

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 2006
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mizzell (Councilman Jeter is excused)

INVOCATION: Scott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Scott

PRESENTATIONS:

Association of Counties – New Tax Cap Law, Robert Crooms: Mr. Crooms gave a brief overview of the new tax cap law. Further information will be presented at a later date, possible Retreat. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

Resolution honoring Mr. Kester Freeman, Retired CEO, Palmetto Health Alliance: Council presented Mr. Freeman with a resolution and thanked him for his years of service to providing excellent healthcare in Richland County.

Richland 101 Graduation: Council honored the Richland 101 graduates.

Recreation Complex, Task 2 Update, Ken Simmons and Harry Miley: A brief overview of Task 2 was given to Council. A work session will be requested to review Task 2 findings in depth. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

“Charley” Children’s Book Presentation: This item was forwarded to the November 21, 2006 Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted as presented.

CITIZEN’S INPUT: One citizen spoke regarding the Ballentine Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: October 17, 2006: The minutes were approved, noting the reconsideration of 06-39MA. This item was taken up as item 10a.

Zoning Public Hearing: October 24, 2006: The minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- a. **Pending Litigation (Columbia Venture v. Richland County)** (Received as information, and forwarded to the November 21, 2006 Council Meeting
ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL)
- b. **Richland Northeast Sanitary Landfill** (Received as information)
- c. **TIF Contractual Matter** (Received as Information)
- d. **Employee Grievance** (Was Not Discussed in Executive Session)
- e. **CMRTA** (Received as Information)
- f. **Ordinance Adopting the 1995 Base Flood Elevations along the Congaree River** (Was Not Discussed in Executive Session)

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Employee Grievance:** Council voted to uphold the Administrator's recommendation. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- b. **CMRTA:** The Administrator was directed to proceed with the execution of the MOU between the County and CMRTA. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, BUDGET, LEGAL, TREASURER'S OFFICE**

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

- a. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board Meeting:** Wednesday, December 6 at 12:00 pm at Seawell's. Council is to RSVP.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN: There was no report.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

1.A., 1.B., 1.C., 1.D., 1.E., 1.F., 1.G., 2.A., 2.B.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

1.A., 1.B., 1.C., 1.D., 1.E., 1.F., 1.G., 1.H., 2.B., 2.D., 2.E., 3.A., 3.B., 3.C., 4.A., 4.B., 4.C. 1.H. was removed from the Consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved as amended.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

- a. **An Ordinance amending the FY 2006-2007 General Fund Annual Budget to establish a road plan inspection fee of \$350.00 per inspection and appropriate \$82,200.00 for hiring two inspectors in the Engineering Department [PUBLIC HEARING: 0 spoke] [CONSENT]:** The ordinance received third reading. **ACTION: LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS**
- b. **Sheriff's Budget Amendment: Homeland Security Coordinator FTE (\$28,250.00) [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** The ordinance

received third reading. **ACTION: LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

- c. **Sheriff's Department School Resource Officer FTE (\$29,710.00, previously \$42,566.00) [PUBLIC HEARING: 0 spoke] [CONSENT]:** The ordinance received third reading. **ACTION: LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
- d. **Ordinance authorizing the sale and issuance of up to \$4 million General Obligation Bonds for the purchase of Sheriff's vehicles [PUBLIC HEARING: 0 spoke] [CONSENT]:** The ordinance received third reading. **ACTION: LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
- e. **Budget Amendment: Transportation Consultant (Carter Goble Lee \$56,400.00) [PUBLIC HEARING: 0 spoke] [CONSENT]:** The ordinance received third reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**
- f. **Ordinance authorizing the sale and issuance of up to \$7,000,000.00 Hospitality Tax Special Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for the purchase of Recreation property [PUBLIC HEARING: 0 spoke] [CONSENT]:** The ordinance received third reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- g. **Ordinance amending the FY 2006-2007 General Fund Annual Budget to add one full-time position to the Emergency Services Department for an Emergency Management Planner to be funded through grant funds [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** The ordinance received third reading. **ACTION: LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, GRANTS, EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**
- h. **Ordinance adopting the 1995 base flood elevations along the Congaree River:** The item was deferred to the December 5, 2006 Council agenda. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING**
- i. **An Ordinance Amendment to the Richland County Road Paving Program to permit reordering of the road priority list:** The item was deferred until a community meeting is held. The community meeting is to be held Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hopkins Gym. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**

2. SECOND READING ITEMS

- a. **An Ordinance consenting to an assignment to HOLO (SC) QRS 16-91, INC or other applicable entity of certain rights and obligations of**

Holopack International Corp. [PUBLIC HEARING ONLY: 0 spoke]:
This item is deferred until staff brings the item back to the Council agenda. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

- b. **Ordinance authorizing deed to L-J, Inc. for Lots 18 and 19 (approximately 14.14 acres total) in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park, a portion of Richland County TMS #25800-04-01 [PUBLIC HEARING: 0 spoke] [CONSENT]:** The ordinance received second reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
 - c. **TIF Ordinance:** The ordinance received second reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
 - d. **06-52MA**
Rice Creek Farms, Partnership/Joe Clark & Tom Studer
RU to NC
Neighborhood Commercial
01506-01-05/06
Three Dog Road & Hwy. 76 [CONSENT]: Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to NC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
 - e. **06-56MA**
Judy/Gwen Properties, LLC/Gwen Scott
RU to RS-LD
Residential Use
03310-01-03
27 Natures Creek Trail [CONSENT]: Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to RS - LD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
 - f. **06-50MA**
Brantley Manor
RS-LD to RU
Bed & Breakfast
02307-01-07
10 Leitner Point: The item was deferred to the November 21, 2006 Council meeting. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
3. **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
- a. **Coroner: Request to change Part-Time Clerk 1 position to Full-Time Secretary [CONSENT]:** The ordinance was given first reading. **ACTION: LEGAL, CORONER'S OFFICE, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- b. **Election Commission: Budget Amendment for Voting System Hardware and Software Maintenance (\$25,396.00) [CONSENT]:** The ordinance was given first reading. **ACTION: LEGAL, ELECTION COMMISSION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- c. **Lease Agreement and Budget Amendment for the opening of a new library facility in Ballentine [CONSENT]:** The lease agreement was approved. **ACTION: LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- d. **Resolution identifying the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties as the Designated Arts Organization for Richland County [CONSENT]:** The resolution was approved. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- e. **Potential Bond Items:** Council is to have a work session to further discuss this issue on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Items to be discussed are (1) Woodrow Wilson Home (2) Animal Care Shelter (3) Magistrates' Office Plan (4) LRADAC. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, BUDGET**

4. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

- a. **Request to enter in negotiations for Solid Waste Contract Extension and Rate Increase (Area 1 – Allwaste Services) [CONSENT]:** Council approved negotiations for the extension of a solid waste contract and rate increase with Allwaste Services.. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PROCUREMENT, BUDGET, FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS**
- b. **Acceptance of Conservation Easement for Mr. Jim Podell for 10 acres in the Crane Creek Watershed [CONSENT]:** Council accepted the conservation easement from Mr. Jim Podell for 10 acres in the Crane Creek watershed. **ACTION: CONSERVATION COMMISSION, LEGAL**
- c. **Owens Field Picnic Area [CONSENT]:** Council approved the creation of a picnic area at Owens Field Airport. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

5. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- a. **Amendments to the Richland Northeast Industrial Park Covenants:** Council approved the amendments as amended, deleting the following verbiage under 2 c, "except for automobile and truck dealerships." **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

- b. **Ordinance authorizing Deed: Northeast Industrial Park Land Purchase, Lot 25, (William H. Godshall and Bryan Chassereau):** Council approved first reading of the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
 - c. **Ordinance authorizing water main easement to the City of Columbia on Consolidated Systems property:** Council approved first reading of the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- 6. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**
- I. Notification of Vacancies on Boards, Commissions, and Committees**
 - a. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees-4:** The positions are to be advertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - II. Notification of appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees**
 - b. **Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals-1:** Peggy Denise Simons was appointed to the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ZONING**
 - c. **Employee Grievance Committee-1:** Suzie Hayes was appointed to the Employee Grievance Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, HUMAN RESOURCES**
 - d. **Performing Arts Center Board-2:** Shirley Fields-Martin was appointed to the Performing Arts Center Board. One position remains to be filled. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - e. **Planning Commission-1:** Julius Murray was appointed to the Planning Commission. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING**
 - III. Lexington/Richland Drug Abuse Council**
 - a. **Term Date Changes:** Advertise for vacant positions. Ordinance was given first reading by title only. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
 - IV. Farmers' Market Committee:** The position is to be advertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 7. Application for locating a Community Residential Care Facility in an unincorporated area of Richland County**

**Mrs. Catherine B. Hammond
1124 Eastmont Drive
Columbia, SC 29204**

This item was deferred to the November 21, 2006 Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- 8. Township Auditorium (forwarded from mtg. of 10/17/06):** The Township Board is to make recommendations and present various options to Council regarding the project. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 9. Bond Court Pay Request:** Council approved Alternate 2, and made the pay retroactive to July 21, 2006. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- 10. Ridgewood Infrastructure Improvements Project:** Council approved the item. **ACTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL**
- 10a. 06-39MA, Peace Haven Rezoning:** Council deferred this item to the November 21, 2006 Council meeting. **ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING, ZONING**
- 11. CITIZEN'S INPUT:** Two citizens spoke regarding Piney Woods Road duplexes. Planning staff is to contact the two citizens. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING, ZONING**
- 12. MOTION PERIOD**
 - a. Arbor Day Resolution:** Hutchinson requested a resolution recognizing December 1 as Arbor Day. **ACTION: PUBLIC INFORMATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - b. National Farm City Week:** Hutchinson requested a resolution recognizing November 17 – 23 as National Farm City Week. **ACTION: PUBLIC INFORMATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - c. Eagle Scout:** Pearce requested a resolution honoring Eagle Scout Maxwell Charles McEachern. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - d. Outstanding Senior Citizen:** Pearce requested a resolution honoring Nell Mulligan, who resides at Kathwood, and is 103 years old. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - e. Homelessness Item:** Pearce requested the letter from the City be sent to the November D&S Committee to determine the County's approach with regards to the Homelessness item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - f. Retreat Update:** Pearce gave a brief update on Council Retreat. Obtaining a moderator for the diversity training / communications training portion of the Retreat will be pursued by Pearce. Staff is to send to Council the Retreat survey and list of priorities. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- g. Retreat:** Smith suggested that staff look around for an alternate location for the Retreat in order to secure specific dates in January. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - h. Alcohol Policy:** Montgomery recommended staff review the County's policy on alcohol consumption in conjunction with the operation of county vehicles. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
 - i. Smoking Ban:** McEachern sent to the November D&S Committee the proposed smoking ban in Richland County. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
 - j. Project Pet:** Livingston requested staff review the no-kill information during next Tuesday's bond work session. Mr. Pope is to email a letter received to Council prior to the work session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - k. Columbia City Ballet:** Mizzell sent to the November A&F Committee a requested for emergency funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the Columbia City Ballet. If funded, monies should be tied to outreach for unincorporated areas of the County, and/o performances in unincorporated areas of the County. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - l. Election:** Mizzell congratulated Smith on her re-election.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Council adjourned at 9:52 p.m.