

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: By Pearce in Washington's absence

Invocation: Jeter

Pledge of Allegiance: Jeter

Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Session: January 8, 2013:** Approved as published.

Adoption of the Agenda: Approved as published.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items: No items for Executive Session.

Citizens' Input: Three people spoke.

Report of the County Administrator

- a. Employee Grievance:** Mr. McDonald requested the item be deferred until the February 5, 2013 meeting for additional information.
- b. Transportation Penny:** Mr. McDonald stated that the matter has been appealed to the South Carolina Supreme Court, and that he will provide an update to Council when more information becomes available.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. Council Retreat, January 24 and 25, 2013:** Council was provided the details of the Retreat.
- b. Transportation Oversight Committee Update:** Council voted unanimously to select the Transportation Oversight Committee members at the February 5, 2013 meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Report of the Chairman

- a. **Mr. Jeter's List of Contractual Clients:** Mr. Jeter stated he would provide to the Clerk of Council's office a list of clients with whom he has a contractual relationship.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

Presentation

- a. **Goodwill Industries - Reintegration of Ex-Offenders Program:** Robin Ebert, RExO Program Manager, gave a presentation on the Program.

1. Consent Items

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Special Source Credit Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina (the "County") and Carolina Ceramics, LLC (the "Company"), whereby, under certain conditions, the County shall allow the Company to claim certain special source credits against the fee in lieu of tax payments made with respect to the Company's manufacturing facilities within the County; (2) the benefits of a Multi-County Park to be made available to the Company, and (3) other matters relating thereto [THIRD READING].** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER**

2. Report of the Development and Services Committee

- a. **Curfew for Community Safety:** Council returned this item to its January 2013 D&S Committee.

3. Report of the Economic Development Committee

- a. **Koyo Set Aside Grant:** Council approved the grant. **ACTION: GRANTS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- b. **Authorizing the execution and delivery of a Purchase Agreement between the County and Deja Properties, LLC, to provide for the conveyance of certain property owned by and located in the County to Deja Properties, LLC and Thermal Technologies, Inc., and other matters related thereto [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY].** Council gave first reading approval by title only to the ordinance. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER**

4. Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee

- a. **Notification of Vacancies**
 - i. **Airport Commission-1; there will be one vacancy on this commission: John Mark Dean (Neighborhood), February 3, 2013*. Advertise.**

ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

***Eligible for reappointment**

- ii. **Board of Assessment Appeals-1; there will be one vacancy on this board: Chalon Shepard Headley, II, December 1, 2012*. Advertise.**

ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

***Eligible for reappointment**

b. Notification of Appointments

- i. **Accommodations Tax Committee - 2 (Positions to be filled: 1-Lodging, and 1-Cultural).**

No applications were received at this time. Readvertise. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

- ii. **Board of Zoning Appeals -1**

One application was received from the following: Sheldon L. Cooke, Sr.* Cooke was appointed. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

***Eligible for reappointment**

- iii. **Employee Grievance Committee -2**

No applications were received for this committee. Readvertise. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

c. Discussion from the Rules and Appointments Committee

- i. **Business Service Center Appeals Board-qualifications of recent appointments:** Advertise. The Clerk's office is to advise current appointees that they do not meet the qualifications of the ordinance. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**
- ii. **Community Relations Council Appointments:** Remains in Committee for the Clerk's office to locate the ordinance that governs the Council. This item is to be brought back by the first meeting in February but no later than March 2013. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- iii. **If the number of applicants for a Richland County board or committee exceeds the number of available positions there will be no interviews of those applicants. The reason for this motion is that after the Rules & Appointments Committee takes the time to interview applicants and make recommendation to full council based on that interview, council members who supported someone else not chosen request an individual vote for**

political reasons rather than needs of the committee they applied for. It becomes a waste of the applicant's time to be interviewed and the committee's time if this is the process preferred. [MALINOWSKI]. Council accepted the Committee's recommendation for deferral of this item until after the first Council meeting in February 2013. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- iv. **Dissolve the Richland County Appearance Commission and amend the Richland County Conservation Commission's responsibilities to include appearance. This motion is based on (1) overlapping areas of responsibilities under enabling ordinances for each Commission and the Richland County Strategic Plan, (2) availability of funding needed to support similar and/or duplicative projects and (3) difficulties maintaining membership in the Appearance Commission [PEARCE and MANNING]. Council accepted the Committee's recommendation for deferral of this item until the next Committee meeting. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

5. **Citizens' Input:** One person spoke.

5. **Executive Session:** None.

6. **Motion Period**

- a. **I hereby move to instruct the County Administrator to direct County Staff to immediately implement a program to include existing unpaved roads currently held and maintained under prescriptive easement or similar trust by the county in efforts that lead to expedited eligibility, design and construction using Low Volume Traffic paving methods [WASHINGTON]. Council forwarded this item to the February D&S Committee. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS**
- b. **Review the process of requiring costly blueprint and parking lot design for small businesses on existing property with change of use. If there are no structural changes and no increase in capacity the cost of reproducing blueprints should not be necessary. This is an effort to make the County more business friendly. [JACKSON]. Council forwarded this item to the February D&S Committee. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUILDING CODES AND INSPECTIONS, PLANNING**

7. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.