

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

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

January 3, 2006

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Mizzell

INVOCATION -- Scott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Scott

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON – Mizzell was re-elected as Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON – Pearce was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

SELECTION OF SEATS – Seats were chosen in the following order (L – R): Mike Montgomery; Joe McEachern; Doris Corley; Damon Jeter; Greg Pearce; Tony Mizzell; Paul Livingston; Val Hutchinson; Kit Smith; Bernice Scott; Joyce Dickerson

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – The agenda was originally adopted as presented. However, after the approval of the Special Called Minutes, the agenda was adopted as amended, allowing Item 6 (Eau Claire Letter of Support) to properly appear before Council. (This item was not forwarded from a Committee, as is protocol according to Council's rules; therefore, it needed to properly appear before Council before action could be taken on this item.)

CITIZEN'S INPUT – Three people spoke regarding item 3 a (Emergency Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium and approval of floodplain management permits for development or construction within a portion of the Congaree River floodplain); 1 person spoke regarding item 2 d (Ordinance authorizing a quit-claim deed to William P. Vinson); 1 person spoke regarding the December 20, 2005 minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Special Called Meeting: December 20, 2005 – The minutes were approved as submitted.

Zoning Public Hearing: December 20, 2005 – The minutes were approved as submitted.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Staff Attorney Brad Farrar informed Council that there were no Executive Session items listed on the agenda for action. He informed them that they could discuss items 2 e (Ordinance authorizing General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage) and 3 a (Emergency Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium and approval of floodplain management permits for development or construction within a portion of the Congaree River floodplain) in Executive Session if they so chose.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

a. Council Retreat: Mr. Pope reminded Council of their upcoming Annual Retreat taking place Thursday, January 12, 2006 – Saturday, January 14, 2006 at Wampee. He stated that Retreat agendas were emailed to Council, and for them to contact him if they had any questions.

b. Audit: Mr. Pope informed Council that the Audit was complete, with all required information having been submitted to the Auditor. Council will receive the audit management letter in the next few weeks when the Auditor completes this document.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL – There was no report.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a. Mizzell informed Council that he had received an invitation to Engenuity's workshop on 1/4/06 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the State Museum. The workshop will focus on the Ireland / S.C. technological comparison. He invited all of Council to attend.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS – There were no public hearings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS – The following items were approved for the Consent Agenda and adopted by motion of the County Council: 1a; 2a; 2b; 2c; 4a; 4b. Items 2d; 2e; and 3a were removed from the Consent Agenda.

1. THIRD READING ITEM

- a. **Ordinance prohibiting through truck traffic on Olympia Avenue between Heyward Street and Bluff Road in Richland County** – Council gave third reading approval to this item. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

2. SECOND READING ITEMS

- a. **05-106MA; City of Columbia; RU to HI (120 acres); Wastewater Treatment Plant; 11000-01-03; NW Quadrant of I-77 and Congaree River** --Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment

that changes the property from RU to HI. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

- b. **05-107MA; Nick Leventis; RU to RS-E; Single Family Subdivision; 17800-04-39; Rimer Pond Road** --Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to RS-E. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- c. **05-86MA; Seamon Hunter; RU to GC; Non-identified use; 15000-0506** -- Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- d. **Ordinance Authorizing a Quit-Claim Deed to William P. Vinson** – Council gave second reading approval to an ordinance granting a quitclaim deed to Mr. Vinson. Legal was requested to meet with the landowner and his attorney regarding the easement. **ACTION: LEGAL**
- e. **Ordinance authorizing General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage** – Council gave second reading approval to this ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

3. **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- a. **Emergency Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium and Approval of Floodplain Management Permits for Development or Construction within a portion of the Congaree River Floodplain** – After numerous failed motions, Council passed a motion that allowed this item to become a regular ordinance, providing for three readings and a public hearing. This item was given first reading approval, and was adopted as amended, striking the proposed amendments on page 45 (“...; provided, however, this moratorium does not apply to permit applications for maintenance of existing structures, levees or buildings, or to bring existing levies into compliance with Richland County ordinances and/or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ standards.”), and unstriking the language on page 46 (“This moratorium does not apply to permit applications for maintenance of existing structures, levees or buildings.”). **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

4. **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- a. **Award of Waste Tire Hauling and Recycling Contract to Whitaker Container Service** – Council approved a five year contract with Whitaker Container Service for the transportation and recycling of waste tires. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **Disposal Contract Award to Loveless & Loveless Inc. for Construction, Demolition and Land Clearing Debris** – Council approved the five year

contract with Loveless & Loveless Inc. for disposal of C&D waste generated from the curbside collection program and the Lower Richland Drop-Off Center. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

1 Acceptance of Hopkins Property (Administrative Recommendation to defer to Committee on January 24, 2006 to allow compilation of additional information.) – Council accepted Administration’s recommendation to defer this item to the January 24, 2006 Development and Services Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

2 Eau Claire Letter of Support – Mr. Slade presented this item to Council, and requested their support regarding a 2006 Community Health Center grant proposal. This grant (if approved) will have no financial impact on the County. Staff is to draft a letter of support on behalf of County Council for the grant proposal. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

3 CITIZEN’S INPUT – One person spoke regarding the City of Columbia Livability Court.

4 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council received legal advice regarding item 2 e (Ordinance authorizing General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage).

9. MOTION PERIOD

a. Kit Smith made a motion to create a finance mechanism for up to \$2 million dollars for projects in Olympia. This item was forwarded to the Administration and Finance Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

b. Joe McEachern made a motion regarding a State Appearance Grant for a project at US 21 and I-77. This item was forwarded to the Development and Services Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION (PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

c. Tony Mizzell requested an update on the Joint City / County Meeting, as well as the Legislative Delegation Meeting. Michielle Cannon-Finch stated that Libby Goeber is to call her when City Council is ready to meet. Stephany Snowden is to schedule the Legislative Delegation meeting.

ACTION: ADMINISTRATION (PUBLIC INFORMATION)

d. Bernice Scott thanked staff for their hard work on the Christmas House.

e. Damon Jeter asked for the date when the Joint Bond Review Committee issue would be discussed. Staff informed him that this item will appear on this month’s A&F Committee agenda (1-24-06). **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

10. ADJOURNMENT – Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.