



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL -- Amended

DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Julie-Ann Dixon	Bill Malinowski	Norman Jackson (Chair)	Jim Manning	Seth Rose
District 9	District 1	District 11	District 8	District 5

**NOVEMBER 26, 2013
5:00 PM**

2020 Hampton Street

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Session: October 22, 2013 [PAGES 3-5]

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ITEMS FOR ACTION

2. Approval of the Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan [PAGES 6-28]
3. Richland County Comprehensive Plan Update Vendor Selection [PAGES 29-31]

4. Amending the January 2014 County Council Meeting Schedule [PAGES 32-34]
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ADJOURNMENT



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Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Regular Session: October 22, 2013 [PAGES 3-5]

Reviews

MINUTES OF



**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013
5:00 P.M.**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

- Chair: Norman Jackson
- Member: Julie-Ann Dixon
- Member: Bill Malinowski
- Member: Jim Manning
- Member: Seth Rose

ALSO PRESENT: Kelvin Washington, Paul Livingston, Torrey Rush, Greg Pearce, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Ancheta, Warren Harley, John Hixon, Geo Price, Tracy Hegler, Donny Phipps, Brad Farrar, Pam Davis, Randy Cherry, David Hoops, Howard Jackson, Justine Jones, Tommy DeLage, Brandon Madden, Amelia Linder, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 5:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 24, 2013 (Regular Session) – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

To Correct Reference to the 2006 Edition of the International Building Code, since the 2012 Edition is now in effect – Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to correct reference to the 2006 edition of the International Building Code, which is found under Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article IX, Swimming Pool Code. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

To direct the County's legislative lobbyist to lobby the State Legislature for the enactment of legislation similar to the authority that municipalities currently have for addressing overgrown lots – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to direct County's legislative lobbyist to lobby the state legislature for the enactment of legislation similar to the authority that municipalities currently have for addressing overgrown lots. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Proposed Comprehensive Business Approval Process Framework for Applicants – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward to Council without a recommendation. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Norman Jackson, Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Approval of the Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan [**PAGES 6-28**]

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Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Approval of the Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan.

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to approve the Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan (Plan). The Plan will serve as a guide to direct the Neighborhood Improvement Program staff's efforts and funding as they pertain to implementing projects in Neighborhood Master Plan Areas and improvement projects in Richland County.

B. Background / Discussion

The Neighborhood Improvement Program was established by County Council in Fiscal Year 2004 to coordinate and fund Neighborhood Master Plans and improvement projects in Richland County. On March 1, 2005, County Council approved the first 10 priority focal areas for Neighborhood Master Planning. County Council adopted the first of the completed Master Plans on January 3, 2006. The table below displays the completed Master Planning Areas, along with the date adopted by County Council.

Master Planning Area	Date Adopted
Southeast Richland Neighborhoods	1/3/2006
Broad River Neighborhoods	10/19/2006
Decker Blvd / Woodfield Park	7/10/2007
Candlewood	3/12/2009
Crane Creek	1/19/2010
Trenholm Acres / Newcastle Neighborhoods	1/19/2010
Broad River Road Corridor and Community	12/14/2010

On June 30, 2010, County Council ranked the recommended projects from the completed Master Plans (not including the Broad River Road Corridor and Community Master Plan which was not adopted at that time) according to nine County Council approved criteria. The completion of the County Council approved projects will stimulate revitalization in Master Planning Areas and improve the sustainability of Richland County Neighborhoods.

This Plan outlines the County Council approved projects to be implemented by the Neighborhood Improvement Program in the next five years, and will direct funding to the completion of those projects.

The Spring Hill and Lower Richland Master Plans are nearing completion and adoption by County Council. Upon completion, the Annual Project Plans recommended here will be amended to include projects recommended in both Master Plans.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

This is a staff-initiated request. Therefore, there is no legislative history.

D. Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact associated with this request. However, the Neighborhood Improvement Program may request additional funding to adequately implement the approved projects contained in the Plan.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan.
2. Do not approve the Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan.

F. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan.

Recommended by: Tracy Hegler

Department: Planning

Date: November 1,

2013

G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 11/5/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Community Development

Reviewed by: Valeria Jackson

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: CDBG funds have been earmarked for a period of time to the NIP 2014 action plan as indicated within this attachment. Funds need to be expended by the end of 2014 to meet HUD deadline commitment dates.

Legal

Reviewed by: Brad Farrar

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision of Council.

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett

Date: 11/13/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Recommend Council approval of the Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan.

**FIVE YEAR PROJECT PLAN FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
2013-2018**

**Richland County Planning Department
2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
www.richlandonline.com**

November 1, 2013



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5 Year Project Plan Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program

Executive Summary

In accordance with the mission and objectives of the Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program, this Five Year Project Plan (Plan) serves as an outline to guide the efforts of the Neighborhood Improvement Program's Staff in implementing prioritized projects within the next five years. The projects are based on the recommendations identified in the Neighborhood Master Plans, and developed for Neighborhood Planning areas in Richland County.

In June 2010, Richland County Council evaluated, ranked and adopted an approved list of projects to be implemented by Neighborhood Improvement Program's (NIP) Staff (Appendix A).

This Plan for NIP covers the period of January 1, 2014 to December 30, 2018. Each of the identified projects and activities are intended to improve the sustainability of Richland County Neighborhoods, and foster a working relationship between NIP and the community.

Richland County Council created NIP in fiscal year 2003-2004, with funding from dedicated property tax millage. County Council determines program funding annually, through its budget process. In addition to the property tax millage, NIP uses funds from Community Development Block Grants and Richland County's Transportation Penny Tax to support projects. This Plan is to ensure that funding is directed to implementing projects as prioritized by Council in 2010.

This Plan will also briefly discuss the challenges and opportunities NIP staff may have as it pertains to the implementation and completion of projects to further the mission of NIP. Additionally, this Plan outlines procedures to measure and evaluate the progress of each project from initiation to completion.

Five Year Project Plan - January 1, 2014 – December 30, 2018

This plan identifies projects to be initiated within the next five years. The majority of projects outlined in this plan were approved and prioritized by Richland County Council (Council) in 2010, and will guide Neighborhood Improvement Program’s (NIP) efforts regarding the prioritized projects from January 1, 2014 to December 30, 2018.

