

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2010

6:00 PM

Call to Order: Livingston

Invocation: Malinowski

Pledge of Allegiance: Malinowski

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session: January 19, 2010: The NPDES item was reconsidered, but was re-approved as originally approved at third reading. Further, Planning staff is to look at the implications of the sunset provisions, and forward recommendations to Council. The minutes were approved as published. **ACTION: PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION**

Zoning Public Hearing: January 26, 2010: Approved as published.

Adoption of the Agenda: Item d under Report of the County Attorney was added, as was the appointment to the Community Relations Council (Rules and Appointments). Approved as amended.

Report of the County Attorney

- a. **David Adams vs. City of Columbia Firefighters Association, et. al.**
- b. **Lower Richland Sewer Update**
- c. **Personnel Matter**
- d. **Contractual Matter: Offer to Purchase Property**

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **TIF Update:** Mr. Pope stated that the letter that Council directed be sent to the City was sent last week.
- b. **Fire Contract:** Appears later on the agenda.
- c. **Residential Overgrown Lots Update:** Sparty Hammett gave an update on the Residential Overgrown Lots program.
- d. **Lower Richland Sewer Update:** Executive Session item.
- e. **Personnel Matter:** Executive Session item.
- f. **2010 Retreat Goals:** Appears later on the agenda.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **SCAC Mid-Year Conference:** February 24 (conference) and 25 (classes).
- b. **NACO 2010 Legislative Conference:** March 6 – 10, 2010.

Report of the Chairman

- a. **2010 Council Committee Assignments:** Mr. Livingston has made the committee assignments, and the Clerk's Office will send those out tomorrow. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Legislative Delegation Committee:** Mr. Livingston stated that he was going to appoint a committee to meet regularly with the Richland County Legislative Delegation.

Public Hearings

- a. **Ordinance Amendments Regarding Commercial Enforcement of Unlicensed Vehicles and Weeds and Rank Vegetation (Overgrown Lots):** No one spoke.
- b. **An Ordinance Authorizing a quit-claim deed to Malika R. Snipe and Aramide Mitchell for a portion of Hunter's Road, an unpaved road in Richland County Road Maintenance System:** No one spoke.
- c. **An Ordinance Authorizing a quit-claim deed to Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church for a portion of the right-of-way of Pilgrim Road in exchange for a portion of Lot 63 in State Park Acres:** No one spoke.

1. Consent Items

- a. **[Removed from Consent] 09-19MA; Hock Site; Hock Development Co.; GC & RM-HD to GC (1.34 Acres); 19813-06-25; Alpine Road & Old Percival [Third Reading]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **An Ordinance Authorizing a quit-claim deed to Malika R. Snipe and Aramide Mitchell for a portion of Hunter's Road, an unpaved road in Richland County Road Maintenance System [Third Reading]:** Council gave third reading approval to a quit-claim deed by which Richland County releases its interest in part of the right of way for an abandoned section of Hunters Road to Malika R. Snipe and Ms. Aramide Mitchell. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **An Ordinance Authorizing a quit-claim deed to Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church for a portion of the right-of-way of Pilgrim Road in exchange for a portion of Lot 63 in State Park Acres [Third Reading]:** Council gave third reading approval to a quit claim deed by which Richland County releases its interest in part of the right of way for Pilgrim Road in exchange for a portion of Lot 63 State Park Acres. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **10-01MA; Albert E. McGee, Jr.; RM-HD to OI (.406 Acres); 13809-03-21; 302 South Beltline Boulevard [Second Reading]:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. **[Removed from Consent] Implementation of the Renaissance Plan (Decker Boulevard):** Council voted to move forward with the item, but deferred the funding portion of the plan to the FY 11 budget process. **ACTION: PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION**
- f. **A Resolution to Recognize, Endorse, and Support the RC Neighborhood Council:** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- g. **Ambulance Fee Billing Service Accounting Change [First Reading]:** Council gave first reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- h. **City of Columbia Grant-Gills Creek Watershed:** Council approved the grant. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, STORMWATER, GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- i. **Phone Tree Messaging Software Update [Recommendation to Table]:**
Council tabled the item.

- 2. **Third Reading Items**
 - a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Garbage, Trash and Refuse; Article II, Collection and Disposal; Section 12-16, Yard Trash and Other Household Articles:**
Third reading was not given to the ordinance. Staff is developing a pilot program, and will make recommendations to Council as the program progresses. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, SOLID WASTE, PUBLIC WORKS**

 - b. **Smoking Ban Amendments:** Third reading was given to the revised ordinance (Mr. Malinowski's amendments). Regular reports are to be made to Council regarding enforcement. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- 3. **Second Reading Items**
 - a. **An Ordinance Amending the fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$51,236 of Undesignated General Fund Balance to the Treasurer, Voter Registration, and Assessor Budgets for Salary Adjustments:** This item was forwarded to the FY 11 budget process. The Treasurer's item is to be separated from the others. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, TREASURER, VOTER REGISTRATION, ASSESSOR, ELECTION COMMISSION**

 - b. **Ordinance Amendments Regarding Commercial Enforcement of Unlicensed Vehicles and Weeds and Rank Vegetation (Overgrown Lots):** Council gave second reading approval to both ordinances. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- 4. **Report of Administration and Finance Committee**
 - a. **County Offices to be closed the day after Christmas:** This item was denied.

