

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2008
6:00 PM**

Call to Order: McEachern

Invocation: McEachern

Pledge of Allegiance: McEachern

Presentations

Katherine Horne, CEO, Edventure Children's Museum: Ms. Horne updated Council on the Big Ed Health Team.

Marie Adams, Lower Richland Heritage Corridor Update: Ms. Adams and the Congaree National Swamp park ranger updated Council on the work that has been performed to date regarding the Lower Richland Heritage Corridor.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended. Citizens' Input was added to the agenda, and the Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee was moved to the top of the agenda after Report of the Chairman.

Approval of Minutes:

Zoning Public Hearing **January 29, 2008**
The minutes were approved as submitted.

Regular Session Council Meeting **February 5, 2008**
The minutes were approved as submitted.

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Qualifications of Building Codes Director:** Mr. Pope stated that his recommendation would be given at the time of the item for action (2g).

- b. **Farmers' Market Update (Executive Session):** Mr. Pope stated that Council will receive legal advice during Executive Session.
- c. **Budget Kickoff:** Mr. Pope informed Council that the budgets from all departments have been received, and that meetings with department directors, elected, and appointed officials are about to begin.
- d. **C-Funds:** Staff is still awaiting a response from DOT with regards to the County's C Funds. Until this issue is resolved, our paving and resurfacing projects are on hold. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- e. **Animal Care MOU with Lexington County:** Mr. Pope informed Council that Lexington County Council gave third reading to their \$1.5 million at its meeting last week. Council will take up this item at the special called meeting on February 26, 2008. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, ANIMAL CARE, LEGAL, FINANCE, BUDGET, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- f. **Lower Richland Sewer Service:** Staff met with the affected developers who stated that they could not and would not go along with the County's plan. This item will be placed on the March 4, 2008 Council agenda for further discussion. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, UTILITIES**

Report of the County Attorney for Potential Executive Session Items

- a. **Farmers' Market Update**

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **2008 Rural Summit – March 2 – 4, 2008, The Conference Center and Inn at Clemson:** Ms. Finch informed Council of the summit, and requested for council members to let her know if they wish to attend.
- b. **2008 NACO Conference:** Ms. Finch reminded Council of the upcoming NACO Conference.
- c. **Invitation:** Council has received an invitation from the Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees honoring new and outgoing board members. The event will be Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm at the Palmetto Club.

Report of the Chairman: There was no report.

1. Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee

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

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

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

- a. **Business Service Center Appeals Board – 4:** These vacancies are to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Employee Grievance Committee – 2:** These vacancies are to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Internal Audit Committee – 1:** This vacancy is to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

III. Discussion Items

- a. **Presentations (Rule Change):** Council approved the committee's recommendations. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- b. **Motions Made During Motion Period:** Council approved the committee's recommendations. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- c. **Pending Items:** Council approved the committee's recommendations. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

Approval of Consent Items: The following consent items were approved: 1.a., 2.a., 2.b., ~~2.e.1.~~, 2.c.2., 2.c.3., ~~2.d.~~, ~~2.e.~~, 2.f., and 2.i. The stricken items were removed from the consent agenda.

2. Third Reading Item

- a. **An Ordinance to Temporarily Extend Staff Review Time for Various Actions Required Under the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING**

3. Second Reading Items

- a. **Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 12, Garbage, Trash, and Refuse; Article III, Construction, Modification, Expansion, and/or Operation of Solid Waste Management Facilities, Beneficial Landfills, and Composting Facilities, so as to Repeal Certain Provisions [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Ordinance Authorizing a Quit-Claim Deed for 62 Square Feet on Hastings Alley [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Business Service Center Ordinance Revisions:**
 1. **Hospitality Tax [CONSENT]**
 2. **Peddlers' License [CONSENT]**
 3. **Tourism Development Fee [CONSENT]**Council gave second reading approval to all three ordinance amendments. Staff's recommended ordinance revisions were given second reading with regards to the Hospitality Tax ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, BUDGET, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, in General, so as to Amend Requirements Pertaining to Sexually Oriented Businesses, and Make Clarifications Pertaining to All Businesses [CONSENT]:** This item was deferred to the March 4, 2008 Council meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. **A Budget Ordinance Amending FY 07-08 Budget to Transfer Funds for Elders Pond EMS Station (\$1,722,000), and Transfer Funds for Horrell Hill EMS Station (\$550,244) to a Capital Project Fund from the Fire Fund and General Fund [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the budget amendment. Clarification regarding the dollar amounts is to be provided at third reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, EMERGENCY SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- f. **A Budget Amendment to Increase the Board of Voter Registration Department Budget by \$20,000 for the Purpose of Providing for Part-Time Employees [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the budget amendment. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, VOTER REGISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- g. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, County Departments; Division 4, Planning and Development Services; and to Add a New Division Entitled “4.A. Building Codes and Inspections;” so that a New County Department Will be Created:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance with the following revisions with regards to the qualifications of the Building Codes and Inspections Director: strike “or in lieu thereof” in Section 22-223 and replace with “and,” as well as making this revision dealing with the Building Codes and Inspections Director’s qualifications effective July 1, 2008. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING, HUMAN RESOURCES, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- h. **An Ordinance Calling for a Referendum and Ballot Question to Authorize the South Carolina Department of Revenue to Issue Temporary Permits for Off-Premises Sales of Beer and Wine without Regard to the Days or hours of Sales:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- i. **A Budget Amendment to Transfer Interest Earned on the Vista TIF Funds to the General Fund and Appropriate an Increase in the General Fund Budget for Legal and Accounting Fees by the Amount of Money Previously Spent to Finalize the TIF Agreement with the City of Columbia [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to the budget amendment. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, TREASURER’S OFFICE, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

4. First Reading Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Development; Article V, Zoning Districts and Special Requirements, and Special Exceptions; “Manufacturing, Mining, and Industrial Uses” of Table 26-V-2; and Article VI Supplemental Use Standards; Section 26-152, Special Exceptions; So As to Permit a Limited Number of Digital Billboards in the GC, M-1, L1, HI Zoning District as Special Exceptions (One of Three Versions of This Ordinance):** Council gave first reading to the ordinance, but amended 6 seconds to 8

seconds in Section III d (28). **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VII, General Development, Site, and Performance Standards; Section 26-180, Signs; So As to Create a New Section that Would Allow Digital Display Devices [Savannah Version] (One of Three Versions of This Ordinance):** Council gave first reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - c. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VII, General Development, Site, and Performance Standards; Section 26-180, Signs; So As to Create a New Section that Would Allow Digital Display Devices [Industry Version] (One of Three Versions of This Ordinance):** Council gave first reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
5. **Citizens' Input:** Larry Stevens spoke about Carolina Scholarships and Apollo Night.
6. **Executive Session**
- a. **Farmers' Market Update:** Received as information.
7. **Motion Period**
- a. **Resolution honoring the "Auntie Karen" Foundation [MCEACHERN]:** Approved. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - b. **COG Infrastructure Bank:** Jackson made a motion to explore matching funds for the infrastructure bank. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
8. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 7:49 p.m.