Mission: NIP was established by Council to coordinate and fund neighborhood master plans and improvement projects in Richland County. The program is a partnership between County government and neighborhood organizations. NIP’s vision is a healthy and happy community of high performing schools, quality infrastructure, parks and trails, and viable, thriving neighborhoods and business corridors. Sustaining this desired quality of life requires coordination between many facets of the community: neighborhood organizations, businesses, schools, local government, etc. Our mission is to coordinate and empower citizens with the resources necessary to achieve and sustain healthy and happy neighborhoods.

Goal(s): Improve the sustainability of Richland County Neighborhoods and stimulate revitalization in Master Planning Areas

Objective(s): Direct funding to Council approved projects

Desired Outcomes: Completion of Council approved projects

Prioritized Projects: In June 2010, Council evaluated, ranked and adopted an approved list of projects to be implemented by NIP (Appendix A). The completion of each project will further mission of NIP and assist in reaching the aforementioned goals of NIP.

Candlewood Neighborhood	
Rank	Project(s)
2	Neighborhood Park
28	Street Signage
	Total Estimated Cost
Broad River Neighborhood	
Rank	Project(s)
2	Demolish Abandoned Homes
12	Lighting Upgrade
14	Entrance Signage
18	Gibson Street Park
22	School Park
28	Street Signage
Crane Creek	
Rank	Project(s)
1	Community Center
2	Stormwater
12	Sanitary Sewer
18	Public Space
22	Gateway Park

Decker	
Rank	Project(s)
8	Reclaim Jackson Street Properties
11	Water Quality Demonstrator
14	Jackson Creek Rec./Cons. Parks
22	Waterfront Park
25	Shared-Use Park with District 2
SE Richland	
Rank	Project(s)
8	Water/Sewer Infrastructure Improvements
10	Name/Brand
18	L.R. Greenway Park
25	Green Town Square
Trenholm Acres	
Rank	Project(s)
2	Gateway Monuments
14	Acquire Lots For Parks (Pocket Parks)
18	Neighborhood Park
27	New Park and Recreation Area
NR	Sanitary Sewer
NR	Stormwater
NR	Columbia Mobile Home Park Demolition

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Note this prioritized project list was completed prior to the adoption of the Broad River Road Corridor and Community Master Plan.

Funding Sources

1. Property Tax Millage

Since 2003-04, Council funded NIP through a dedicated property tax millage. The amount allotted through the property tax millage is approved by Council.

2. CDBG Funds

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible Federal (HUD) program that provides low income communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. NIP received an allotment of funds from CDBG to assist in the implementation of projects recommended in Neighborhood Master Plans.

Council has approved the funding of Neighborhood Improvement transportation projects using a portion of funds made available by the Transportation Penny Tax, approved by voters in 2013. Council allocated \$63million to transportation-related projects for the County's eight approved Master Plan areas, which is managed by the County's Transportation Director. Thus, the projects identified in this Plan are non-transportation-related.

Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges to implementing and completing the list of projects outlined in this plan include the lack of funding sources; changing political environment; policy changes; and process requirements.

However, given some of the unique challenges to implementing the approved projects, there remains an excellent opportunity to further NIP's mission and complete projects in the different Neighborhood Master Plan areas. Adequate funding is available for NIP to implement projects. NIP staff will work to identify projects within this plan that can feasibly be implemented within the next five years.

Plan Management and Evaluation

The execution of this Plan and the Annual Project Plan will be managed by NIP staff, along with other Planning Department Staff. NIP will conduct reviews of the progress of each project, amending the Project plan as needed. NIP Staff reviews will be held biweekly to identify potential barriers to completing projects, along with amicable solutions to move projects forward to completion.

The Spring Hill and Lower Richland Master Plans are being finalized and will be presented to County Council for adoption in late 2013/early 2014. However, upon completion, the Annual Project Plans will be amended to include projects recommended in both Master Plans.

2014 Annual Action Plan – January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

This Annual Action Plan outlines the projects to be initiated, and/or completed in 2013 by NIP staff. The implementation of the projects outlined below will assist NIP in improving the sustainability of Richland County Neighborhoods.

Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Pedestrian Park	\$486,266.72	NIP	Walter Hills Road at Crane Church Road	Crane Creek	In progress	Summer 2014
Project Summary: Implementation of Catalyst 5- Pedestrian Park to include .6 rubberized walking trail, picnic shelters, and nature pavilion on a natural trail						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Columbia Mobile Home Park	\$135,000.00	CDBG	6319 Shakespeare Rd.	Trenholm	In progress	January 2014
Project Summary: The purpose of this project is to remove dilapidated structures from the Columbia Mobile Home Park and prepare the property for redevelopment consistent with the recommendations from the Trenholm Acres Master Plan.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Acquisition of property (4-acres)	TBD	NIP	Greensprings Rd.	Candlewood	In progress	Fall 2014
Project Summary: Acquire undeveloped land for future development in accordance with the Candlewood Master plan						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Broad River Business Coalition	TBD	NIP	Broad River Rd.	Broad River Corridor	In progress	Fall 2014
Project Summary: Re-establish an organization that works to foster a favorable business environment for the businesses and professional members located in the Broad River Business Corridor.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Lake Clean up	TBD	TBD	Roof St. & Lake Marion Circle	Trenholm	In progress	Fall 2014
Project Summary: Assess and clean lake and landscape the surrounding area.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Monument Signs	\$76,780.00	NIP & CDBG	Multiple locations	Trenholm and Newcastle; Candlewood; Decker; Broad River Neighborhoods	In progress	Fall 2014
Project Summary: The construction of monument signs in Trenholm Acres is in accordance with the recommendations of the Trenholm Acres/Newcastle Master plan to improve Neighborhood identities.						

Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Piney Grove Community Garden and Farmer's Market	TBD	TBD	Piney Grove	Broad River Corridor	Planning	Summer 2014
Project Summary: Community Garden and Farmer's Market will provide the community with access to fresh produce and nutrition opportunities.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
International-themed mural on the Decker Boulevard Staples Building	\$10,000	NIP	2744 Decker Boulevard	Decker	In Progress	Winter 2013/2014
Project Summary: The mural(s) will provide a focal point along the corridor that will embody the multi-ethnic cultures that have contributed to the international flair of Decker Boulevard.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Develop a Community Garden Program	TBD	TBD	TBD	County-wide	Planning	Winter 2013/2014
Project Summary: Council directed staff to develop a program of community gardening to promote healthy living and partnerships.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Lighting	TBD	TBD	Multiple locations	Broad River Neighborhoods, Trenholm and Newcastle	Planning	Summer 2014
Project Summary: Expansion of existing shared lighting program to close the gaps in lighting within the community.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Decker Boulevard Business Coalition	TBD	NIP	Decker Boulevard	Decker	In progress	On-going
Project Summary: Continue to support organization that works to foster a favorable business environment for the businesses and professional members located in the Decker Boulevard Corridor.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Annual Neighborhood Planning Conference	TBD	NIP	Metropolitan Convention Center	County-wide	In progress	On-going

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Project Summary: Continue to plan and host this event for all Richland County Citizens as a resource for broadening public understanding of the planning process, providing neighborhood outreach initiatives and fulfilling unique educational programs.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Richland County Neighborhood Council	N/A	NIP	N/A	County-wide	In progress	On-going
Project Summary: Continue to support the Neighborhood Council with staff time.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Richland County Leadership Training	N/A	NIP	N/A	County-wide	In progress	On-going
Project Summary: Continue to staff this program providing leadership training to the County's communities.						
Project	Project Cost	Funding Source	Project Location	Master Plan	Status	Completion Date
Neighborhood Matching Grants	Annual Allocation approved by Council	NIP	Multiple locations	County-wide	In progress	On-going
Project Summary: Continue to plan, evaluate and manage the selection of neighborhood grant recipients through the competitive process.						

The following tables indicate the anticipated actions to be taken in years 2015-2018. They will be updated annually to ensure applicability and to better estimate costs. These projects were selected based on ranking, feasibility, coordination with other projects, ability to jump start other projects, and staff workload.

2015 Annual Action Plan – January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

This Annual Action Plan outlines the projects to be initiated, and/or completed in 2015 by NIP staff.

Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Neighborhood Park	Candlewood	The SWOT analysis of the Candlewood neighborhood identified the opportunity for a neighborhood park to provide the community with a recreational space.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Gibson Street Park	Broad River Neighborhoods	To address identified vacant areas within the neighborhood at the intersection of Gibson Street and Broad River Road, the development of a park will provide recreational and communal space for the neighborhood.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Public Space	Crane Creek	To provide communal space for the neighborhood, the Master Plan recommended the development of a public space for the community.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Reclaim Jackson Street Properties	Decker	To foster redevelopment, the Master Plan suggests reclaiming vacant/unused properties on Jackson Street for redevelopment.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Sanitary Sewer	Crane Creek	Improve the sewer service at Brockington Road, Cargor Street and Hattie Road
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Broad River Corridor Mixed Use Overlay	Broad River Corridor	The overlay will allow for the development of the business corridor in a way that is consistent with the recommendations in the Master Plan
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Grand Entrance Corridor Signs	Broad River Corridor	Entrance signs will provide a sense of identity to the Master Planning area

2016 Annual Action Plan – January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

This Annual Action Plan outlines the projects to be initiated, and/or completed in 2016 by NIP staff.

Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Street Signage	Candlewood	Improve the street signage in the Master Plan area to increase the neighborhood identity.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Demolish Abandoned Buildings	Broad River Neighborhoods	Demolishing abandoned buildings, replacing them with a mixture of affordable townhomes, condos, and single family detached dwellings.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Water Quality Demonstrator	Decker	Foster improvement regarding the water quality in Master Plan Area
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Name/Brand	SE Richland	Develop neighborhood brand to improve neighborhood identity
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Neighborhood Park	Trenholm Acres	Construct a neighborhood park to address the need for a recreation space in the community
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Corridor Marketing Plan in conjunction with the Broad River Improvement Council	Broad River Corridor	The marketing plan will assist in promoting the opportunities available in the Master Planning area.

2017 Annual Action Plan – January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

This Annual Action Plan outlines the projects to be initiated, and/or completed in 2017 by NIP staff.

Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
School Park	Broad River Neighborhood	The development of a park will provide recreational and communal space for the neighborhood.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Stormwater	Crane Creek	Implement stormwater related improvements to promote sustainability and address environmental concerns.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Jackson Creek Rec./Cons. Parks	Decker	Construct recreation and conservation park for preservation purposes and providing green space for community.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Water/Sewer Infrastructure Improvements	Decker	The Plan identified a lack of adequate sewer infrastructure within the Master Plan area. As a result, improvements to the water/sewer infrastructure are needed.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Acquire lots for Parks	Trenholm Acres	Given some of the vacant lots and abandoned buildings within their community, the acquisition of those areas may provide an opportunity to develop a park.

2018 Annual Action Plan – January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

This Annual Action Plan outlines the projects to be initiated, and/or completed in 2018 by NIP staff.

Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Street Signage	Broad River Neighborhood	Improve the street signage in the Master Plan area to increase the neighborhood identity.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Gateway Park	Crane Creek	Construction of a neighborhood park to provide recreational opportunities for the community.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
Waterfront Park	Decker	The Master Plan area has many opportunities to develop available natural resources into recreational spaces, including waterfront park.
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
L.R. Greenway Park	SE Richland	The Master Plan area lacks recreational opportunities. The construction of a greenway park will take advantage of the natural space available to provide recreational opportunities
Project	Master Plan	Project Summary
New Park and Recreation Area	Trenholm Acres	The development of a park will provide recreational and green space for the neighborhood.

