

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

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

July 21, 2009

6:00 PM

Call to Order: Livingston

Invocation: Kennedy

Pledge of Allegiance: Kennedy

Citizens' Input: One person spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session: July 7, 2009: Approved as presented.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended. The Richland 101 for Kids item was added under the Administrator's Report.

Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. **Farmers' Market Settlement**
- b. **Ashford vs. Richland County**
- c. **Richland County Recreation Commission: Personnel and Contractual Matters**
- d. **School District II Site Fees**
- e. **Broad River Waste Water Treatment Plant Change Order**
- f. **Contractual Matter / Purchase of Property: Township**

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Broad River Waste Water Treatment Plant Change Order:** Executive Session item.
- b. **Farmers' Market Settlement:** Executive Session item.
- c. **Purchase of Property – Township:** Executive Session item.
- d. **Richland 101 for Kids:** Thursday, July 23, 2009, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Dutch Square Mall.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **SCAC Conference:** July 28 – August 2 at Hilton Head.
- b. **SC Pride Movement March – September 12, 2009, 11:00am**
- c. **Unity Fest 2009:** August 15, 10:00am – 3:30pm

Report of the Chairman:

- a. **Innovista TIF Presentation:** City Council Members Devine and Davis presented information on a proposed TIF. Norman Whitaker (COG) also updated Council on the Redevelopment Plan, which included a 12 square mile study area. The item was received as information, but they wish to come back to Council in September with more information.
- b. **City Manager Forum for Elected Officials:** August 3, 2009, Council Chambers, hosted by The Mercer Group.
- c. **Recreation Commission Personnel and Contractual Matter:** Executive Session item.

1. Public Hearing Item

- a. **A resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its not exceeding \$150,000,000 Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended:** No one spoke.

2. Approval of Consent Items

- a. **Case #09-06MA; Ted Hart; RS-LD to NC (.41 Acres); 09504-04-04; Dakota Street [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading

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

- b. **Case #09-07MA; Duane Warr; RU/RS-MD to NC (.52 Acres); 19604-04-13 & 49; 1509 & 1531 Percival Road [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Case #09-08MA; Michael Young; American's Home Place Inc.; RU to RS-E (2.81 Acres); 17400-12-02 & 03; Killian Loop [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **[REMOVED FROM CONSENT] Case #09-09MA; Glen Welsford; RS-MD to GC (.03 Acres); 13809-04-12(p); 4108 Rosewood Drive [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. **Section 26-175, Access; and creating a new article; so as to address transportation issues within the County [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval, as amended, to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- f. **Section 26-152, Special Exceptions; Subsection (D), Standards; Paragraph (22), Radio, Television and Telecommunications and Other Transmitting Towers; Subparagraph C; so as to clarify setback requirements [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- g. **An ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and building regulations; Article III, Building Codes, Section 6-82 (A); so as to adopt the 2006 Edition of the International Residential Code [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, BUILDING INSPECTIONS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- h. **[REMOVED FROM CONSENT] Council Motion (Manning): An ordinance to amend the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; Section 18-6, Smoking of tobacco products; In order to establish regulations and requirements relating to designated smoking areas [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. Council voted to place this item on the July 27, Special Called Meeting Agenda. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION,**

PLANNING, BUILDING INSPECTIONS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER

- i. An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; Authorizing the bonds to be issued as Build America Bonds, if appropriate; Fixing the form and details of the bonds; Delegating 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 [SECOND READING]: Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- j. An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement between Richland County and Unum Group-, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and Unum Life Insurance Company of America, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine concerning a new project; authorizing and providing with respect to an existing project for the conversion of an arrangement for fee-in-lieu of tax payments between Richland County and the companies under Title 4, Chapter 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to an arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended; and matters relating thereto [SECOND READING]: Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER**
- k. An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement to provide for the modification and termination of certain incentive arrangements between Richland County and Project Olive and one or more affiliated entities; and related matters [SECOND READING]: Council gave second reading approval by title only to the ordinance and associated agreements. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER**
- l. A resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its not exceeding \$150,000,000 Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code**

of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended: Council approved the resolution after the public hearing. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

2. Third Reading Item

- a. Section 26-180, Signs; so as to create a new section that would allow off-premise weekend directional signs under certain conditions:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**

3. Second Reading Item

- a. Master-in-Equity Budget Amendment:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, MASTER-IN-EQUITY**

