

# **RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



## **Office of the County Administrator**

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

**December 1, 2009**

**6:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Livingston

**Invocation:** Jeter

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jeter

**Point of Personal Privilege:** Mr. Pearce recognized Sergeant Joseph for an article that was written about him in the Columbia Star with regards to his professionalism and sparkling personality.

**Citizens' Input:** No one spoke.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Session: November 17, 2009:** Approved as submitted.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Approved as submitted.

#### **Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items**

- a. **Columbia Venture Litigation**
- b. **HBA vs. Richland County**
- c. **Personnel Matter**
- d. **Employee Grievance – 1**
- e. **Columbia Bond Court Agreement**

## Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Employee Grievance – 1:** Council voted to uphold the Administrator’s recommendation. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- b. **Employee Recognition: Pat Brockman:** Mr. Pope recognized Ms. Brockman for her years of service with Richland County.
- c. **2010 Retreat Preparations: Request for Potential Topics / Items:** Mr. Pope stated that staff had begun preparations for the 2010 Retreat, and that Council should forward potential topics for the agenda to him. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- d. **City of Columbia Bond Court Agreement:** Executive Session item.
- e. **Appearance Counts Presentation:** Ms. Snowden presented a slideshow of the award recipients’ yards, and Ms. Nevius thanked Council for supporting the Appearance Commission. Former Council member Susan Brill was recognized by Council member Smith for her leadership in the creation of the Appearance Commission.
- f. **Historic Homes Renovation Projects Update:** Action item later on the agenda.
- g. **Township:** Mr. Pope gave an update on the renovations at the Township, and Council approved the concept of a cornerstone marker on the outside of the building, as well as a plaque inside the building commemorating the current members of Council. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- h. **EECBG:** Mr. Pope stated that Richland County is proud to announce the receipt of a \$2,116,800 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). Funds were awarded through the Department of Energy from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
  - Grant funds will be used to implement programs that lower energy use, reduce carbon pollution, and create green jobs locally.
  - Over the course of three years, Richland County will partner with the Town of Blythewood, Town of Eastover, Town of Forest Acres, Town of Irmo and Palmetto Health Richland to implement these programs.
  - The County will hire a Sustainability Coordinator to manage this initiative as well as create a long-term sustainability plan.

## Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dawn Staley Grandparents Breakfast, Saturday, December 5, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm, Brookland Baptist Church**

## Report of the Chairman

- a. **Personnel Matter:** Removed from the agenda.
1. **Approval of Consent Items**
    - a. **An Ordinance Authorizing (1) Special Source Revenue Credits by Richland County, South Carolina with respect to certain infrastructure improvements by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina; (2) the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the special source revenue credits; and (3) certain other matters relating thereto [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance and associated documents. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, BUDGET, FINANCE**
    - b. **[Removed from Consent] 09-13MA; Westinghouse; Brian Pasco; RU to HI (44.98 Acres); 18600-01-01(p); 5801 Bluff Road [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the map amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
    - c. **[Removed from Consent] 09-18MA; A.L. Company, LLC; M-1 to RS-HD (30.43 Acres); 12000-03-02 & 03; Wessinger Road & Fairfield Road [SECOND READING]:** Council approved the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny this request. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
    - d. **Discharge of Firearms in Certain Areas Unlawful [FIRST READING]:** Council gave first reading to an ordinance amending Section 18-1(b) of the Richland County Code of Ordinances regarding the discharge of firearms in certain areas as being unlawful. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
    - e. **[Removed from Consent] Conservation Property Donation:** Council approved the conservation property donation of 8.5 acres as a fee simple title donation to Richland County in order to protect valuable natural resources, water quality, and preserve open spaces near the Summer Valley sub-division off Hard Scrabble Road. Ms. Smith cautioned against the maintenance of these conservation easements, and stated that a motion

