

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

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

April 17, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Washington

Invocation: Dickerson

Pledge of Allegiance: Dickerson

Approval of Minutes

- a. **Regular Session: April 3, 2012:** Approved as published.

Adoption of the Agenda: Adopted as amended.

Report of the County Attorney

- a. **SOB Update**
- b. **Bond Counsel Update**

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Business Friendly Task Force:** Mr. Pope stated that the Committee is wrapping up its duties, and recommendations to Council are forthcoming. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **Report of the Joint Transportation Committee:** Agenda item.
- c. **Legislative Contacts Program:** Mr. Pope reminded Council to submit their information regarding the Legislative Contacts Program. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- d. **Employee Recognition:** Utilities employee Heather Beard was recognized.
- e. **Quarterly Adult Senior Services Report:** Provided as information.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **SCAC Annual Conference, August 5-8, 2012**
- b. **Council Photograph: May 1, 6:00 pm**

Report of the Chairman

- a. **Cinco de Mayo Funding Request:** Council denied the request.
- b. **V.C. Summer Meeting Request – May 24, 2012:** The Clerk will poll Council regarding the date. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **International Legislative Exchange Program:** Council gave first reading by title only to a General Fund budget amendment in the amount of \$5,000. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Public Hearings

- a. **Finding that the Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Parks District may issue not exceeding \$32,000,000 General Obligation Bonds; to authorize the Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Parks District to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization:** Four people spoke.

1. Consent Items

- a. **Finding that the Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Parks District may issue not exceeding \$32,000,000 General Obligation Bonds; to authorize the Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Parks District to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization [Third Reading]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- b. **[Removed from Consent] An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Land Development; Article IV, Amendments and Procedures; Section 26-53, Land Development Permits; Subsection (B), Processes; so as to reduce the time to act on the application from sixty (60) days to thirty (30) days [Third**

Reading]: Council gave third reading approval as amended to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

- c. [Removed from Consent] **An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$35,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto [Third Reading]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance and projects list. The vote to reconsider failed. The projects list is as follows:

<u>Current year recurring issues</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff Vehicle replacement	\$2,000,000
Public Safety Facility – Decker Center Renovations	\$1,600,000
EMS Vehicle replacement	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
Total recurring	\$5,600,000

<u>Recommended new issues</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Record Retention Storage facility	\$3,000,000
2020 Parking redesign (post-LRADAC)	\$ 250,000
Redesign of Bond Court – Detention facility	\$1,000,000
Phase V – Detention facility	\$11,550,000
Decker Center Renovations	\$7,600,000
EMS Headquarter facility	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

Total recommended additional issue	\$29,400,000
Total recurring issue	<u>\$5,600,000</u>
Total issue	<u>\$35,000,000</u>

ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL

- d. **12-08 MA, LandTech, Inc. of SC/Kevin Steelman, NC to RS-MD (4.01 acres), TMS# 01506-01-11, Three Dog Road & U.S. 76 [Third Reading]:** Council gave third reading approval to the map amendment ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- e. **12-10 MA, Irving Spigner, Jr., HI to GC (2 acres), TMS# 17500-03-10(p), 10320 Farrow Road [Third Reading]:** Council gave third reading approval to the map amendment ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- f. **12-11 MA, William Sease, RM-HD to GC (.45 acres), TMS# 06012-02-16/17, 3120 Lawrence Street [Third Reading]:** Council gave third

reading approval to the map amendment ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

