

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### REGULAR SESSION MEETING

February 9, 2016  
6:00 PM  
County Council Chambers

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rush called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 PM

#### INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by the Honorable Jim Manning

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Jim Manning

#### PRESENTATION

- a. **Capital City/Lake Murray Country RTB: Miriam Atria, President/CEO** – Ms. Atria stated the organization received the 2015 Champion of Economic Development award. Ms. Atria also provided Council with a copy of the organization's Annual Report.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Special Called Meeting: January 12, 2016** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski requested the public hearing pertaining to "An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article 11, General Traffic and Parking Regulations; Section 17-10, Parking in Residential and Commercial Zones of the County; so as to prohibit the parking of motor vehicles in the front yard in certain Residential Zoning Districts" be removed for the agenda since this item was referred to the Ordinance Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Smith stated the following item: "SC Public Interest, et. al. vs. The City of Columbia and Richland County" needs to be added to the agenda under the "Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items".



#### Committee Members Present

Torrey Rush, Chair  
Greg Pearce, Vice Chair  
Joyce Dickerson  
Julie-Ann Dixon  
Norman Jackson  
Damon Jeter  
Paul Livingston  
Bill Malinowski  
Jim Manning  
Seth Rose  
Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

#### Others Present:

Tony McDonald  
Warren Harley  
Monique McDaniels  
Kimberly Roberts  
Michelle Onley  
Geo Price  
Roxanne Ancheta  
Daniel Driggers  
Kevin Bronson  
Larry Smith  
Beverly Harris  
Brandon Madden  
Rob Perry  
Quinton Epps  
Rudy Curtis  
Brad Farrar  
Dwight Hanna  
Valeria Jackson  
Ismail Ozbek  
Donny Phipps  
Wanda Kelly  
Chad Fosnight  
Cheryl Patrick  
Tracy Hegler  
Jeff Ruble  
Janelle Ellis  
Natashia Dozier

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to add the additional item under the Report of the Attorney for Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

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

Mr. Smith stated the following items were potential Executive Session Items:

- a. Pending Litigation: Jones vs. Richland County**
- b. Department of Revenue Update**
- c. Personnel Matter**
- d. SC Public Interest Foundation, et. al. vs. City of Columbia and Richland County**

*Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:14 p.m.  
and came out at approximately 6:42 p.m.*

- a. Pending Litigation: Jones vs. Richland County** – No action was taken.
- b. SC Public Interest Foundation, et. al. vs. City of Columbia and Richland County** – No action was taken.

### **CITIZENS' INPUT**

#### **(For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing)**

Mr. Fred Easley and Mr. Marvin Heller spoke regarding Item # 23 – “Consider Request from the Columbia Housing Authority to Waive Tipping Fees at the Richland County C&D Landfill for Demolition Debris from the Gonzales Garden”

### **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. Introduction of New Employees** – Mr. McDonald introduced Ms. Natasha Dozier, Grants Manager, and Dr. Jamelle Ellis, Sustainability Manager, to Council.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Ms. Dixon recognized that Ms. Stephany Snowden was in the audience.

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

- a. Allen University Class of 1966 Golden Anniversary Sponsorship Request** – Ms. McDaniels stated the Clerk’s Office received a request from the Allen University Class of 1966 requesting Council’s support of a full page ad for their memorial magazine. The cost of the sponsorship will be \$100.00.

Mr. Pearce moved Council’s individual discretion on the sponsorship request. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion to fund the sponsorship request from the Council Services account. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to support the sponsorship request and direct the Clerk to identify a funding source.

Mr. Rush ruled the motion was the same motion previously made by Mr. Washington.

