



**RICHLAND COUNTY
GOVERNMENT**
Office of the County Administrator

**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
February 7, 2017
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Dickerson

Invocation: Dickerson

Pledge of Allegiance: Dickerson

Approval of Minutes

- a. **Zoning Public Hearing: December 20, 2016:** Approved as published.
- b. **Special Called Meeting January 10, 2017:** Approved as amended.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as amended.

Presentation:

- a. **State Conservation Poster Contest Winners: Abigail Annsley Lanier and Abrianna Nicole McClerklin** – Councilman Chip Jackson and Conservation Department staffer Chanda Cooper presented the contest winners with a certificate recognizing their accomplishment.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Sessions Items

- a. **Personnel Matters**

Citizen's Input: Two people spoke.

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Status Report – Coordination between the City of Columbia and the County Regarding the Water Service Area:** Mr. Seals provided an update on the correspondence between the City and the County relative to the water service area in the unincorporated areas of the County.
- b. **The State Newspaper Article:** Mr. Seals provided information to Council relative to the County's recent press releases related to the recent newspaper articles.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. REMINDER: SCAC Mid-Year Conference and Institute of Government February 15 and 16; Embassy Suite:** Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming SCAC Mid-Year Conference and Institute of Government.
- b. Reminder: February 21, 2017: Heart Disease and Breast Cancer Awareness:** Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming Heart Disease and Breast Cancer Awareness Event.

Report of the Chair

- a. Personnel Matter:** Executive Session item.
- b. Council Retreat Overview:** Ms. Dickerson provided a brief overview of the 2017 County Council Retreat.
- c. Youth Summit Overview:** Ms. Dickerson discussed the annual Youth Summit event and encouraged the participation of County Council.

Open/Close Public Hearings

- a. A Resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its health care facilities revenue refunding bonds (the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, Inc.) Series 2017, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$48,500,000:** No one spoke
- b. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, General Provisions; so as to add Section 1-16 related to payment of legal bills:** No one spoke.
- c. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hospitality Tax Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$100,000 of Hospitality Fund Balance to provide seed funding for commemorating Fort Jackson's 100th Birthday:** Two people spoke.
- d. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; so as to restructure the departments of the County:** This item was deferred to a future Council meeting.

1. Approval of Consent Items

- a. 16-036MA
Jeff Stallings
PDD to GC (20 Acres)
8000 Wilson Boulevard**

TMS # 14400-01-03 & 14402-03-01: Council deferred this item to the February 21, 2017 Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

b. 16-037MA

Chip Daniels

RU to GC (2 Acres)

10020 Broad River Road

TMS # R04000-02-04: Council gave second reading approval to the rezoning amendment. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING, LEGAL**

c. 16-038MA

James Randolph

RS-LD to NC (0.45 Acres)

Welborn Road

TMS # 19203-14-09: Council gave second reading approval to the rezoning amendment. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING, LEGAL**

d. 16-040MA

Gerald Steele

RS-MD to GC (0.44 Acres, 0.20 Acres & 0.63 Acres - Total 1.69 Acres)

Broad River Rd.

R06108-06-05, -06, -07 & -08: Council gave second reading approval to the rezoning amendment. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING, LEGAL**

2. Third Reading Items

a. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, General Provisions; so add Section 1-16 related to payment of legal bills: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

b. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; so as to restructure the departments of the County. Council deferred this item to a future Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

c. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hospitality Tax Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$100,000 of Hospitality Fund Balance to provide seed funding for commemorating Fort Jackson's 100th Birthday. Council gave third reading approval of the budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000. Council approved funding the Gateway to the Army Association in the amount of \$100,000 in FY18 and \$100,000 in FY19 for the construction of the Centennial Park. Any funding provided to the Gateway to the Army Association is contingent upon written approval from the Secretary of the Army for the Centennial Park and the provision of a comprehensive budget for the project. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, GRANTS, FINANCE**

3. Second Reading

- a. **Authorizing the provision of water and sewer infrastructure to the Pineview Industrial Park and the execution of certain agreements related thereto; authorizing an amendment to the master agreement governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County ("Park") to amend the internal distribution to Richland County for property located in the Pineview Industrial Park area of the park; and other related matters:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, LEGAL**

4. First Reading

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hospitality Tax Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$200,000.00 of Hospitality Fund Balance to the SC Air National Guard to assist in funding for advertisement and promotion of the 2017 South Carolina Guard Air & Ground Expo.** Council sent the item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION**

5. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

- a. **CASA: Memorandum of Agreement with SC Department of Social Services.** Council approved the memorandum of agreement with the SC Department of Social Services. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, CASA**

6. Report of Economic Development Committee

- a. **South Carolina Department of Commerce request for the County to serve as a pass through for a grant to DESA, Inc.** Council approved this request. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, GRANTS**
- b. **A Resolution Authorizing a grant to certain funds to Project Sweet Tea.** Council approved this resolution. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION**

7. Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee

a. Notification of Vacancies

- i. **Procurement Review Panel – Two (2) Vacancies:** Council voted to re-advertise these vacancies. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- ii. **Business Service Center Appeals Board – One (1) Vacancy:** Council voted to appoint Kitwanda Cyrus. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- iii. **Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) – One (1) Vacancy:** Council voted to appoint Julie-Ann Dixon. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- iv. **Employee Grievance Committee – One (1) Vacancy:** Council voted to appoint Deborah P. Moore. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

8. Other Items

- a. **A Resolution to appoint and commission Christopher R. Thompson as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County.** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE**
- b. **A Resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Health Care Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, Inc.) Series 2017, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$48,500,000:** Council approved this Resolution. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE**

9. **Citizen's Input:** One person spoke.

10. Executive Session

- a. **Personnel Matter(s):** Council Chairwoman Dickerson will appoint a committee to discuss the personnel matters.

11. Motion Period

- a. **Resolution honoring Satch Krantz for his years of service to the Riverbanks Zoo.** [ROSE]: Council voted to adopt a resolution honoring Satch Krantz for his years of service to the Riverbanks Zoo. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **I move that we re-phrase County Administrator Seals' question number six from the Council Retreat to read as: Should County Government operate at a 5 of 195 Richland County Council lower millage?" and it be referred to the Council's ad hoc Budget Committee with the consideration of the Poors and Moody Aaa bond designation for our county; and the consideration of matters such as the need for a new county courthouse and protecting the citizens safety through means such as the emergency medical services (EMS), fire services and policing.** [MANNING]: Council sent this item to the Budget Ad Hoc Committee. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE**
- c. **I move that if the State Government does not fully fund Richland County as specified by the original formula when Act 388 was passed, that a uniform service**

charge on tax exempt property be imposed. [MANNING and PEARCE]: Council sent this item to the Budget Ad Hoc Committee. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE**

- d. **Richland County lost millions of dollars by not collecting taxes on Sexual Oriented Businesses (SOB) for the past five years. I move that the Legal Department along with Administration explore recovering the funds from businesses directly [MALINOWSKI]:** Council sent this item to the D&S committee. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE**
- e. **Revisit motion to find or sensor Council members who leak executive session information or not have Executive Sessions. Either it is confidential or not [JACKSON, MALINOWSKI]:** Council sent this item to the Rules & Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- f. **Explore funding Eco Tourism with funds from Mitigation Bank Credits and Economic Development [JACKSON]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- g. **Clarify Richland County Council's role in managing the Election Commission's budget and authority to hire and fund legal services. NOTE: There have been several discussions on authority of the Election Commission Board and control of their budget. Who has the authority to make decisions, The Board, County Council or the Legislative Delegation? [JACKSON]:** Council sent this item to the Legal Department. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- h. **Release funding to the Recreation Commission for programs for children to prevent cancelation of those programs especially after school programs. [JACKSON]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- i. **The City of Columbia announced that they will be targeting Hospitality Tax businesses in the unincorporated area for annexation to take HTax funds. The City receives more than \$10 million annually while the unincorporated area receives over \$5 million annually. The County spends more than half its funds in the City while the City spends its funds in the City only. I move unless the City develops an IGA or MOU with the County not to take target and take the County HTax funds that Richland County then there should some discussion to reevaluate collection of the HTax funds [JACKSON, MALINOWSKI]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- j. **Resolution recognizing Clemson University and former Lower Richland 6 of 195 Council Diamonds Marcus Edmond on his success leading the Tigers to National Champions. [JACKSON, DICKERSON]:** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- k. **Adjust mandated funding for programs and agencies by the percentage reduced by the LGF [JACKSON, MALINOWSKI]:** Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE**

12. Adjournment 7:56 p.m.