

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**Office of the County Administrator**

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

**March 7, 2006**

**6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mizzell

**INVOCATION:** Montgomery

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Montgomery

At this time, Mizzell informed Council that Richland County Public Works Employee Darryl Buggs had unexpectedly passed away. Council's condolences were shared with his family and friends.

**PRESENTATIONS:** **Jack Claypoole, LRADAC:** Mr. Claypoole informed Council that he has been presented with, and has accepted, the opportunity to work in Washington, D.C. for the Drug Czar. Council congratulated him on this opportunity.

**Ms. Becky Bailey, Chairwoman, Conservation Commission:** Ms. Bailey informed Council of the Conservation Commission's Work Plan for the coming year, and requested a meeting with each individual council member to discuss this plan.

**Ms. Sandra Hackley, Early Childhood Development, Midlands Technical College:** Ms. Hackley and Ms. Amanda Barrier discussed the LIFT Project and WAGES initiative.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – The agenda was adopted as amended. The following Economic Development items were added to the agenda: Project Chicago (7c) and Kolorpro (7d). Executive Session was moved to item 9, making the Motion Period item 10, and Adjournment item 11.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT** – One person spoke regarding item 6g, Exemptions to Road Maintenance Fee.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Session: February 21, 2006** – The minutes were approved as submitted.

At this point, Mizzell informed Council that Joyce Dickerson was excused from the Council Meeting because she was attending the NACo conference in Washington, D.C.

## **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

Larry Smith informed Council that the following items could be discussed in Executive Session if they chose to do so:

- a. Recreation Commission Lawsuit Update**
- b. Sale of Property: 1610 Marion Street**
- c. Township Auditorium: Acquisition of Property**
- d. Detention Center Medical Contract**
- e. Personnel Matter**

## **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. Detention Center Medical Contract: Mr. Pope informed Council that this item would be discussed during the latter part of the agenda.**
- b. Personnel Matter: Mr. Pope said that this item would be discussed in Executive Session.**
- c. Audit Presentation:** Bob Milhaus presented Council with the Audit. He gave a brief overview of the audit process, and informed Council that he would be more than happy to have a work session to further discuss this item. Mr. Pope is to email Council regarding a possible date for this work session.  
**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- d. Innovista Update:** Mr. Pope stated that the documents had been forwarded to the County for signatures. Once the documents are signed, Council will be given copies of the agreement. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET**
- e. Budget Process:** Mr. Pope informed Council that staff members are currently meeting with budget directors and elected officials, and also informed them of the possibility of a significant increase in Public Safety, among other departments.

## **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. County/City Join Meeting Date, Monday, March 20, 2006, Clarion Hotel, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.:** Ms. Cannon-Finch reminded Council of this meeting.
- b. South Carolina Economic Developers' School, Charleston, SC, May 18 – 19, 2006:** Ms. Cannon-Finch told Council members that if they wished to attend SCEDES, to let her know.
- c. Richland Memorial Hospital Board Reception; Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.; Palmetto Club in the Meekin Room:** Ms. Cannon-Finch informed Council of this upcoming Reception.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

**a. Detention Center Task Force Meeting:** Mizzell informed Council that the task force met with Detention Center employees and discussed issues such as compensation and morale. The task force informed the employees that the Compensation and Classification Program should address some of their issues. The task force will meet again in 5 – 6 weeks. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

**OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS – Item 1a (Approval of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Hospitality Tax Budget to add two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for Township operations)** was a Public Hearing item. No one spoke.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS –** The following items were approved for the Consent Agenda and adopted by motion of the County Council: 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 5a, 6b, 6c, 6d1, 6d2, 6d3, 6e, 6f, 6h

### **1. THIRD READING ITEMS**

- a. Approval of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Hospitality Tax Budget to add two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for Township operations:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET**
- b. 05-114MA; Joe Clark; RU to RS-MD; Single Family Detached Subdivision; 01506-01-06; SW Quad of Three Dog Rd & Dutch Fork Rd –** Council gave third reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to RS-MD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

### **2. SECOND READING ITEMS**

- a. 05-105MA; Robert Fuller; RS-MD to NC; Develop Small Office Park; 20200-01-18(p); Across from Killian Elementary School:** Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RS-MD to NC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- b. 05-116MA; Preston Young; RU to RM-HD (43 acres); Residential Subdivision; 14500-02-08/25; Southwest Quadrant of Powell Road; Hardscrabble Road:** Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to RM-HD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- c. 05-118MA; Don Lovett; PDD to GC (0.09 acres); General Commercial; 17414-01-17(p); Adjacent to Killian Green S/D:** Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from PDD to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

- d. **05-121MA; William Higgins; M-1 to GC (17 acres); General Commercial; 04910-01-09 & 04913-01/03/05; Northeast Quadrant of Fernandina Road & Piney Woods Road:** Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from M-1 to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
  - e. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Zoning; Article VI, Supplemental Use Standards; Paragraphs (8), (9), and (10); So as to amend the required conditions for day cares (Adult Day Care, Family Day Cares, and Group Day Cares) regarding parking:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
  - f. **An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Zoning; Article V, Zoning Districts and District Standards; Section 26-96, GC General Commercial Districts; Subsection (c), Development Standards, Paragraph (5) height standards; so as to amend the maximum height of structures in the GC District from thirty five (35) to forty-five feet:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
  - g. **An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Zoning; Article IV, Amendments and Procedures; Section 26-52, Amendments; Subsection (H), Withdrawal or Reconsideration of Proposed Amendments; Paragraph (1), Withdrawal; So as to amend the time in which an applicant may withdraw an amendment application:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
3. **ITEM FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2/21/06**
- a. **Detention Center Medical Contract:** Staff gave Council an update on this item. Council authorized Mr. Pope to negotiate and approve the Detention Center Medical Contract that was before Council. A budget amendment is also needed for this item. Mr. Livingston requested the cost per inmate for the new contract. Mr. Pearce requested a spreadsheet outlining the old contract versus the new contract, so as to clarify funding questions raised by Council during the meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PROCUREMENT, BUDGET, LEGAL**
4. **ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2/7/06**
- a. **Sale of Property: 1610 Marion Street:** Council directed staff to sell 1610 Marion Street, but to assign the 2.5% commission to the buyer, not the County. Also, the parcel containing the parking lot is not to be part of this land sale. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET**