Appendix

Appendix A

Project No.: 10088

June 30, 2010

RICHLAND COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADOPTED EVALUATION CRITERIA NEIGHBORHOOD MASTER PLANS

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
1	Action meets an immediate need or demand where existing facilities are either obsolete, inadequate, or nonexistent
2	Action directly improves health or safety or mitigates an immediate risk
3	Action enhances or minimizes impacts to environmental quality and promotes sustainability
4	Action preserves or enhances aesthetics, civic pride, and/or overall community character
5	Action directly enhances the experience, access, mobility, and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users
6	Action maintains or enhances access, mobility, and safety for automobile users
7	Action can be reasonably implemented considering public perception, policy, regulatory jurisdictions, and realistic funding mechanisms
8	Action can be reasonably maintained or enforced following implementation
9	Action is time sensitive and/or directly affects the feasibility/viability of other actions

NOTES:

1. Eleven criteria were proposed for County Council consideration. Following input by those Council Members with Master Plans inside their districts, the criteria were reduced to nine.
2. Each criterion carries an equal weight in the evaluation of projects.

Prepared By: BP Barber

**RICHLAND COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT SCORING RESULTS
BROAD RIVER HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN**

Action meets an immediate need or demand where existing facilities are either obsolete, inadequate, or nonexistent

Action directly improves health or safety or mitigates an immediate risk

Action enhances or minimizes impacts to environmental quality and promotes sustainability

Action preserves or enhances aesthetics, civic pride, and/or overall community character

Action directly enhances the experience, access, mobility, and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users

Action maintains or enhances access, mobility, and safety for automobile users

Action can be reasonably implemented considering public perception, policy, regulatory jurisdictions, and realistic funding mechanisms

Action can be reasonably maintained or enforced following implementation

Action is time sensitive and/or directly affects the feasibility/viability of other actions

		CRITERIA									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
RANK	PROJECT	SCORE ON EACH CRITERIA									TOTAL SCORE
1	DEMOLISH ABANDONED HOMES	5	5	3	5	2	1	3	2	4	30
2	LIGHTING UPGRADE	3	3	1	2	4	2	4	5	1	25
3	ENTRANCE SIGNAGE	2	1	1	5	1	2	5	5	1	23
4	GIBSON STREET PARK	4	3	3	4	2	1	2	1	1	21
5	SCHOOL PARK	4	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	20
6	STREET SIGNAGE	1	1	1	4	1	1	3	3	1	16

NOTES:

1. Each project was ranked against the criteria according to the following graduated scale: 1 = "Not True"; 5 = "Very True".
2. Each criterion carries an equal weight in the total score.
3. Projects do not include those transportation projects under consideration as part of the proposed 1 cent sales tax.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT SCORING RESULTS
CANDLEWOOD MASTER PLAN**

<p>Action meets an immediate need or demand where existing facilities are either obsolete, inadequate, or nonexistent</p>	<p>Action directly improves health or safety or mitigates an</p>	<p>Action enhances or minimizes impacts to environmental quality and promotes sustainability</p>	<p>Action preserves or enhances aesthetics, civic pride, and/or overall community character</p>	<p>Action directly enhances the experience, access, mobility, and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users</p>	<p>Action maintains or enhances access, mobility, and safety for</p>	<p>Action can be reasonably implemented considering public perception, policy, regulatory jurisdictions, and realistic</p>	<p>Action can be reasonably maintained or enforced following</p>	<p>Action is time sensitive and/or directly affects the feasibility/viability of other actions</p>
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		CRITERIA									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
RANK	PROJECT	SCORE ON EACH CRITERIA									TOTAL SCORE
1	STREET LIGHTING	5	4	1	3	4	3	4	5	1	30
1	NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	4	2	3	5	4	1	3	5	3	30
3	ENTRY SIGNAGE	2	1	1	5	1	2	5	5	1	23
4	STREET SIGNAGE	1	1	1	4	1	1	3	3	1	16

NOTES:

1. Each project was ranked against the criteria according to the following graduated scale: 1 = "Not True"; 5 = "Very True".
2. Each criterion carries an equal weight in the total score.
3. Projects do not include those transportation projects under consideration as part of the proposed 1 cent sales tax.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT SCORING RESULTS
CRANE CREEK MASTER PLAN**

Action meets an immediate need or demand where existing facilities are either obsolete, inadequate, or nonexistent

Action directly improves health or safety or mitigates an immediate risk

Action enhances or minimizes impacts to environmental quality and promotes sustainability

Action preserves or enhances aesthetics, civic pride, and/or overall community character

Action directly enhances the experience, access, mobility, and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users

Action maintains or enhances access, mobility, and safety for automobile users

Action can be reasonably implemented considering public perception, policy, regulatory jurisdictions, and realistic funding mechanisms

Action can be reasonably maintained or enforced following implementation

Action is time sensitive and/or directly affects the feasibility/viability of other actions

		CRITERIA									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
RANK	PROJECT	SCORE ON EACH CRITERIA									TOTAL SCORE
1	CATALYST 5	5	3	3	5	4	1	5	5	3	34
2	GATEWAY MONUMENTS	5	1	1	5	3	4	5	5	1	30
2	STORMWATER	5	5	4	2	2	2	3	4	3	30
4	SANITARY SEWER	5	5	4	2	1	1	1	3	3	25
5	CATALYST 7	4	3	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	21
6	CATALYST 3	3	3	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	20

NOTES:

1. Each project was ranked against the criteria according to the following graduated scale: 1 = "Not True"; 5 = "Very True".
2. Each criterion carries an equal weight in the total score.
3. Projects do not include those transportation projects under consideration as part of the proposed 1 cent sales tax.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT SCORING RESULTS
DECKER BOULEVARD/WOODFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN**

Action meets an immediate need or demand where existing facilities are either obsolete, inadequate, or nonexistent

Action directly improves health or safety or mitigates an immediate risk

Action enhances or improves quality or safety or mitigates an overall community character

Action preserves or minimizes impacts to environmental and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users

Action directly enhances the experience, access, mobility, and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users

Action maintains or enhances access, mobility, and safety for automobile users

Action can be reasonably implemented considering public perception, policy, regulatory jurisdictions, and realistic funding mechanisms