4. Report of Administration and Finance Committee

- a. Request to consider salary adjustments and amendments to existing county policies and procedures for the following elected and appointed positions:**
- 1. Columbia Magistrate:** Council voted to leave the current situation as-is. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, LEGAL**
 - 2. Treasurer:** This item was deferred until requested salary information from the Administrator is available. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**
 - 3. Board of Voter Registration:** Council deferred this item until a meeting between the Council and Legislative Delegation is held. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, LEGAL, BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Purchase offer for property owned by Richland County [Recommendation to Deny]:** This item was deferred to the first meeting in September. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

5. **Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee**
 - a. **Notification of Vacancies:** Both were held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 1. **Employee Grievance Committee – 1**
 2. **Internal Audit Committee - 1**
 - b. **Notification of Appointments**
 1. **Board of Assessment Appeals – 1 [No applications were received]**
 2. **Business Service Center Appeals Board – 1 [No applications were received]**
 3. **Community Relations Council – 1 [No applications were received]**
 4. **East Richland Public Service Commission – 1:** Hudgens was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 5. **Internal Audit Committee – 1**
 6. **Planning Commission – 1:** Tuttle was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING**
 - c. **Discussion from Rules and Appointments Committee**
 1. **Employee Grievance Committee Guidelines / Procedures:** Item was not taken up. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 2. **Richland County / City of Columbia Animal Care Advisory Committee:** Item was not taken up. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
6. **Council Motion (Jackson, Malinowski, Kennedy): To remove from the D&S Committee and present to full Council the funding of Alternate Paving with \$2 million from the Road Maintenance Fee and \$1 million from the CTC bond to fund paving roads in three years max (starting in 2009):** This item was deferred to September. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PUBLIC WORKS, BUDGET, FINANCE**

7. **Broad River Waste Water Treatment Plant Change Order:** Council approved the change order. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITIES, BUDGET, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**
8. **FY 10 SERCO Budget:** Council approved the budget. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
9. **Report of Stimulus Ad Hoc Committee**
 - a. **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP):** Council endorsed the agencies and funding levels as recommended for the HPRP program. Council authorized the County Administrator to draft a letter of endorsement to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
 - b. **TIGER Surface Transportation Discretionary Grant:** Council directed the County Administrator to pursue a possible TIGER Discretionary Grant for the expansion of Clemson Road between Sparkleberry Road and Old Clemson Road. Council offered its support for other regional projects being submitted in the City of Columbia and Lexington County. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS**
 - c. **Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP):** Council directed the County Administrator to seek a partnership with a private sector service provider and to pursue a BIP stimulus grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for broadband programs in the rural areas of the County. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
 - d. **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP):** Council directed the County Administrator to seek a partnership with the City of Columbia and to jointly pursue a BTOP stimulus grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) for county projects. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
10. **Citizens' Input:** Seven people spoke.
11. **Executive Session:**
 - a. **Farmers' Market Settlement:** Council authorized the Administrator to enter into the settlement agreement as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- b. **Ashford vs. Richland County:** Received as information.
- c. **Richland County Recreation Commission: Personnel and Contractual Matters:** Received as information. Staff is to inform the media that the Executive Session was regarding the selection process of the Richland County Recreation Commission Executive Director. The contractual matter dealt with updating the Council on the purchase of property by the RCRC as outlined in the \$50,000,000 bond ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- d. **School District II Site Fees:** Received as information.
- e. **Broad River Waste Water Treatment Plant Change Order:** Council approved the change order. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITIES, BUDGET, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**
- f. **Contractual Matter / Purchase of Property: Township:** Received as information.

12. Motion Period

- a. **Ron G Resolution:** Approved. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **[JACKSON] A motion for Richland County in partnership with the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the City of Columbia to host a Small Business Stimulus ASAP. Topics to include Stimulus, doing business with local government, and the SBA:** Forwarded to the Economic Development Committee [September]. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- c. **[JACKSON] Explore both proposals and all locations for possible Richland location of Farmers Market and Richland County support. I think Council passed a resolution last year for a joint County City Farmers Market.** Washington offered a friendly amendment to consider all options and present information to Council by September 1. Forwarded to the July 28, 2009 A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- d. **Animal Care Committee Appointments:** Hutchinson requested this item appear on the September 1, 2009 Council Committee for action. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ANIMAL CARE**

13. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 9:42 p.m.