

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Washington

Invocation: Dickerson

Pledge of Allegiance: Dickerson

Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Regular Session: December 3, 2013.** A motion for reconsideration of the Minutes was unanimously approved to amend the Consent item (page 9 of the Agenda), which is titled "An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article IX, Swimming Pool Code; Section 6-168, Requirements; so as to reference the 2012 Edition of the International Building Code" to be listed as a Third, rather than Second Reading item.

The Minutes were approved as amended.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as published.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items: There were no items under the Report of the Attorney for Executive Session; however, Mr. Farrar stated Items 3c and 5a were appropriate for Executive Session.

- a. **Richland School District One Election Update (Item 3c on the Agenda)**
- b. **Personnel Matter (Item 5a on the Agenda)**

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Report of the County Administrator:

- a. **Introduction of New Employees.** Mr. McDonald introduced and provided biographical information of Chris Gossett, Deputy Director of Transportation; Chad Fosnight, Capital Projects Manager; and Tige Watts, Sr. Public Information Officer.
- b. **Midlands Green Event of the Year.** The Richland Recycles Day event, held May

17, 2013 at the State Fairgrounds, was awarded the 2013 Green Event of the Year award at the Keep the Midlands Beautiful Annual Awards Gala on December 5, 2013.

The award was presented to Rudy Curtis, Interim Director of Solid Waste. Mr. McDonald congratulated and thanked everyone who participated in making the event a success.

- c. **Richland School District One Election Update.** This item was discussed in Executive Session.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **Reminder: Township Auditorium Holiday Drop-In, December 11th, 5:30-8:00 PM, Township Auditorium (Note: Date Change).** Ms. Onley stated this event had been rescheduled to December 18, 2013 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- b. **Reminder: Columbia International Festival Christmas Drop-In, December 12th, 4:30-7:30 PM, International Friendship Ministries, 610 Pickens Street.** Ms. Onley reminded Council the details of the event.
- c. **Reminder: State of the Penny, December 16th, 6:00 PM, Council Chambers.** Ms. Onley stated the presentation will be given following the Transportation Penny Advisory Committee's meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Report of the Chairman:

- a. **Personnel Matter.** This item was referred to Executive Session.
- b. **Courthouse Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.** Mr. Washington stated the Committee Members are Councilmen Pearce, Rush and Washington, and that meeting dates and additional details will be e-mailed to Council Members soon. He also stated subcommittees may be established in the future.
- c. **Landlord Task Force.** Mr. Washington indicated this Task Force is being established to assist landlords in navigating through the legal process and to provide assistance to landlords that incur costs for repairs associated with damages caused by renters.

Mr. Washington also stated he would be in contact with Council Members to discuss their interests in serving on the Task Force.

Presentation:

- a. **Tre Tailor - Relax Productions.** Tre Tailor provided an overview of Relax Productions which has 5,000 members and focuses on enhancing the personal, emotional and physical wellbeing of single individuals. Ms. Taylor requested

Council support.

1. Consent Items:

- a. **Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Fairfield County, South Carolina, to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain real property located in Richland County; and other related matters [THIRD READING].** A motion to defer to January 7, 2014 was approved. Staff was directed to provide a copy to Council of the document listing the requirements for Public Notices. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **13-35MA**
Charles Marshall, Jr.
RS-LD to TROS (4.23 Acres)
9875 Windsor Lake Blvd.
19907-06-01 & 08 [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the map amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

2. Third Reading Items:

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; Section 23-69, Distribution of Funds, so as to clarify and revise the language therein.** Council gave third reading approval to the Ordinance. **ACTION: GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

3. Second Reading Items:

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Hospitality Tax Budget to appropriate \$50,000 of Hospitality Tax Unassigned Fund Balance for the Famously Hot New Year's Celebration.** Council gave second reading approval to a Hospitality Tax Fund Balance Budget Amendment in the amount of \$50,000 for the event. **ACTION: GRANTS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