- g. An Ordinance amending Chapter 26, Land Development; Section 26-175, Access; so as to delete the requirement of an encroachment permit [Third Reading]:** Council gave third reading approval to the text amendment ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
 - h. [Removed from Consent] An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Lower Richland Utilities Fund Budget to Appropriate \$25,000 of User Fee Revenue from Additional Operational and Maintenance Costs of the Hopkins Community Water System [Forwarded from the A&F Committee – First Reading]** Council gave first reading approval to the budget amendment. **ACTION: UTILITIES, LEGAL, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - i. [Removed from Consent] Crane Creek – Catalyst 5 Pedestrian Park – Parcel Acquisition [Forwarded from the A&F Committee].** Council approved the item. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: PLANNING, NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE**
- 2. Report of the Economic Development Committee**
- a. Business Enforcement Resolution:** Council approved the Resolution as amended. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- 3. Report of the Joint Transportation Committee**
- a. Update re: April 16, 2012 Joint Transportation Committee:** Mr. Livingston gave an update on the meeting.
 - b. Work Authorization – 2010 Study Revision [ACTION]** Council approved the Work Authorization including, but not limited to, revising the 2010 project costs and revenue projections, in the amount of \$48,000 to Parsons Brinckerhoff. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE**
- 4. Application for locating a Community Residential Group Home in an unincorporated area of Richland County: 309 Calvary Drive, Columbia, SC:** Council did not approve the application. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- 5. Citizens' Input:** No one spoke.

6. Executive Session

- a. **SOB Update:** Council approved the following motion: I make a motion to direct staff to propose for Council’s consideration language that would comport with the proposal that was discussed in executive session in the event Council decides to pursue that proposal or to further negotiate a disposition of this matter, and for Administration and staff to report back to the full Council their findings, recommendations or other input with respect to this matter. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING, EMERGENCY SERVICES, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**

7. Motion Period

- a. **Whereas, broadcasting open meetings of County Council technically provides no transparency, and whereas, there appears to be a clamoring for Council transparency, be it resolved that I move as a part of our Transparency Television Broadcast initiative, that Richland County Council Executive Sessions be videotaped and that an edited version with just what was truly qualified for and met the standard for such a session removed, be broadcasted at the conclusion of the broadcast of the next regular Council meeting. [Manning] Forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Resolution recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. [Washington] Approved unanimously. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Due to recent issues with the chair making announcements and having meetings on behalf of Richland County and County Council without Council's approval, I move that we have a workshop on the rules of the chair. The do's and dont's of the chair. This help with the problem and the chaos we are having on County Council. [Jackson] Forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **I move to direct staff to draft an ordinance that would delete any County review fees for family property (Section 26-224 of the Land Development Code), retroactive to November 15, 2011, and to send this ordinance to the next available Planning Commission meeting for their consideration and recommendation. [Washington] Forwarded to the D&S Committee. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING**
- e. **I move to send an ordinance that would Permit “Group Homes (10 to 15)” in the RU (Rural District), with Special Requirements, to the**

next available Planning Commission meeting for their consideration and recommendation. [Washington] Forwarded to the D&S Committee.
ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING

- f. **Motion to send a resolution to the city of Columbia not to raise the water and sewer funds on the backs of non city residents. Reason: If the city goes along these lines then the County may have no choice but to invest in a water system or invite private utility companies to provide water to the unincorporated areas. County residents should not be treated disproportionately to correct the City's shortfall. As representatives of the citizens of Richland County we must be mindful and do everything possible to protect the people we serve. [Jackson] Forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION****

 - g. **Have financial staff provide a report on the how many county employees are eligible to retire June 30, 2012 and what impact it could have on the county. Because of proposed state retirement legislation a high number of state and government workers are opting to retire. The added retirements could have a big impact on some local governments, whose workers – along with many public-school teachers – are covered by the state retirement system. The prospect concerned Columbia city manager Steve Gantt so much that he had his staff calculate how many of the city's roughly 2,000 employees were eligible to retire on June 30. The answer: 230, including the city's chief financial officer and some senior managers in the police and fire departments. If all of those city workers choose to retire, it would cost the city \$1.5 million to pay off unused sick and vacation days, Gantt said. "I can't imagine if all those folks decided to bail so they fell under the old criteria instead of the new criteria," Gantt said. "It is what it is, and we'd have to do what we have to do. But I do have some concern about the financial implications." [Jackson] Forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION****

 - h. **Proclamation re: Boy Scouts: [Washington] Approved unanimously. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL****
8. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.