Mr. Jeter stated that he would sponsor the full page ad from his personal account. Several Council members stated they would contribute as well.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

- a. **Personnel Matter** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

### **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Court Appointed Special Advocates Training Grant Annual Budget to add Two New CASA Case Worker positions** – No one signed up to speak.
- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; Section 18-4, Weeds and Rank Vegetation; so as to amend the time for notification** – No one signed up to speak.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- **15-45MA, I. S. Leevy Johnson, RU to GC (15+ Acres), Cushman Drive, 11616-01-04 [SECOND READING]**
- **15-46MA, Robert Burger, RU to NC (4.51 Acres), 4126 Hardscrabble Rd., 200200-03-29 [SECOND READING]**
- **Acceptance of funds from the SCE&G energy incentive program and First Vehicle Services**
- **An Ordinance Authorizing Quit Claim Deeds to Shelby King and William Short for parcels of land located in Richland County, known as the Olympia Alleyways, and abutting TMS # 11203-12-17 and 11203-12-13 [FIRST READING]**
- **Council member Jackson's Motion Regarding Hourly Rates for Transportation Engineers and Part-Time Interns [AS INFORMATION]**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the consent items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**THIRD READING**

**15-35MA, Cynthia Weatherford, RS-HD to LI (1.27 Acres), 2610 Harlem St., 16204-08-01** – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Court Appointed Special Advocates Training Grant Annual Budget to add two new CASA Case Worker positions** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item.

<b><u>FOR</u></b>	<b><u>AGAINST</u></b>
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The vote in favor was unanimous.

**An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; Section 18-4, Weeds and Rank Vegetation; so as to amend the time for notification** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution encouraging all utility companies that own and/or operate transmission line right of ways in Richland County to adopt Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) techniques as set out by ANSI standard A300** – Ms. Dixon stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Consider Request from the Columbia Housing Authority to Waive Tipping Fees at the Richland County C&S Landfill for Demolition Debris from the Gonzales Gardens Apartment Complex** – Ms. Dixon stated the committee forwarded this item to Council without a recommendation.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item.

Mr. Malinowski stated the questions submitted to the Columbia Housing Authority had not been adequately answered. In addition, there is no guarantee the City of Columbia will provide funding for this project as City Council has not taken up the matter. Therefore, approval of this item needs to be contingent upon the City providing all the adequate funding. A final point to consider is by approving this matter if it would result in a de facto acceptance into a TIF District.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item to the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

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The motion for deferral failed.

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Mr. Rose expressed his support of this project and feels that it will add value to this area and increase Richland County's tax base.

Mr. Pearce stated he does not believe the TIF District issue is relevant to the item.

Mr. McDonald stated staff recommended that whatever the County provides would be contingent upon the City providing \$1 million for the project.

Mr. Pearce made a friendly amendment to add the contingency to the agreement.

Mr. McDonald stated staff needs further clarification. When this item was before the Committee there were 2 options outlined:

- (a) Approve the request from the Columbia Housing Authority to waive tipping fees at the Richland County C&D Landfill of approximately \$499,500 for 27,000 ± tons (\$18.50/ton) of debris from the demolition of the Gonzales Gardens.
- (b) Approve an allocation of \$222,750 for the disposal of 27,000 ± tons of debris from the Gonzales Gardens at the Waste Industries (Screaming Eagle Rd., Lugoff, SC 29078) C&D Landfill

Mr. McDonald further stated that staff has been working on a hybrid option, which would allow the County to take the debris at the C&D Landfill. The County would require the debris to be separated in order to recycle the concrete/bricks and use the recycled materials on landfill roads and property.

Mr. Smith stated it would be his suggestion that the County enter into an IGA to outline the expectations of all parties (i.e. City of Columbia and Columbia Housing Authority).

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to add to the Administrator's recommendation the following item: (a) this is not a commitment to a TIF; and (b) to direct the Legal Department and Administrator to draft a document outlining the expectations of all parties (i.e. City of Columbia and Columbia Housing Authority).

Mr. Malinowski inquired what would be the dollar amount for the debris that could be utilized for Richland County?

Mr. Curtis stated about 70% of the materials could be utilized, which would equate to about \$350,000.