4. Report of Development and Services Committee:

- a. **Richland County Comprehensive Update Vendor Selection.** Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to endorse the selection of a vendor to complete an update of the land use and priority investment elements of the Comprehensive Plan. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

5. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee:

a. Notification of Vacancies:

- i. **Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council-1; there is one vacancy on the Board:**

Paul R. Bouknight, December 31, 2015 (Resigned). Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

- ii. **Planning Commission-1; there is one vacancy on the Commission:**

Greg L. Lehman, November 19, 2017 (Resigned). Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

b. Notification of Appointments:

- i. **Accommodations Tax Committee-2 (Positions for Lodging and Hospitality); no applications have been received.** Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to readvertise.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

- ii. **Building Codes Board of Appeals-1 (position for Plumber); no applications have been received.** Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to readvertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- iii. **Central Midlands Council of Governments-1; no applications have been received.** Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to readvertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- iv. **Employee Grievance Committee-4; two applications were received from:**

Lashawnda Sterling Scroggins (application withdrawn)
Barbara C. White

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to appoint Barbara C. White and will be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- v. **Hospitality Tax Committee-2; one application was received from the following:**

C. Noel Morphis

This item was held in Committee pending the completion of interviews and will be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- vi. **Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council-2; applications were received from the following persons:**

**Joshaua Douglas Fabel
DuJauan Council
Gregory B. Cunningham*
L. L. (Buddy) Wilson**

This item was held in Committee pending the completion of interviews.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

- vii. **Midlands Workforce Development Board-1; one application was received from the following:**

Kenya L. Mingo

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to appoint Kenya L. Mingo to the Board. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- viii. **Planning Commission-1; applications were received from the following:**

**Beverly Diane Frierson
C. Noel Morphis
Frederick Mark Peters
Clemon L. Stocker
Edward (Eddie) Yandle**

This item was held in Committee pending the completion of interviews.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

- ix. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board-3; applications were received from the following:**

**Doris S. Covert
Robert E. Delphia, Jr., MD
Wendi Nance
Cynthia "Cindy" Ottone
Frederick Mark Peters
Susan H. Ratteree
Ronald T. Scott**

Candy Y. Waites

This item was held in Committee pending the completion of interviews.

ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

6. Other Items:

a. Report of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee:

- i. South Carolina Department of Transportation Intergovernmental Agreement.** Mr. Livingston stated the Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed IGA at its November 2013 meeting. The Committee directed Mr. Perry, the Transportation Director, to modify the IGA based on discussions at the meeting. Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to approve the Agreement.

The following modifications were made to the IGA which are contained in the final version of the Agreement:

The language in the section titled Under Utility Activities was revised to read: "Where the utility cannot establish a prior right of occupancy, the utility will be required to relocate at its own expense. However, in some cases for municipal, county and special purpose district owned and operated utilities, the County, may elect to use Program funds for all or part of such utility relocation costs." The IGA was also changed under Construction Activities from "20 calendar days" to "20 business days" for SCDOT construction staff to respond to the County. Upon reviewing the newly-revised IGA, SCDOT also changed all references of "Department" to "SCDOT" and approved the Agreement.

Staff was directed to ensure revisions to future documents be underlined or redlined to make it easier to identify changes. The Committee's next meeting is December 16, 2013. Topics on the Agenda include the Selection Committee for Program Development Team's top three selections, the format for the presentations of the short list candidates, and a request by USC to continue development of the Innovista Project with reimbursement for Preliminary Engineering from Transportation Penny funds. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**

7. Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

8. Executive Session:

- a. Richland School District One Election Update.** Staff was directed to utilize lawfully necessary methods to pursue reimbursement of costs associated with the election. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE, ELECTIONS**

AND VOTER REGISTRATION

b. Personnel Matter. This item was not discussed.

9. Motion Period:

a. Dutch Fork High School Football Team Resolution. Council unanimously approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

10. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.