 - b. **NESL agreement language and NextGen Fund Freeze [Recommendation for Denial]:** This item was denied.

5. Report of Economic Development Committee

- a. Mast General Store Resolution:** Council approved the Resolution, which provides \$1,027,000 from the County's \$2,204,000 allocation of recovery zone facility bonds to Mast General Store. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. PT-444: Accutech:** Council voted to grant the remaining two years exemption to the new owner, which would be for the 2009 and 2010 tax years. Council further recommends that the Treasurer send a letter to the owner regarding past due taxes. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER**

6. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee

- a. Notification of Vacancies**
 - a. Planning Commission (1 – Weston Furgess, Resigned):** Advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Notification of Appointments**
 - i. Accommodations Tax Committee – 2:** Advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - ii. Board of Zoning Appeals – 2 [Susanne H. Cecere; T. Ralph Meetze]:** Cecere and Meetze were appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - iii. Employee Grievance Committee – 1:** Advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - iv. Internal Audit Committee – 2 [Pierre E. Brunache]:** The two appointments are to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - v. Community Relations Council:** Dr. Coles was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Discussion from Rules and Appointments Committee**
 - i. Council Rules – Presentations:** Council approved the amendment. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

- ii. **Planning Commission Ordinance and motion to restructure:**
This item remains in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, PLANNING**

- 7. **\$100,000 Hospitality Tax Allocation, Public Information:** Council approved the following distribution of funds. Further, \$5,000 is to be placed in the Hospitality Tax Discretionary Account. All agencies are to abide by the Hospitality Tax guidelines. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, GRANTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Project	Description	Amount
Columbia City Ballet	(2) Performances In Northeast	\$7,500
Cultural Arts Council	Decker International Celebration	\$19,000
Patriots Week Event	Village at Sandhill & Boy Scouts	\$15,000
Harbison Kids Marathon	Cola Nutz & Friends of Harbison	\$6,000
Diamond Day Cultural Event	Arts & Cultural Event	\$10,000
Cultural Arts Council	Three Kings Day Parade	\$3,500
Palmetto Half Marathon	Marathon to be held at Village at Sandhill	\$10,000
Council of Village Elders	Farmers Market at Downtown Hopkins	\$5,000
Richland County	Promotional Brochure of Richland Attractions	\$10,000
Auntie Karen Foundation		\$5,000
Access Fun Leisure	Customized Calendar of events taking place in Richland County	\$4,000
Total		\$95,000

- 8. **Fire Contract Amendments:** Council approved the contract extension through June 30, 2011. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- 9. **Resolution in support of McEntire Air National Guard F-35A:** Council approved the resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 10. **Adoption of 2010 Retreat Goals:** Council approved the goals, and added two items for consideration, which follow: (1) Less and shorter Council meetings (Manning), and (2) Research areas where unified fire services exist and are performing well, and benchmark those areas (Smith). **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- 11. **Citizens' Input:** Three people spoke.

12. Executive Session

- a. **David Adams vs. City of Columbia Firefighters Association, et. al.:** Received as information.
- b. **Lower Richland Sewer Update:** The Administrator was directed to move forward as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, UTILITIES**
- c. **Personnel Matter:** Received as information.
- d. **Contractual Matter: Offer to Purchase Property:** First reading was given to the item, and the Administrator is to negotiate a lease as discussed in Executive Session. A community meeting is also to be held. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

13. Motion Period

- a. **Motion to, by Ordinance, organizationally place the County Assessor and Assessor's Office under the County Administrator [Manning]:** Forwarded to D&S. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- b. **Council consider a curfew as a means of bringing citizens and government together in an effort to make our neighborhoods and community safer [Manning]:** Forwarded to D&S. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- c. **To reexamine the Road Maintenance Fee Ordinance, prioritizing its use and setting a goal to eliminate all unpaved roads in Richland County with traditional and alternative paving. This should be a short term goal [Jackson]:** Forwarded to D&S. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS**
- d. **Explore utilizing the Shop Road/Pine View Road property (Farmers Market Land) with Public/Private partnership. After spending so much of the people's money, we should not let this property sit, grow weeds and become an eyesore. This is a perfect opportunity to invite potential businesses and entrepreneurs to come up with ideas and financing mechanism to fund and develop viable projects. We cannot afford to sit and wait and do nothing. [Jackson]** Forwarded to D&S. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- e. **Designated historical buildings should be "exempt" from Richland County taxes and permit costs. [Washington]** Forwarded to A&F. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- f. Schedule a special called Zoning Public Hearing meeting on March 2, 2010 for case 10-05MA. These rezonings will be for two (2) portions of tax map number 22900-02-09, located at the Village at Sandhills – along Fashion and Forum Drives. The rezoning, from C-1 to C-3 and C-3 to C-1, will encompass approximately .56 acres. The purpose of the request is to allow a rezoning within the Village which, upon all required readings, will allow for the location of a major retail establishment. [Livingston] ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING**
 - g. To place on the ballot for referendum whether or not Richland County should adopt the Supervisor form of government. [Smith] Forwarded to A&F. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- 14. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 10:15pm.