

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

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

September 12, 2006

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mizzell

INVOCATION: McEachern

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: McEachern

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was adopted as amended.

1. Item d, Forum Development Contract Extension, was added under report of the Economic Development Committee.

PRESENTATION: Status of CMRTA, Carter Goble Lee

CITIZEN'S INPUT: No one spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Called: July 25, 2006 – The minutes were approved as submitted.

Zoning Public hearing: July 25, 2006 – The minutes were approved as submitted.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

1. **Contractual Matter: Purchase of Land / Recreational Property**
2. **TIF Update**
3. **Recreation Commission vs. Richland County**

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **Animal Care Update:** Mr. Pope stated that he received a letter from the City Manager stating that the City was initiating the procurement process on the expansion of the City shelter. The updated construction costs will be presented to Council when they are received. In order to finalize the expansion, the

County will have to move forward with the bonding issue. The City Manager is very receptive to expediting the process. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**

2. **Time Warner Cable State Franchise:** Mr. Pope stated that the County has secured a 5% franchise rate. Staff has also met with TWC executives to discuss securing a public access channel solely for the County. Discussions are also pending regarding an audit of potential expenses that may be owed to the County. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BUDGET**
3. **Introduction of new Neighborhood Planner:** Mr. Pope formally introduced Tiaa Rutherford, who thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the County in this role.
4. **Retreat Subcommittee:** Mr. Pope informed Council that staff has begun planning for the 2007 Retreat. He requested Council create a "Retreat Subcommittee" to work with staff on behalf of Council to assist in the development of this year's Retreat agenda, and to discuss other issues such as location, dates, etc.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

1. **SCEDS:** Ms. Finch informed Council that SCEDS will be held November 2 – 3. Any Council members interested in attending should see her.
2. **Institute of Governments:** The Institute of Governments will be held Thursday, October 19, 2006. Any Council members interested in attending should see her.
3. **Chamber Award:** Ms. Finch received a letter heralding Richland County Government as the Woodrow Wilson Award winner. This award is for regional cooperation. The County will be presented with this award at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Gala, to be held Thursday, September 21, 2006.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN:

1. **Farmers' Market Committee:** Chairman Mizzell reminded Council of their appointment to the Farmers' Market Committee, and also expressed interest in becoming the appointee.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 3a, 3b, 5h. (See individual items for number of citizens speaking to a particular item.)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS: The following items were approved for the Consent Agenda and adopted by motion of the County Council: 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4g, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5f, 5g.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

- a. **Amendment to Hospitality Tax Ordinance to Limit Distribution Increases to No More Than 3% Annually [PUBLIC HEARING, 0 spoke]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance which amends the current ordinance to establish the basis for future funding increases to the amounts approved in the FY 06-07 budget, and to make the 3% cap effective in the FY 07-08 budget. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**
- b. **An Ordinance Authorizing Deeds to Wesley United Methodist Church (Along Barnwell Street) [PUBLIC HEARING, 0 spoke]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance authorizing deeds to Wesley United Methodist Church. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**
- c. **An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 006-06HR, which Authorized a Deed to Forum Development II, LLC for a Certain Parcel of Land Known as Lot 27, Approximately 2.699 Acres Total in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park, a Portion of Richland TMS #25800-04-01; so as to Allow Forum Development II, LLC to Assign its Interest in the Property [PUBLIC HEARING, 0 spoke]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- d. **An Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2006 – 2007 Road Maintenance Budget with an Increase in the Road Maintenance Fee to \$40 for Private Vehicles and \$50 for Commercial Vehicles with \$20 Designated for Road maintenance Work and \$20 / \$30 Designated for Funding Mass Transit and to Appropriate Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) for Mass Transit [PUBLIC HEARING, 49 spoke]:** Council deferred this item to the September 19, 2006 Council meeting. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**
- e. **An Amendment to Require Residency in Richland County for the Board of Zoning Appeals as a Condition of Appointment:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

2. SECOND READING ITEMS

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing a Utility Easement to South Carolina Electric and Gas Company on Property Identified as TMS #16200-03-01 (Located Southeast of Pineview Road – Near Shop Road – in Lower**

Richland County, SC [PUBLIC HEARING, 0 spoke]: Council tabled this item.