Mr. Washington stated he was concerned with the displacement of the residents.

The agreement, which will include the hybrid option, will be brought back to Council at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**6319 Shakespeare Road Acquisition Addendum** – Mr. Malinowski requested that Planning staff insure that the addendum to the original agreement reference the correct number and/or section in the original agreement.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Changes to Policy on Requiring Employees to Sign Documents** – Mr. Pearce stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

Mr. Washington inquired what would be the consequences if an employee did not sign the document.

Mr. Hanna stated the employee could be terminated.

Mr. Jackson stated an employee that does not wish to sign the document should be able to have someone “witness” the document being presented to the employee.

Mr. Malinowski stated the document in the agenda packet says, “...may will result...” The document needs to be corrected to include the proper language.

Mr. Manning inquired as to what the County is presently doing that needs to be changed as it related to this item.

Mr. Hanna stated some of the concerns revolve around the implementation of the department head/supervisor of the process.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to refer this item back to committee.

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The vote was in favor.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing the First Amendment of that certain Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement and Lease Agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Koyo Bearings North America, LLC (f/k/a Koyo Bearings USA, LLC) relating to, without limitation, the extension of the term of the project [FIRST READING]** – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended to amend this item as follows “WHEREAS, the Company intends to make continuing and

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further replacement property investment in the Project of least \$20 million over the next five (5) years,...” and to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. A Resolution Authorizing the extension of the FILOT term under an October 1, 1996, Lease Purchase Agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Bose Corporation** – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended to amend this item as follows: “Section 2. Approval of Extension of FILOT Term From Twenty (20) Years to Thirty (30) Years. The County hereby grants an extension of the FILOT Term under the Lease Purchase Agreement pursuant to Section 4-12-30(C)(4) for an additional five (5) years so that the FILOT term shall continue through March 31, 2026.” and to approve as amended.

Mr. Malinowski inquired how the County benefits from extending the agreement.

Mr. Livingston stated the County can market the property.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. A Resolution supporting the creation of a nonprofit corporation with Midlands Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority for the purpose of developing and marketing the enterprise campus in order to attract new and expanding commercial and manufacturing enterprises in Richland County, and other matters related thereto** – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the IGA that is referenced in the resolution.

Mr. Ruble stated the resolution is needed by Midlands Technical College to show the County’s support when they go to the State to have them release the property, but the IGA has not been provided to the Council although it is referenced in the resolution.

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The vote was in favor.



## RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

### I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- a. **Animal Care Advisory Committee – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Board of Zoning Appeals – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. **Music Festival Commission – 1** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. **Transportation Penny Advisory Committee – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- e. **Business Service Center – 1 (Applicant must be from the Business Industry)** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- f. **Hospitality Tax Committee – 3 (Two of the applicants must have a background in the Restaurant Industry; other position is at-large)** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- g. **Internal Audit Committee – 1 (Applicant must be a CPA)** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended advertising for this vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee – 2 (One at-large position and one position with a background in the Cultural Industry)** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Business Service Center Appeals Board – 1 (Applicant must be a CPA)** – Mr. Malinowski stated this item was held in committee.
- c. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board – 2** – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended appointing Mr. Shirley D. Mills and Dr. Traci Young Cooper.

Mr. Rose requested that Mr. Robert Henry Wynn, Jr. be appointed.

Mr. Rose, Mr. Malinowski, Ms. Dixon, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Rush, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Dickerson, Mr. Washington, Mr. Manning, and Mr. Jeter voted for Ms. Shirley D. Mills.

Mr. Rose voted for Mr. Robert Henry Wynn, Jr.

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Mr. Malinowski, Ms. Dixon, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Rush, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Dickerson, Mr. Washington, Mr. Manning and Mr. Jeter voted from Dr. Traci Young Cooper.