would be forthcoming. **ACTION: CONSERVATION COMMISSION, LEGAL**

- f. **AT&T Leased Line Connections – Countywide:** Council approved the purchase of phone and data lines connecting County facilities from AT&T. **ACTION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
  - g. **[Removed from Consent] Business Service Center – Policies Approval:** Council deferred this item to the December 15, 2009 Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, TREASURER’S OFFICE, AUDITOR’S OFFICE, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  - h. **Business Service Center – Records Retention Schedule:** Council approved the record retention schedules developed by, and in cooperation with, the SC Department of Archives and History. **ACTION: BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**
2. **Second Reading Items**
- a. **Hospitality Tax Ordinance Amendment: County Promotions 75% / 25% Split:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. Council is requested to forward their comments, questions, and concerns to staff in advance of third reading on December 15, 2009. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  - b. **09-11MA; Abdalla Yaghy; RU to RC (4.19 acres); 35206-02-06 & 35200-09-56; Corner of Garners Ferry Road & Pond Drive:** Council gave second reading to the map amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
3. **Report of the Development and Services Committee**
- a. **What Would it Take for Qualified Fire Engine Drivers to be able to Drive an EMS Ambulance in an Emergency Situation:** Council accepted staff’s recommendation to accept and support the City of Columbia’s request to allow firefighters to drive ambulances in appropriate instances under certain conditions. Staff will also obtain cost information and gather liability documentation on this item. Additionally, staff will forward an MOU to the City of Columbia for consideration. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, EMERGENCY SERVICES, RISK MANAGEMENT**

4. **Report of the Administration and Finance Committee**
  - a. **Hospitality Tax County Promotions Grant Guidelines and Application Changes:** Council deferred this item to the December 15, 2009 Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  
5. **Report of the Economic Development Committee**
  - a. **Project Pearl MOU:** Council approved the MOU. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, BUDGET, FINANCE**
  
6. **Report of Rules and Appointments Committee**
  - a. **Notification of Vacancies**
    - i. **Employee Grievance Committee – 1**
  
  - b. **Notification of Appointments**
    - i. **Board of Assessment and Appeals – 1** [Veronica Green – Strong; Chalon Shepard Headley, II]: Headley, II was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  
    - ii. **Internal Audit Committee – 2** [No applications received]
  
    - iii. **Lexington / Richland Drug Abuse Council – 2** [Paul R. Bouknight; Roosevelt Garrick, Jr.; Veronica Green-Strong] Bouknight and Garrick, Jr. were appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  
    - iv. **Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority – 1** [Veronica Green – Strong; Rick Patel] Patel was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  
    - v. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board – 3** [Bill Bradshaw; Wallace Brown, Sr.; Calvin H. Elam; Charles E. Offutt; Jerome (Jerry) Odom] Bradshaw, Elam, and Odom were appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  
    - vi. **Riverbank Park Commission** [M. F. Phil Barlett; Veronica Green – Strong] Barlett was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- c. **Rule Changes**
  - i. **Any Executive Session item involving an outside attorney or consultant outside the normal scope of a regular contract by Richland County ...** Council approved the item. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- d. **Discussion from Rules and Appointments Committee**
  - i. **Planning Commission Members and Occupations:** Deferred.
- 7. **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):** Council referred the item back to the Development and Services Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- 8. **Historic Homes Renovation Projects:** Council deferred this item to the December 15, 2009 Council meeting. Council requested information (financial, assessment information, etc.) on the request. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 9. **Citizens' Input:** Two people spoke.
- 10. **Executive Session**
  - a. **Columbia Venture Litigation:** Council directed staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: LEGAL**
  - b. **HBA vs. Richland County:** Council directed staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
  - c. **Columbia Bond Court Agreement:** No action.
- 11. **Motion Period**
  - a. **Motion to increase the capacity of Bed and Breakfast lodging to make it affordable [Jackson]:** Forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  - b. **Motion to start broadcasting Council meetings similar to the City of Columbia serving the citizens of the unincorporated area. [Jackson]** Forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- c. **Any amendments made to an agenda or minutes will be reflected in the following meetings minutes so that persons reviewing them will have complete information regarding any changes that took place.**

[Malinowski]: Forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee.

**ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- d. **Reports of officials at council meetings should be a report and not a loophole for presentations. Individuals can give summaries in a minute or two. Power point presentations and reports that last more than two minutes should be considered a presentation and done through the correct format set up for presentations to council.**

[Malinowski]: Forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee.

**ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- 12. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.