- b. 06-23MA; Bluegrass Villages; RU to PDD; Single Family S/D and Related Commercial; 12600-02-01; Blythewood Road & Muller Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to PDD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- c. 06-28MA; Killian’s Crossing; HI/MI to PDD; Mixed Use Development; 17400-02-04, 17400-10-02; Killian Road and Farrow Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from HI/MI to PDD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- d. 06-32MA; Rob Zobel; RU to RC; Mini Storage, Boat & RV Parking; 03400-02-24; Broad Bill Road, I-26 Frontage Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to RC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- e. 06-35MA; Frank Hunt; RU to NC; Neighborhood Commercial; 15200-01-13(p) & 15200-01-09; ¼ mile west of I-77 Exit 28, Blythewood [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to NC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- f. 06-40MA; William Scotsman, Inc.; RU to GC; Selling & Leasing of Mobile Offices; 03300-03-21; 10724 Broad River Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- g. Premiums for Retiree Dependent Health Insurance [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance amendment which requires that a retiree must pay the health, dental, and life insurance premiums for a dependent. **ACTION: HUMAN RESOURCES, BUDGET, LEGAL**

3. FIRST READING ITEMS

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, Adopted on May 3, 1999 by Incorporating the “Broad River Neighborhoods Master Plan” Into the I-20 Interbeltway Subarea Plan [PUBLIC HEARING, 0 spoke]:** Council gave first reading to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- b. 06-22MA; Long Bay PDD; BP Barber and Associates; Single Family S/D and Related Commercial; 17200-02-02/33/10; West Side Farrow**

Road ½ Mile north of Hardscrabble Road [PUBLIC HEARING was deferred]: Council deferred this item until the September 26, 2006 Zoning Public Hearing. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

4. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE (7/25/06):

- a. Acceptance of Roads in Ashley Ridge Subdivision:** Council deferred this item. Staff is to remove this item from the agenda until it is ready for Council's consideration. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS**
- b. Extension of Temporary Receivership Agreement for Operation of Franklin & Albene Park Water and Sewer Systems [CONSENT]:** Council approved an extension of the temporary receivership agreement for operation of the Franklin and Albene Park water and sewer systems. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL**
- c. Richland County Greenways Project: Phase II Funding Request (\$35,000) [CONSENT]:** Council approved the \$35,000 funding request from the Palmetto Conservation Foundation for Phase II of the Richland County Greenways Project. The funding source shall be the Richland County Conservation Commission's millage. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**
- d. Ordinance Authorizing a Quitclaim Deed to Wardell Wallace for a 15' Right-of-Way on Bluff Oaks Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave first reading approval to an ordinance authorizing a quitclaim deed for a 15' right-of-way on Bluff Oaks Road. **ACTION: LEGAL**
- e. Ordinance Authorizing a Quitclaim Deed to Jerry L. Tucker for Purported Right-of-Way on Moon Rise Street [CONSENT]:** Council gave first reading approval to an ordinance authorizing a quitclaim deed for a 15' right-of-way on Bluff Oaks Road. **ACTION: LEGAL**
- f. Proposed Amendment to the Richland County Road Paving Program to Permit Reordering of the Road Priority List:** The ordinance was amended to take effect within the next four year cycle and given first reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL**
- g. Petition to Close a Portion of Joe Ballentine Road [CONSENT]:** Council approved the petition. **ACTION: LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**

5. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. **Approval of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Central Midlands Region [CONSENT]:** Council approved the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Central Midlands Region. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **Sheriff: Grant Approvals (Matching Funds and Personnel Required) [CONSENT]:** Council approved the COPS Secure Our Schools grant (\$11,365 match required) and the DCDPS Project Safe Neighborhoods, Anti-Gang Initiative. **ACTION: BUDGET, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
- c. **Coroner: Request for Approval to Renew Contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC for FY 06-07 [CONSENT]:** Council approved the renewal of a contract with Professional Pathology Services for autopsy services provided to the Coroner's Office. The requested encumbrance was \$270,000. **ACTION: CORONER'S OFFICE, BUDGET**
- d. **Resolution in Support of the Issuance of JEDA Bonds for the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Columbia, S.C. Project [CONSENT]:** Council approved a resolution in support of the issuance of a \$12,000,000 JEDA Bonds for the YMCA of Columbia, SC Project. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- e. **Funding for Improvements in the Olympia Neighborhood:** Council deferred this item until a work session is held regarding the distribution of funds. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- f. **Ordinance to Amend Retiree Eligibility Requirements for Group Life, Health, and Dental Benefits [CONSENT]:** Council gave first reading to an ordinance amending retiree eligibility requirements for group life, health, and dental benefits. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- g. **Ordinance to Approve the Issuance and Sale of Special Resource Revenue Bonds for the Vulcan River Road Project [CONSENT]:** Council gave first reading to an ordinance authorizing the sale of \$3,000,000 Special Source Revenue Bonds for the Vulcan River Road Project. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- h. **Resolution in Support of the Issuance of JEDA Bonds for Goodwill Industries of Upper South Carolina, Inc. [PUBLIC HEARING, 0 spoke]:** Council approved a resolution in support of the issuance of \$14,000,000 JEDA Bonds for Goodwill Industries of Upper South Carolina, Inc. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

6. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. Notification of Vacancies on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- a. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board Committee – 1:** This position is to be advertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

II. Notification of Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- a. Community Relations Council – 2:** Delores Saini was appointed to the Community Relations Council. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Employee Grievance Committee– 2:** Wanda Shealy and Staci Pritchard were appointed to the Employee Grievance Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. Midlands Commission on Homelessness – 3:** This item was held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

7. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- a. An Ordinance Authorizing Certain Economic Incentives, Including Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Property Taxes and Other Related Matters, Pursuant to a Fee Agreement Between Richland County, South Carolina, and International Truck and Engine Corporation:** Council gave first reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- b. Northeast Industrial Park Land Purchase: Lots 18, 19, and 33 (L-J, Inc.):** Council deferred the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- c. Miller Valentine / Covenants Issue:** Council gave first reading approval to the covenants amendment, but deleted Section 1. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- d. Forum Development Contract Extension:** Council approved the contract extension. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

- 8. A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AND COMMISSION RODRICK WHITE AND MICHAEL K. PRITCHARD AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE PROPER SECURITY, GENERAL WELFARE, AND CONVENIENCE OF RICHLAND COUNTY:** Council approved the resolution for White and Pritchard. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

9. **Farmers' Market Site Plan Selection (Forwarded from 9/12/06 4:00 p.m. Work Session):** Council approved Site Plan #3. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
10. **CITIZENS INPUT:** Two people spoke regarding Animal Care, and one spoke regarding inflation.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

1. **Contractual Matter: Purchase of Land / Recreational Property:** Council authorized the Administrator to complete the contractual purchase of land for the recreational property. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 2. **TIF Update:** Legal counsel was directed to develop and implement a strategy that was discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
 3. **Recreation Commission vs. Richland County:** No action was taken.
11. **MOTION PERIOD**
- a. **An Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2006-2007 general fund annual budget to allocate a portion of the county's road maintenance fee toward expenditures on specific projects Road Maintenance Fee (Mizzell):** This item was sent to the 9-19-06 Council meeting for first reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET**
 - b. **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mr. Livingston referred to the D&S Committee an update on the development of a code enforcement committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - c. **Nomination of Mizzell for Farmers' Market Committee:** This item was forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - d. **Homeless Commission:** Mr. Pearce forwarded this item to full Council for the 9-19-06 Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - e. **Animal Care:** The Administrator is to make a full report and bring back recommendations regarding Critter Cabin at the 9-19-06 meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Council adjourned at 10:27 p.m.