Ms. Shirley D. Mills and Dr. Traci Young Cooper were appointed to the Richland Memorial Hospital Board.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**2016 Council Retreat Directives** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt the 2016 Council Retreat Directives.

Mr. Livingston requested a friendly amendment to allow Council members until the next Council meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> to review the directives and bring back any changes.

Mr. Washington requested clarification on the following item: “Demobilize the County Donated Goods Relief Supply Warehouse transferring that function to the Long Term Recovery Group.”

Mr. Bronson stated the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee and the Long Term Recovery Group are engaging the VOAD’s to provide the services the warehouse is currently providing.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion to direct the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee needs to review this item, as well as, the following items: (a) Demobilize the Lower Richland Operations Center (LROC) due to the lack of activity and the VOAD’s having taken over this role; (b) Hire (at no cost to the County) a Community Recovery Specialist. This is a temporary position with a duration of over 150 days paid for by FEMA; (c) Continue to work with the Council of Governments (COG) to update the Richland County portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) before the existing plan expires in August 2016. Mr. Jackson seconded this motion.

Ms. Dixon accepted Mr. Washington’s substitute motion as a friendly amendment.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- a. **A Resolution to express Richland County’s request that the South Carolina General Assembly fully fund the Local Government Fund to both provide property taxpayers with the relief they have been promised and allow county government the ability to provide the State and Local Government Services mandated by State Law** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

**b. Business License Fee Restrictions** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

**c. An Ordinance allowing for the temporary waiver of building permit fees and plan review fees for homeowners, contractors, and “Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster” (VOAD’s), and allowing for the temporary waiver of business license fees for contractors and “Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster” (VOAD’s) [FIRST READING]** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Dixon inquired if the ordinance includes the term “buildings” or “dwellings”.

Mr. Harley stated the ordinance would cover any structure damaged by the flood.

**Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Calendar** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the budget calendar. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**DECKER CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**a. Construction Update** – No action was taken.

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- b. Decker Change Order #2** – Mr. Manning stated the committee recommended approving the change order in the amount of \$800,227.00.

Mr. Malinowski inquired who made the revision requests outlined in the Change Order Recap.

Mr. Fosnight stated the Magistrate Court and the Sheriff’s Department requested the revisions.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if any federal funding had been applied for to remove the asbestos.

Mr. Fosnight stated he is not aware of any programs that assist with removal of asbestos.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why the amount of construction contingency funding had been increased from \$200,000 to \$350,000.

Mr. Manning stated during the committee’s discussion it was determined the contractor had received additional requests that would exceed their original estimate of \$200,000.

Mr. Rush inquired of Mr. Fosnight is he signed off on change orders.

Mr. Fosnight stated the change orders go through 3 rounds of approval: (1) Construction Manager; (2) Architect/Design Firm and then (3) himself.

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**AGAINST**

- c. Sustainability Signage Update** – No action was taken.

**CITIZENS’ INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:18 p.m.  
and came out at approximately 9:12 p.m.*

- a. Department of Revenue Update – No action was taken.
- b. Personnel Matter – No action was taken.

**MOTION PERIOD**

- a. As a part of the eligibility requirements of outside agencies receiving funding from Richland County, regardless of the funding source (i.e. Discretionary Grant Program/General Fund, Accommodations Tax & Hospitality Tax), organizations must provide the following:
  - 1. Current organizational line item operating budget reflecting sources and amounts of income and expenditures for the organization as a whole, not just the program or project being supported by County funds
  - 2. IRS determination letter indicating the organization's 501(c)(3) charitable status
  - 3. Proof of current registration as a charity with the SC Secretary of State's Office
  - 4. Current list of board of directors
  - 5. Most recent 990 tax return

In addition to the above-mentioned requirements, the eligibility requirements of outside agencies receiving funding from Richland County through the Hospitality Tax must be met:

- 1. Applicant organization must have been in existence for at least one (1) year prior to requesting funds
- 2. Primary goal is to attract additional visitors through tourism promotion
- 3. Agencies cannot be an individual, fraternal organization, religious organization, or an organization that supports and/or endorses political campaigns
- 4. All fund must be spent on direct program expenditures by the organization that is granted the allocation

Given this information, I move that beginning in FY18 all organizations that use a fiscal agent to administer grant funded projects through the Hospitality Tax grant program can only do so for one fiscal year, after which they must have a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status to receive future Hospitality Tax grant funds from the County [LIVINGSTON and MALINOWSKI] – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.