- b. **Township Auditorium: Acquisition of Property:** Staff is to bring back all related properties (including property values) to Council, and to prioritize the properties. No contracts are to be brought forward at this time. Council also requested the amount of Hospitality Tax funds dedicated to the Township. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

**5. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- a. **Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for the Spring Hill Subdivision:** Council approved the Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for the extension of sewer service to the Spring Hill Subdivision. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

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

- a. **Funding Request: Wood + Partners, Task 2, Entertainment/Recreation Complex** – Council will hold a work session on this item on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **Adoption of Internal Audit Project List and Consideration of Project Funding** – Council approved an amended Internal Audit List and priority ranking. (The Finance Department audit was moved to the end of the list.) Council also recommended that funding be addressed in the 2006-07 budget. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET/FINANCE**
- c. **Public Works Purchase Request: Purchase of One (1) Tractor/Mower** Council approved the purchase of one tractor/mower in the amount of \$109,836.44. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, BUDGET/FINANCE**
- d. **Sheriff Grants**
  - 1. **Approval of Four Grants (No personnel costs of financial match required)** – Council approved the following four grants: Sober or Slammer Mini-Grant, Law Enforcement Network Mini-Grant, 2003 Part II Buffer Zone Protection Plan, and 2005 Buffer Zone Protection Plan. No match was required. **ACTION: BUDGET/FINANCE; SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
  - 2. **Approval of Two Grants (No personnel costs, \$7,488 match)** – Council approved the following two grants: JABG (Community Crime Prevention Grant) and VOCA Reverted Funds (Victims of Violent Crimes Direct Services Grant.) Matching amounts of \$1,428 and \$6,060, respectively, are required and are included in the budget. **ACTION: BUDGET/FINANCE; SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

3. **Approval of Grant for One AFIS Work Station and Two Live Scan Devices and Printers (\$47,000 match required)** – Council approved the grant for one AFIS work station and two live scan devices and printers. A match of \$47,000 is required. **ACTION: BUDGET/FINANCE; SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT**
  
- e. **Approval of Qualified GIS Contractor List** – Council approved the addition of the contractors to the qualified list for GIS services. **ACTION: PROCUREMENT, GIS**
  
- f. **Acquisition of Land to the North of the Richland County C&D Landfill** – Council authorized the County Administrator to negotiate the purchase of 56.84 acres of property north of the current County Landfill site. **ACTION: PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS**
  
- g. **Exemptions to the Road Maintenance Fee** – Council gave first reading to an ordinance that would exempt Disabled Veterans from the county’s \$15.00 road maintenance fee, effective July 1, 2006. Montgomery asked that any budget provisos pertaining to this item be forwarded directly to Council. **ACTION: LEGAL, ASSESSOR, TREASURY, AUDITOR, BUDGET/FINANCE**
  
- h. **Budget Amendment Transferring \$143,100 from the Fund Balance to General Fund to Reimburse for the Purchase of Local Option Sales Tax Software**– Council gave first reading approval to an ordinance transferring \$143,100 from the Fund balance to the General Fund to reimburse for the purchase of Local Option Sales Tax software. Council also recommended that municipalities within the county should be requested to contribute their share on a pro-rata basis. **ACTION: LEGAL, AUDITOR, BUDGET/FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION**
  
- i. **Allocation of \$10,000 in Unallocated HTAX Funds to City-Center Partnership for International Downtown Association Spring Conference Sponsorship** – Council approved the request. **ACTION: BUDGET/FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION**
  
7. **REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
  - a. **KPR Holdings, L.P. Transfer to Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc.:** Council approved this item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  - b. **Sale of Property: Richland Northeast Industrial Park:** This item was deferred to the March 21, 2006 Regular Session Council Meeting.
  - c. **Project Chicago:** Council approved this item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  - d. **KOLORPRO:** Council approved the funding request in the amount of \$40,000, which will come from the Industrial Park Fund. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**

8. **CITIZENS' INPUT:** No one spoke.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council received information on the Recreation Commission Lawsuit and Personnel Matters. Larry Smith was directed to prepare a letter for signature to Governor Sanford regarding Council's support of the proposed changes to the Recreation Commission. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
10. **MOTION PERIOD**
  1. Paul Livingston requested a resolution for Kester Freeman. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  2. Bernice Scott requested \$5,000 for the Columbia City Ballet's trip to China. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  3. Greg Pearce requested the issue of junk automobiles be forwarded to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
  4. Damon Jeter requested a report on the \$35,000 that was allocated to walking trails be forwarded to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  5. Tony Mizzell requested a resolution congratulating the Lower Richland Lady Diamonds on their Basketball Championship. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  6. Tony Mizzell requested a resolution posthumously honoring Darryl Buggs. **ACTION: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Council adjourned at 10:00.