

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
COUNCIL REPORT OF ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
January 07, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Washington

Invocation: Malinowski

Pledge of Allegiance: Malinowski

Election of Chair: Jackson was elected.

Election of Co-Chair: Dickerson was elected.

Selection of Seats: Council chose their seats. (L – R: Pearce, Malinowski, Rose, Dixon, Dickerson, Jackson, Livingston, Washington, Rush, Manning, Jeter)

Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Special Called Meeting: December 17, 2013:** Approved as published.
- b. **Zoning Public Hearing: December 17, 2013:** Approved as published.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as amended. The Green Diamond Amicus Brief motion was added under the Motion Period with unanimous consent.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items: Item 11 a. (Program Development Team Selection) was moved to Executive Session.

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Report of the County Administrator:

- a. **GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award:** Mr. McDonald noted that this is the 19th consecutive year the County has received this award, and thanked Council for supporting the County's fiscal policies.
- b. **Audrey Nelson Award - CDBG/Transitions:** Ms. Valeria Jackson stated that this award was presented to Richland and Lexington Counties and the City of Columbia for their joint efforts to support Transitions and the region's homeless population.
- c. **Internal Audit Update:** Mr. McDonald reported that the company under contract,

Build Your City, County, Country will begin work on January 15.

- d. **Staffing Update:** Justine Jones was named Assistant Director of Procurement and will be the SLBE/DBE program administrator for the Transportation Penny.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **Retreat Update:** Ms. Onley stated that Retreat will begin at 8:30 am on January 23 and that Wednesday and Thursday night hotel reservations have been made for Council members.

Report of the Chairman: No report.

Open/Close Public Hearings:

- 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:** No one spoke.
- b. **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:** No one spoke.

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]:** Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the amendment. A motion to reconsider this item unanimously failed. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER**

2. Third 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 unanimously gave third reading approval to a Hospitality Tax Fund Balance Budget Amendment in the amount of \$50,000 for the event. A motion to reconsider this item unanimously failed. **ACTION: GRANTS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

3. Other Items

- a. **REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE**
 - i. **Program Development Team Selection [ACTION]:** This item was discussed in Executive Session. After Executive Session, Council voted on the five teams in two rounds, and approved the selection of ICA as the Transportation Penny Program Development Team. A motion to reconsider this item unanimously failed. **ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, PROCUREMENT, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, LEGAL**
 - b. **Utilities RFP Update [ACTION]:** The Administrator informed Council of the cost of the contract (\$67,300). Staff will issue the notice to proceed to Oasis Consulting, a firm from Roswell, Georgia. **ACTION: UTILITIES, PROCUREMENT, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, FINANCE**
 - c. **Solid Waste Contracts [ACTION]:** Council unanimously approved the proposed new contracts for Service Areas 5A, 5B, and 7, as well as the renegotiated contracts for Service Areas 2 and 6. This will allow for increased recycling capabilities and unrestricted loose yard waste collection. A motion to reconsider this item unanimously failed. **ACTION: SOLID WASTE, PROCUREMENT, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, FINANCE**

4. **Executive Session:** Council discussed the Program Development Team Selection item.

5. Motion Period:

- a. **Resolution Honoring the USC Football team on their 3rd consecutive 11 win season, the MVP Connor Shaw and Jadeveon Clowney for his contribution to USC, the City, County and State [JACKSON, MALINOWSKI AND JETER]:** Council unanimously approved the resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Green Diamond Lawsuit [PEARCE].** Council unanimously approved the County to request the SCAC develop an Amicus Brief regarding Green Diamond. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

6. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.