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
RANK	PROJECT	SCORE ON EACH CRITERIA									TOTAL SCORE
1	RECLAIM JACKSON CREEK PROPERTIES	4	5	5	3	1	1	2	4	4	29
2	WATER QUALITY DEMONSTRATOR	4	2	5	3	1	1	4	3	4	27
3	JACKSON CREEK REC./CONS. PARKS	3	3	5	4	1	1	2	2	2	23
4	WATERFRONT PARK	4	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	20
5	SHARED-USE PARK WITH DISTRICT 2	3	3	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	18

NOTES:

1. Each project was ranked against the criteria according to the following graduated scale: 1 = "Not True"; 5 = "Very True".
2. Each criterion carries an equal weight in the total score.
3. Projects do not include those transportation projects under consideration as part of the proposed 1 cent sales tax.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT SCORING RESULTS
SOUTHEAST RICHLAND MASTER PLAN**

Action meets an immediate need or demand where existing facilities are either obsolete, inadequate, or nonexistent

Action directly improves health or safety or mitigates an immediate risk

Action enhances or minimizes impacts to environmental quality and promotes sustainability

Action preserves or enhances aesthetics, civic pride, and/or overall community character

Action directly enhances the experience, access, mobility, and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users

Action maintains or enhances access, mobility, and safety for automobile users

Action can be reasonably implemented considering public perception, policy, regulatory jurisdictions, and realistic funding mechanisms

Action can be reasonably maintained or enforced following implementation

Action is time sensitive and/or directly affects the feasibility/viability of other actions

		CRITERIA									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
RANK	PROJECT	SCORE ON EACH CRITERIA									TOTAL SCORE
1	WATER/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	5	5	3	4	1	1	1	4	5	29
2	NAME/BRAND	5	1	1	5	2	3	5	5	1	28
3	L.R. GREENWAY PARK	4	3	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	21
4	GREEN TOWN SQUARE	3	2	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	18

NOTES:

1. Each project was ranked against the criteria according to the following graduated scale: 1 = "Not True"; 5 = "Very True".
2. Each criterion carries an equal weight in the total score.
3. Projects do not include those transportation projects under consideration as part of the proposed 1 cent sales tax.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT SCORING RESULTS
TRENHOLM ACRES/NEWCASTLE MASTER PLAN**

Action meets an immediate need or demand where existing facilities are either obsolete, inadequate, or nonexistent
 Action directly improves health or safety or mitigates an immediate risk
 Action enhances or minimizes impacts to environmental quality and promotes sustainability
 Action preserves or enhances aesthetics, civic pride, and/or overall community character
 Action directly enhances the experience, access, mobility, and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users
 Action maintains or enhances access, mobility, and safety for automobile users
 Action can be reasonably implemented considering public perception, policy, regulatory jurisdictions, and realistic funding mechanisms
 Action can be reasonably maintained or enforced following implementation
 Action is time sensitive and/or directly affects the feasibility/viability of other actions

		CRITERIA									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
RANK	PROJECT	SCORE ON EACH CRITERIA									TOTAL SCORE
1	GATEWAY MONUMENTS	5	1	1	5	3	4	5	5	1	30
2	ACQUIRE LOTS FOR PARKS (POCKET PARKS)	5	1	2	5	2	1	3	3	1	23
3	CATALYST 4	4	2	4	4	2	1	2	1	1	21
4	CATALYST 5	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	17
NR	SANITARY SEWER	REVISIT									TBD
NR	STORMWATER	REVISIT									TBD

NOTES:

1. Each project was ranked against the criteria according to the following graduated scale: 1 = "Not True"; 5 = "Very True".
2. Each criterion carries an equal weight in the total score.
3. Projects do not include those transportation projects under consideration as part of the proposed 1 cent sales tax.
4. The Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Projects were not ranked due to insufficient information. Their ranking is pending.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT SCORING RESULTS
NEIGHBORHOOD MASTER PLANS**

Action meets an immediate need or demand where existing facilities are either obsolete, inadequate, or nonexistent

Action directly improves health or safety or mitigates an immediate risk

Action enhances or minimizes impacts to environmental quality and promotes sustainability

Action preserves or enhances aesthetics, civic pride, and/or overall community character

Action directly enhances the experience, access, mobility, and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users

Action maintains or enhances access, mobility, and safety for automobile users

Action can be reasonably implemented considering public perception, policy, regulatory jurisdictions, and realistic funding mechanisms

Action can be reasonably maintained or enforced following implementation

Action is time sensitive and/or directly affects the feasibility/viability of other actions

RANK	PLAN AREA	PROJECT	CRITERIA									TOTAL SCORE
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	CRANE CREEK	CATALYST 5	5	3	3	5	4	1	5	5	3	34
2	TRENHOLM ACRES	GATEWAY MONUMENTS	5	1	1	5	3	4	5	5	1	30
2	CRANE CREEK	GATEWAY MONUMENTS	5	1	1	5	3	4	5	5	1	30
2	CRANE CREEK	STORMWATER	5	5	4	2	2	2	3	4	3	30
2	CANDLEWOOD	STREET LIGHTING	5	4	1	3	4	3	4	5	1	30
2	CANDLEWOOD	NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	4	2	3	5	4	1	3	5	3	30
2	BROAD RIVER	DEMOLISH ABANDONED HOMES	5	5	3	5	2	1	3	2	4	30
8	SE RICHLAND	WATER/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	5	5	3	4	1	1	1	4	5	29
8	DECKER	RECLAIM JACKSON CREEK PROPERTIES	4	5	5	3	1	1	2	4	4	29
10	SE RICHLAND	NAME/BRAND	5	1	1	5	2	3	5	5	1	28
11	DECKER	WATER QUALITY DEMONSTRATOR	4	2	5	3	1	1	4	3	4	27
12	CRANE CREEK	SANITARY SEWER	5	5	4	2	1	1	1	3	3	25
12	BROAD RIVER	LIGHTING UPGRADE	3	3	1	2	4	2	4	5	1	25
14	TRENHOLM ACRES	ACQUIRE LOTS FOR PARKS (POCKET PARKS)	5	1	2	5	2	1	3	3	1	23
14	DECKER	JACKSON CREEK REC./CONS. PARKS	3	3	5	4	1	1	2	2	2	23
14	CANDLEWOOD	ENTRY SIGNAGE	2	1	1	5	1	2	5	5	1	23
14	BROAD RIVER	ENTRANCE SIGNAGE	2	1	1	5	1	2	5	5	1	23
18	SE RICHLAND	L.R. GREENWAY PARK	4	3	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	21
18	TRENHOLM ACRES	CATALYST 4	4	2	4	4	2	1	2	1	1	21
18	CRANE CREEK	CATALYST 7	4	3	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	21
18	BROAD RIVER	GIBSON STREET PARK	4	3	3	4	2	1	2	1	1	21
22	DECKER	WATERFRONT PARK	4	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	20
22	CRANE CREEK	CATALYST 3	3	3	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	20
22	BROAD RIVER	SCHOOL PARK	4	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	20
25	SE RICHLAND	GREEN TOWN SQUARE	3	2	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	18
25	DECKER	SHARED-USE PARK WITH DISTRICT 2	3	3	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	18
27	TRENHOLM ACRES	CATALYST 5	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	17
28	CANDLEWOOD	STREET SIGNAGE	1	1	1	4	1	1	3	3	1	16
28	BROAD RIVER	STREET SIGNAGE	1	1	1	4	1	1	3	3	1	16
NR	TRENHOLM ACRES	SANITARY SEWER	REVISIT									TBD
NR	TRENHOLM ACRES	STORMWATER	REVISIT									TBD

