>th</sup> workshop or a special workshop and address the issue even if they had to come back at a later date and do a supplement to the budget to address the issue after they had identified the problems and tried to correct the system**, seconded by Mr. Hardee.

Mr. Boyd stated they had requested the dollar figures for 2 mils versus 1 ½ mils at the May 20<sup>th</sup> workshop.

Mr. Hardee referenced the Duford site and requested the cost to open the site and how much was the cost to drive to the green boxes four or five times a week to empty them. He requested this information for the upcoming June 10<sup>th</sup> workshop.

Mr. Prince requested a 12-month projection of the figures.

Mr. Ricky Hardee, SWA, addressed the hours and operation of the centers.

Mr. Worley suggested increasing the taxes by one mil for the unincorporated area and then go immediately into a study to take a look at the entire process and program of how they collected garbage in Horry County.

Mr. Worley **moved to amend the amendment from two mils and no tax increase to one mil.**

Chairman Gilland called for the vote on the first amendment which was to defer the two-mil increase from second reading and take it up at the June 10<sup>th</sup> workshop. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Worley	Boyd	Barnard
Lazarus		
Foxworth		
Ryan		
Smith		
Frazier		
Schwartzkopf		
Prince		
Hardee		
Gilland		

Mr. Lazarus requested staff have the exact millage it would take to do exactly what was on the paper, balanced, with no running in the black or red. Mr. Sawyer spoke briefly on the projections. Mr. Knight stated they would bring that information back to them. Chairman Gilland requested that Council receive the information before the workshop so they would have time to look over it.

Ms. Laura Best spoke regarding the green boxes on Mt. Zion Road.

Chairman Gilland closed public review.

Mr. Lazarus **moved to pull the roll forward of County Council Expense Accounts**, seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion failed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Lazarus	Worley	Barnard
Smith	Foxworth	
	Ryan	
	Frazier	
	Schwartzkopf	
	Prince	
	Hardee	
	Boyd	
	Gilland	

The motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 49-04 passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Worley	Prince	Barnard
Lazarus		
Foxworth		
Ryan		
Smith		
Frazier		
Schwartzkopf		
Hardee		
Boyd		
Gilland		

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion on the future direction of the Open Space Board.** Chairman Gilland stated the Administration Committee made a recommendation at their last meeting that she misunderstood so she would leave this for the June 15<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting agenda.

**Council Workshop on Referendum Questions.** Chairman Gilland stated the questions had to be to Sandy Martin, Voter Registration, by August. This would be part of the meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The two potential questions were one regarding Impact Fees and the other regarding Capital Project Sales Tax- RIDE II Plan, the roads that they needed that they would perhaps pay for by an extra penny on the dollar for three, four, or five years.

**July/August Council Meeting Schedule.** Chairman Gilland stated there would only be one meeting in July and date changes for August. The meeting dates are July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Coastal Carolina Arena, LLC.** Mr. Weaver requested consideration of the expenditure of \$7,500 for the County's portion of the cost for a review of the feasibility study conducted for Coastal Carolina Arena, LLC. Mr. Worley **moved to approve the expenditure of \$7,500**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Prince requested staff look at a way of paving dirt roads quicker and bring it back at a workshop.



**At-Large Appointments to Board and Commissions:** Mr. Ryan moved to approve the following appointments, seconded by Mr. Frazier. The motion passed unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Eleanor Edwards
- James Hall
- Walter Krieger

Reappointments to the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee

- C.B. Berry
- J.D. Randall
- William Arial
- Kenneth Thompson
- Bernard Spalding
- Jack Crowley
- Sandra Fulcher
- Betty Vujevich
- William Watson

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Worley		Barnard
Lazarus		Hardee
Foxworth		
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Sherry Suttles invited everyone to attend the festival, Celebrate US- Unity on the Strand. It would take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Chapin Park 1-9 pm.

Mr. Boyd announced there would be a community meeting in Aynor on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Aynor Senior Center to discuss the budget.

Mr. Lazarus announced the Silver Star Scholarship that was formed by former Councilman Terry Cooper had been renamed the Terry B. Cooper Memorial Silver Star Memorial Scholarship which was for Police Officers in Horry County in which they could apply for scholarships for their children to go to college. There would be a benefit on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Wild Water and Wheels. The tickets were available at the Sheriffs office and also at Wild Water and Wheels.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

