



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

**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
April 19, 2016
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Rush

Invocation: Dickerson

Pledge of Allegiance: Dickerson

Presentation Proclamation

- a. **Building Safety Month Proclamation:** The presentation of this Proclamation was postponed to a future Council meeting.
- b. **"Denim Day" Proclamation:** The presentation of this Proclamation was postponed to a future Council meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- a. **Regular Session: April 5, 2016:** Approved as published.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as published.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Sessions Items:

- a. **Employee Grievance**
- b. **Department of Revenue Update**
- c. **Potential Litigation**
- d. **Palmetto Utilities**
- e. **Recreation Commission Update**

Citizen's Input: Two people spoke.

Report of the County Administrator:

- a. **Employee Grievance:** Executive Session item.



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- b. **Employee Recognition:** Mr. McDonald recognized Andrea Boiling, Floodplain Manager – Public Works, for being named the SC Floodplain Manager of the Year by the South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation
- c. **Employee Introduction:** Mr. McDonald introduced two (2) new employees to Council, Chris Roett & Tiffany Harrison.

Chris Roett – Public Information Officer – Mr. Roett has a B.A. in Journalism and Graphic Communication from Florida A&M University. He has experience working in various industries within the public and private sectors.

Tiffany Harrison – Assistant Director of Economic Development – Ms. Harrison is an economic development professional with more than 16 years of experience in the field. She served as the Economic Development Director for Fairfield County for 9 years, and held several positions in Grants Administration at the South Carolina Department of Commerce for 6 years. She is a graduate of Columbia College and is a certified SC Certified Economic Developer.

- d. **Proposed agreement with Palmetto Utilities/Kershaw County/Richland County:** Executive Session item.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **REMINDER: Decker Center Renovation Tour, April 21st, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.:** Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming Decker Center Renovation Tour on April 21, 2016 from 9am – 11am.
- b. **REMINDER: Sexual Assault Awareness "Denim Day", April 27th:** Ms. Onley reminded Council of Sexual Assault Awareness “Denim Day” on April 27, 2016.

Report of the Chair: No report was provided by Mr. Rush. However, Mr. Pearce encouraged members of Council to participate in the Health Insurance survey. The results of the survey will be reviewed by the Health Insurance Ad Hoc Committee and considered during their review of the County’s Health Insurance plan.

1. Third Reading Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; so as to add cigar bars as a permitted use with special requirements in the NC, GC, M-1, and LI Zoning Districts:** Council gave third



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reading approval to the ordinance amendment. The vote to reconsider failed.

ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING

2. Second Reading Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$62,751) to increase funding to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department Plans to conduct scheduled elections, operating equipment and inc.:** Council gave second reading approval to the budget amendment. Staff will amend the language of the ordinance prior to third reading to clarify that the increase in funding to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department will be used to fund the costs associated with the special election for the vacated District 10 seat. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, ELECTIONS**

3. Report of Rules & Appointments Committee

a. Items for Action from Rules and Appointments Committee

- i. **Terms of Service:** Council approved the amended language of the Terms of Service as published in the agenda packet.
- ii. **Membership Requirements for Business Service Center Appeals Board**

1. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII. Boards, Commissions and Committees; Section 2-332. Boards, Commissions and Committees Created; Subsection (L), Richland County Business Service Center Appeals Board; Paragraph (2), Membership; so as to revise the membership requirements of the Business Service Center Appeals Board:** Council gave first reading approval to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**

4. Report of the Ordinance Review Committee

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VI, Supplemental Use Standards; Section 26- 152, Special Exceptions; Subsection (d), Standards; Paragraph (22), Radio, Television and Other Transmitting Towers; Subparagraph c.; Clause 1; so as to amend the setback requirements for towers abutting residentially zoned parcels:** Council



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deferred this item to a future Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, PLANNING**

5. Other Items

- a. **A Resolution to appoint and commission James T. Harmon, Steve A. Huntley, and Elijah Cousar, Jr. as Code Enforcement Officers for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County:** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUILDING INSPECTIONS**
- b. **Resurfacing Package H Construction Contract:** Council approved awarding the Resurfacing Package H Construction Contract to the Lane Construction Corporation in the amount of \$6,166,861.46, which includes a 10% contingency. **ACTION: LEGAL, TRANSPORTATION, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE**

6. Citizen's Input: Two people spoke.

Council approved to conduct a work session or a public hearing on the FY17 County budget in Lower Richland (District 10). **ACTION: FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

7. Executive Session

- a. **Employee Grievance:** Council approved removing policy violations 7C02H13; fainting illness, etc. and 7C02H11; disrespectful and insubordinate behavior, from the employee's file. Additionally, Council directed the Director to reinstate the employee to the classification division. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, LEGAL**
- b. **Department of Revenue Update:** Received as information. No actions taken.
- c. **Potential Litigation:** Received as information. No actions taken.
- d. **Palmetto Utilities:** Council approved Palmetto Utilities to present their proposal to provide our citizens with the most cost effective services to Kershaw County where the plant is located for their consideration of approval of the plan to move on to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control where the citizens are represented by their elected South Carolina House and Senate member and where a citizen input and a public hearing is required to address the issues brought before this body during the citizens input of our agenda this evening. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, UTILITIES, LEGAL**



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- e. **Recreation Commission Update:** Council directed the Legal Department to request an opinion from the State's Attorney General's Office on the court ruling on the effect of the decision of the Weaver, et al. v. Recreational District, et al court case in terms of the Recreation Commission's ability to levy taxes through the mill process and whether that should be handled by others given that the Recreation Commission is appointed rather than an elected body. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

8. Motion Period:

- a. **The Coroner is reporting a large increase in the number of Hospice agency clients that pass away without funeral arrangements resulting in the County having to bear the expense of disposition of the individual's remains. To combat this problem, the Coroner is requesting that Council consider an Ordinance possibly directed toward Hospice agency business licenses that would require some type of escrow account for use at the time of the clients death. This Motion is for the County Administrator to determine which departments, working with the Coroner, need to craft such an Ordinance and initiate necessary activity to bring an Ordinance back to Council for consideration [PEARCE]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CORONER**
- b. **To direct the Administrator to have the Dirt Road program audited to provide transparency, accuracy and accountability [DIXON]:** Council sent this item to the County Administrator for action. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- c. **I move that in order to promote fairness in the Penny Tax program that Richland County approve another On-Call team in an attempt to promote diversity and be true to the referendum. [JACKSON]:** Council sent this item to the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, TRANSPORTATION**
- d. **I move that the HR Department develop a career path for workers in the field in order for employees to have an opportunity to improve and earn better wages for an improved quality of life. Note: There should be no reason an employee in the field work for thirty (30) years and be in the same position when they started their career and only receiving a salary rate increase over the years. [JACKSON]:** Council sent this item to the County Administrator for action. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**

- 9. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at approximately 9:30PM.