NOTES:

1. Projects from the six completed Neighborhood Plans are ranked according to their individual scores in relation to the adopted criteria.
2. In the case of ties, the ranking process then considered whether or not the project was the community's #1 priority (as interpreted by the Council Member).
3. The Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Projects within the Trenholm Acres Master Plan were not ranked due to insufficient information. Their ranking is pending.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Richland County Comprehensive Plan Update Vendor Selection [**PAGES 29-31**]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Richland County Comprehensive Plan Update Vendor Selection

A. Purpose

Richland County Council is requested to endorse the selection of a vendor to complete an update of the land use and priority investment elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Background / Discussion

The South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 requires that each local government in the state of South Carolina establish a comprehensive plan that includes all elements considered “critical, necessary, and desirable” to guide development and redevelopment in its area of jurisdiction. According to Section 6-29-510, “The local planning commission shall review the comprehensive plan or elements of it as often as necessary, but not less than once every five years, to determine whether changes in the amount, kind, or direction of development of the area or other reasons make it desirable to make additions or amendments to the plan.”

The current Richland County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in December 2009. In order to remain in compliance with state legislation, the plan must be reviewed and updated, if necessary, by December 2014.

Staff has determined that major updates to the Comprehensive Plan are necessary to ensure that development in the County is consistent with the community’s vision. County Council directed staff to focus on updating the land use and priority investment elements at their last retreat. In addition, the selected vendor may also be asked to provide minor updates to the remaining elements to reflect more current census data.

The following firms responded to the Request for Proposals which were due November 1, 2013:

- Clarion Associates
- LandDesign

If directed to proceed with the selection of a vendor from this list, staff will update Council with its recommended vendor at the earliest possible Council meeting in December. Prior to initiating a contract, Council will be asked to review and approve the selected vendor.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

This is a staff-initiated request. Therefore, there is no legislative history.

D. Financial Impact

The process of vendor selection will require staff time in order to evaluate responses to the RFP as well as interview potential candidates. The costs associated with hiring the consultant to prepare the Comprehensive Plan update will be negotiated during contracting and presented to Council before executing contract award.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to allow selection of a vendor to update the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Do not approve the request to allow selection of a vendor to update the Comprehensive Plan.

F. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to select a vendor to update the land use and priority investment elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Recommended by: Tracy Hegler Department: Planning Date: November 1, 2013

G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers Date: 11/5/13
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation:

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood Date: 11/5/13
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation:

Legal

Reviewed by: Brad Farrar Date:
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision of Council.

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett Date: 11/13/13
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation: County Council directed staff to focus on updating the land use and priority investment elements of the Comprehensive Plan at their last retreat.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Amending the January 2014 County Council Meeting Schedule [**PAGES 32-34**]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Amending the January 2014 County Council Meeting Schedule

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to amend the January 2014 County Council Meeting Schedule.

B. Background / Discussion

Regular Meetings of County Council are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise scheduled by the Chair for good cause, with the consent of a majority of the Council members present.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

On October 15, 2013, Council approved a motion sponsored by the Honorable Jim Manning as follows:

“I move that the Council Meetings scheduled for January 2014 only include – the January 7th meeting to Select the Chair, Vice Chair and Seats, Time Sensitive Items and Motions; the Annual Council Retreat and the January 28th Development & Services, Administration & Finance and Zoning meetings.”

D. Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this request.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to amend the County Council meeting schedule for January 2014 as outlined by Councilman Manning’s motion.
2. Do not approve the request to amend the County Council meeting schedule for January 2014.

F. Recommendation

Recommended by: Hon. Jim Manning

Department: County Council Date: 10/28/13

G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 10/29/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Council discretion

Legal

Reviewed by: Brad Farrar

Date: 10/30/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision of Council as to when to hold meetings. Regular meetings should be advertised (written public notice) at the

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beginning of the calendar year pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C.Code Ann. Section 30-4-80(a).

Administration

Reviewed by: Tony McDonald

Date: 10/30/13

✓ Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Administration has no objection to the January schedule as proposed.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Sewage Sludge Spray Field Applications [**PAGES 35-37**]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Sewage Sludge Spray Field Applications

A. Purpose

County Council is requested consider prohibiting sewage sludge spray field applications in Richland County.

B. Background / Discussion

During the October 1, 2013, Councilman Washington made the following motion:

“I move to prohibit sewage sludge spray field applications in Richland County.”
This motion was forwarded to the D&S Committee for further consideration.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

This motion was referred to the D&S Committee during the October 1, 2013 Council meeting.

D. Financial Impact

The financial impact of prohibiting sewer spray fields in general is not available. Each wastewater treatment facility would compare the cost and benefit of constructing a spray field or a sewage sludge disposal process and site as part of the DHEC permitting process.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to prohibit sewage sludge spray field applications in Richland County.
2. Do not approve the request to prohibit sewage sludge spray field applications in Richland County.

F. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to prohibit sewage sludge spray field applications in Richland County.

Recommended by: Hon. Kelvin Washington Department: County Council Date: 10/30/13

G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 11/1/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

No recommendation

Utilities

Reviewed by: Andy H. Metts

Date: 11/4/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

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Council discretion.

Comments regarding recommendation: Sewer spray fields are an alternative wastewater disposal method to that of a surface water discharge. With spray fields, treated effluent from a wastewater treatment facility is sprayed on land which has been determined to have sufficient water absorbing capacity. SC DHEC requires alternative disposal methods, such as spray fields, be evaluated before a surface water discharge permit will be issued.

Sludge disposal sites are sites permitted by DHEC which allow waste disposal operations to land apply sludge after various levels of treatment. Depending on the level of treatment and the pathogen reduction method, wastewater sludge may be used as a soil enhancement product for the agricultural industry.

Both spray fields and sludge disposal sites are permitted and monitored by DHEC.

Legal

Reviewed by: Brad Farrar

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision of Council, subject to the compliance with state laws and regulations, and the oversight of SC DHEC in this area as noted by Utilities Director. Also, compliance with any federal laws or regulations must be observed.

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett

Date: 11/19/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: This a policy decision for Council. As indicated by the Utilities Director, sewer spray fields are permitted by SC DHEC.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

County Council Mementos Recommendation [**PAGES 38-40**]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: County Council Mementos Recommendation

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to approve recommendations on mementos to honor individuals recognized by Council Members

B. Background / Discussion

The Clerk's Office in researching Councilwoman Dickerson's motion, polled fellow Clerks of Council, in order to obtain information on their "memento" options. The consensus is that there are a wide variety of options and costs depending on the person, organization, etc. being honored. The gifting options included gift baskets with items that are manufactured in the respective County or reflect the character of the County, items that bear the County seal (i.e. glassware, coasters, pens, USBs, pens with laser pointers), County flags and resolutions.

The Clerk's Office recommends working with Council to formulate a policy and/or guidelines regarding the cost parameters and awarding of mementos.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

On October 1, 2013, Council approved a motion sponsored by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson as follows:

"To direct staff (Clerk of Council, Public Information) to make recommendations, including costs, on mementos that Council members can provide to honorees, citizens, and others being formally, informally, recognized by individual Council Members, or Council as a body."

D. Financial Impact

The financial impact of this request is yet to be determined.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to make recommendations on mementos to honor individuals recognized by Council Members.
2. Do not approve the request to make recommendations on mementos to honor individuals recognized by Council Members.

F. Recommendation

Recommended by: Hon. Joyce Dickerson

Department: County Council Date: 10/29/13

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G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 11/5/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Public Information

Reviewed by: Beverly Harris

Date: 11/5/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Legal

Reviewed by: Brad Farrar

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision of Council subject to ethics rules relative to gifts, including compliance with the SC Ethics Act and related authority.

Administration

Reviewed by: Tony McDonald

Date: 11/5/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Recommend approval.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request for Fuel Cell Collaboration [**PAGES 41-45**]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Request for Fuel Cell Collaboration

A. Purpose

County Council has requested that Richland County consider a partnership with the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Center for Hydrogen Research to advance the efforts to commercialize fuel cell vehicles.

B. Background / Discussion

Chairman Washington made a motion at the October 15th, 2013 County Council meeting during the Report of the Chairman to consider a partnership with the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Center for Hydrogen Research.

Cars and trucks are the number one mobile source of smog-forming pollution in Richland County. Fuel cells do not release harmful air pollutants, such as nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that form ozone, commonly known as smog, that contribute to an area's compliance with the Clean Air Act. Fuel cells generate electrical power quietly and efficiently, without pollution. Unlike power sources that use fossil fuels, the by-products from an operating fuel cell are heat and water. Fuel cells are an excellent way to reduce carbon emission and greenhouse gases (South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control).

The South Carolina Fuel Cell Vehicle Collaboration submitted a white paper which is attached as Appendix 1.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

Chairman Washington made a motion at the October 15th, 2013 County Council meeting during the Report of the Chairman to consider this partnership.

D. Financial Impact

Considering a partnership with the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Center for Hydrogen Research to advance the efforts to commercialize fuel cell vehicles will have no direct financial impacts. However, leasing a fuel cell vehicle will be approximately \$600 / a month or \$7,200 annually per vehicle. This is based on the retail value of that vehicle between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Additionally, fueling cost must be considered. Columbia has a hydrogen fueling station that is operated by the City. This station is not currently a public fueling station. Fuel cost is unknown but is estimated to be comparable to the price of gasoline.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to partner with the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Center for Hydrogen Research.
2. Do not approve the request to partner with the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Center for Hydrogen Research.

F. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to partner with the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Center for Hydrogen Research.

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G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 11/5/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Recommendation is for approval however I would recommend that the approval be contingent upon the County Fleet Manager redirecting currently approved budget dollars for fleet replacement vehicles and fuel cost in order to have program participation without any additional cost to the County.

Sustainability

Reviewed by: Anna Lange

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

I agree with Mr. Driggers and would also recommend considering researching other alternative fuel vehicles including compressed natural gas (CNG), electric power, and biofuels.

Support Services - Fleet

Reviewed by: John Hixon

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

This is a policy decision of Council, but I completely agree that the County should move forward and work with the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Center for Hydrogen Research with respect to sharing information and look to future opportunities to include Hydrogen vehicles in our fleet that already consists of the Sheriffs electric security vehicles, full use hybrid electric/gas, and Biofuel capable vehicles. As we continue to research the role Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles will play in our area and our ability to fit them into our fleet, we are of the opinion that the hydrogen technology is the best of all the options, in areas where it can be utilized.

I also support the ability to have one of the hydrogen vehicles to use and test as long as a different funding strategy could be identified other than the one recommended by the Finance Director.