- b. Based on the recommendations of the diversity consultant, move that Council request staff to explore the feasibility of conducting a Workplace Diversity Study to include not simply a statistical analysis of the County workforce but also those factors brought up by Councilman Livingston regarding inclusion and accommodation. Upon receipt of the staff report, Council would then

**address if and when to move forward with this study and determine a means to pay for it [PEARCE, DIXON and MANNING]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

- c. I move that Council develop a Diversity Statement for Richland County [MANNING]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee
- d. Create a Diversity Statement for Richland County [MALINOWSKI]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee
- e. “Richland County is an Equal Opportunity Nondiscrimination Employer”. I move that Richland County adapt these words as its Diversity Statement [JACKSON]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- f. Prior to budget meetings, Council needs to decide if they will not provide funding to organizations who initially received one-time funding but have been receiving it for multiple years [MALINOWSKI]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- g. Add to Council Rules – All Regular and Special Called Council meetings will be broadcast [MALINOWSKI and MANNING]** – This item was referred to the Rules & Appointments Committee.
- h. Have Human Resources expand recruitment efforts to encompass diverse agencies/organizations, such as the National Association of Multicultural Engineering, in order to reach out to a larger and more diverse applicant pool [MALINOWSKI]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- i. That Richland County request the State Legislature to eliminate the unnecessary restrictions on how Hospitality Tax revenue can be used.**

**The Legislature has dictated that revenue from this 2% tax on prepared meals be restricted to projects related to “tourism”. That means local governments can’t apply these funds to more pressing needs, such as road improvements. Richland County certainly faces some major infrastructure challenges, especially in the aftermath of the recent floods. If we are going to pull money from hard-working taxpayers, we should at least be able to spend it where it’s most needed.**

**In absence of such legislative action, I move we abolish the Hospitality Tax so citizens can keep more of their money. The combined burden of the Hospitality Tax and the Transportation Tax is too much to ask people to shoulder.**

**Certainly a proposal of this will likely stir strong feelings both for and against, but at the very least, we should have a meaningful discussion about this issue [MALINOWSKI]** – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.

- j. Resolution to recognize February as Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Richland County**  
**[DIXON]** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to adopt a resolution to recognize February as Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Richland County.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

- k. I move that the remaining \$5,000 in undesignated H-Tax be assigned to the Columbia Classical Ballet Company and Columbia City Ballet's joint event on March 15, 2016 as they bring the Richland County native, now with Washington Ballet, Brooklyn Mack and American Ballet Theatre's Misty Copeland to Richland County. The luncheon event will include their sharing experiences in the world of ballet, how they rose to the top of their fields, the importance of diversity in the arts, and why it is important for the culture of our community to continue to showcase ballet [MANNING, JETER, LIVINGSTON and PEARCE]** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item.

Ms. Dickerson inquired if this would deplete the Hospitality Tax Undesignated Fund.

Mr. Rush responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Dickerson stated Council could not approve \$100.00 for the Allen University Class of 1966 sponsorship request, but can approve \$5,000 for the Columbia Classical Ballet Company and Columbia City Ballet.

Mr. Manning stated the two requests were from different funding sources.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- l. Resolution approving the honorary naming of the 1000 Block of Olympia Avenue from Heyward Street to Alabama Street to "Jim Jaco Way" [ROSE, PEARCE and JETER]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM.

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