My concerns with Mr. Driggers concept of using currently approved budget funds to move forward with an actual lease consists of:

- Our fleet replacement plan for this current year addressed only the worst vehicles of the County Fleet and most of the replacements are in the Procurement process with some delivered. Diverting any remaining approved funds would leave vehicles in the fleet that have been identified as necessary to replace because the lease cost is much greater than the purchase cost of our normal fleet vehicles. The funds required for the three year lease

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as described in this ROA would be equivalent to purchasing a new replacement vehicle that would remain in our inventory for ten years; effectively we would lose a vehicle for a seven year period for the same funding amount.

- I am also concerned that we do not know the cost of the fuel, should funding be identified to lease one or more of the vehicles. We did attempt to retrieve this information from the City when the ROA reached us and the County Fleet Manager spoke with the City Fleet manager and he, City Fleet Manager, did feel that their site would be open to the County to receive fuel although the cost was unknown.

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Legal

Reviewed by: Brad Farrar

Date: 11/7/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision of Council.

Administration

Reviewed by: Warren Harley

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

I agree with Ms. Lange that we should evaluate this and other alternative fuel vehicles.

Appendix 1

Proposed South Carolina Fuel Cell Vehicle Collaboration (as submitted by Engenuity in a white paper):

South Carolina has consistently ranked as one of the top five states for advancing efforts to commercialize fuel cell technologies. However, South Carolina's lack of large, concentrated population centers and zero-emission vehicle mandates makes the state non-competitive in attracting initial fuel cell vehicle deployments with GM, Toyota, Honda, and BMW. Hyundai is attempting to position itself as a strong competitor in the fuel cell vehicle market, and has indicated a willingness to consider vehicle deployments in South Carolina providing a small fleet of vehicles can be placed on lease and have access to fueling. A partnership between the Center for Hydrogen Research and the Fuel Cell Collaborative has been proposed to gather commitments for placing 20 vehicles in the Midlands and Aiken. To support this opportunity, the Fuel Cell Collaborative is looking to identify organizations and individuals in the Midlands who would be willing to lease a vehicle for approximately \$600 / month. Service and support for all vehicles as part of this effort would be coordinated by a local Hyundai dealership.

Community Opportunities and Objectives:

1. Demonstrate Columbia's and South Carolina's leadership in deploying hydrogen-powered vehicles, reaffirm the viability of the hydrogen economy "ecosystem" within the state, and leverage previous investments in fueling infrastructure
2. Establish Columbia as a center for fuel cell vehicle servicing within South Carolina
3. Attract additional fuel cell research, investments, and deployments based on existing infrastructure and human capital

Goals:

1. Identify 12 or more partners in the greater Columbia area who will commit to leasing a fuel cell vehicle
2. Collaborate with the Center for Hydrogen Research in Aiken to propose a South Carolina deployment to Hyundai based upon over 20 vehicle lease commitments between Columbia and Aiken

Partner Opportunities:

1. Enhance Green Energy initiatives with technologies that emphasize the competitive advantage of fuel cell innovation in the Midlands
2. Demonstrate a commitment to technology transfer and market transformation for fuel cell technologies with a company that has funded fuel cell research in the Midlands
3. Leverage vehicle deployments to educate and train workforce members on commercial fuel cell systems

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Richland County Water and Sewer Authority [**PAGES 46-49**]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Richland County Water and Sewer Authority

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to develop a Water and Sewer Authority to serve Richland County.

B. Background / Discussion

During the November 5, 2013, Council meeting, Councilman Washington made the following motion: “Richland County will develop a “Water and Sewer Authority.” This motion was forwarded to the D&S Committee for further consideration.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

This motion was referred to the D&S Committee during the November 5, 2013 Council meeting.

D. Financial Impact

The financial impact of developing a Water and Sewer Authority should be compared to that of retaining the Utilities Operation as a Department of County Government. Additional information will be provided on the financial impact as the Authority’s organizational plan is developed.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to develop a “Water and Sewer Authority” in Richland County.
2. Do not approve the request to develop a “Water and Sewer Authority” in Richland County.

F. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to develop a “Water and Sewer Authority” in Richland County.

Recommended by: Councilman Kelvin Washington

Date: 11/12/13

G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 11/14/13

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

This is a policy decision for Council. Recommend approval include further evaluation including benefits and limitation of structure.

Utilities

Reviewed by: Andy H. Metts

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

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Developing a Water & Sewer Authority or Commission would be our recommended alternative to continuing to provide utility services as a department of the County Government. Authorities or Commissions are governed by a publically appointed board normally comprised of members from the customer base served by the Authority. Subject to the type Authority created, Richland County and other local municipalities (such as the Town of Eastover, Town of Irmo and Ballentine), could appoint board members that would serve the Authority and would allow fair and equal representation across Richland County.

Water & Sewer Authorities typically have the freedom to concentrate only on water and sewer issues, have their own financial system, billing, procurement and administration which allow them to be more efficient and responsive. Checks and balances exist through the publically appointed board. The transfer of assets, grant and loan obligations to an Authority would be much less complicated than to transferring to a private utility provider. If the existing system was transferred to a private utility provider, all outstanding Rural Development (RD) funding would have to be paid-in-full and all grant funds repaid in accordance with RD Agreements. Also, an Authority would be eligible to receive additional RD loans and grants where a private utility would not.

Many South Carolina Counties have elected to provide water and sewer services under the direction of an Authority. Newberry, Laurens and Lexington Counties have developed very successful utility systems under this form of government in the region surrounding Richland County.

Grants

Reviewed by: Sara Salley
X Recommend Council approval
Comments regarding recommendation:

Date: 11/15/13
 Recommend Council denial

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood
 Recommend Council approval
Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision that's up to Council discretion.

Date: 11/15/13
 Recommend Council denial

Legal

Reviewed by: Brad Farrar
 Recommend Council approval
Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision of Council subject to compliance with applicable laws governing provision of utilities.

Date: 11/19/13
 Recommend Council denial

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett
✓ Recommend Council approval
Comments regarding recommendation: Recommend Council approval to add to the scope of services for the consultant being retained to provide neutral information regarding the costs and benefits of privatization and selling the system. The consultant

Date: 11/19/13
 Recommend Council denial

could also evaluate the costs and benefits of establishing a Water and Sewer Authority as an alternative means of service delivery.

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