



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

**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
February 17, 2015
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Rush

Invocation: Washington

Pledge of Allegiance: Washington

Presentation of Resolutions

- a. Resolution honoring Leroy York from Richland School District Two for being awarded Counselor of the Year by the Palmetto State School Counselor Association:**
Ms. Dixon presented the Resolution to Leroy York, Richland County School District Two, honoring him for being awarded Counselor of the Year by the Palmetto State School Counselor Association.

Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Session: February 10, 2015:** Approved as published.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as published.

Report of Attorney for Executive Sessions Items

- a. Contractual Matter: Waterpark Lease**

Citizen's Input: No one spoke.

Report of County Administrator: No report provided.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. South Carolina Association of Counties Mid-Year Conference for County Officials:**
Ms. McDaniels reminded Council of the South Carolina Association of Counties 28th Annual Mid-Year Conference for County Officials and the Legislative Reception on Wednesday, February 18, 2015.



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- b. **Institute of Government Classes:** Ms. McDaniels reminded Council of the classes for the Institute of Government on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Report of the Chairman:

- a. **Local Government Fund (LGF): Next Steps:** Mr. Rush updated Council on his presentation to the County's Legislative Delegation at their Agency Affairs Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 regarding the LGF. Mr. Rush informed Council that staff will work with Lexington County on the next steps, including communications to our respective Legislative Delegations and Representatives as a whole. Council Members are encouraged to forward any input they may have on this item to staff for inclusion in these communications.

Presentations

- a. **DESA, Inc.:** Teowonna Clifton from DESA, Inc. presented information to Council regarding the results of the 2014 Small Business Connect Seminar that was held on December 11, 2015.

1. Approval of Consent Items

- a. [Removed from Consent] **14-38MA, George Goff, HI to GC (15.39 Acres), 1117 & 1105 Sparkleberry Lane Ext., 22909- 04-01 & 22905-06-10:** Council deferred this item to a future Council meeting in April 2015. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Public Works Annual Budget to appropriate Two Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,874,450.00) from their Stormwater Fund to purchase the Cabin Branch (Hopkins) Tract Property:** Council gave third reading approval to the budget amendment in the amount of \$2,874,450.00. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, SUPPORT SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION**
- c. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$839,350 of General Fund Restricted Fund Balance for Economic Development Projects:** Council gave second reading approval to the budget amendment in the amount of \$839,350.00. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION**



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2. Third Reading Items

- a. **14-39MA, Tobias Ward, RS-LD to PDD (3.92 Acres), 1335 Elm Abode Terr., 07308-05- 02/03/08:** Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning amendment. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

3. Second Reading Items

- a. **An Ordinance Updating the 2009 Comprehensive Plan through the adoption of a new plan for the County of Richland, pursuant to the State of South Carolina Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994:** Council deferred this item to a future Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING**
- b. **An Ordinance authorizing an amended easement to City of Columbia, South Carolina for a sanitary sewer line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS # 14900-01-02; and authorizing an easement to the City of Columbia, South Carolina for a water line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS # 14900-01-02:** Council gave second reading approval to ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER, UTILITIES**

4. Report of Economic Development Committee

- a. **An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Richland County and a company known to the County at this time as "Project Giant" (the "Company"); the execution and delivery of an infrastructure finance agreement by and between Richland County and the Company; the execution and delivery of a land conveyance agreement by and between Richland County and the Company for the conveyance of real property of approximately 197 acres in the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park to the Company; the execution and delivery of such documents as may be necessary to effect the intent of this ordinance; and other matters related thereto:** Council gave first reading by title only to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER**
- b. **An Ordinance authorizing a lease to Richland County Family Entertainment, LLC, of 20± acres of land located on a portion of TMS#17300-02-33, including all improvements which may be constructed thereon, for the operation of a water and adventure park:** Council gave first reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION:**



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5. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee

- a. **Board Terms:** This item was held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Citizens Input/Public Hearing Language:** This item was held in Committee.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL
- c. **Voting:** This item was held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **Richland County Departmental Policies:** This item was held in Committee.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL
- e. **Council Rules:** This item was held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

6. Other Items

- a. **A Resolution to appoint and commission Allen Keith Benton as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County:** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUILDING CODES AND INSPECTIONS**
- b. **Amended 2015 Council Retreat Directives:** Council approved the amended 2015 Council Retreat Directives as provided in the agenda packet. Council directed staff to work with the United Way as it pertains to their proposed expansion of their Eye and Dental clinics located in the County's Health Department Building. Council directed staff to schedule a meeting with all of the County Departments (i.e., Finance, Transportation, Legal, OBSO, Administration) that are impacted by the OSBO's quick pay program to discuss the establishment (administratively or by an ordinance) of the quick pay program. After the meeting, staff will provide a recommendation to Council as to the most prudent method for establishing the quick pay program. **ACTION: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.**
- c. **FY 15-16 Budget Calendar:** Council approved the FY 15-16 Budget Calendar as presented in the agenda packet. **ACTION: FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

7. Citizen's Input: No one spoke.



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8. Executive Session

- a. **Contractual Matter: Waterpark Lease:** Council directed staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: LEGAL, CAPITAL PROJECTS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION**

9. Motion Period

- a. **Move that the Clerk to Council investigate and bring back a report to Council prior to first reading of the FY15-16 budget providing detailed information on the feasibility of County Council implementing electronic voting. The report should include information on alternative forms of electronic voting as well as the cost of initiating and maintaining the voting equipment. [PEARCE, JETER AND MALINOWSKI]: Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **Move that Council directs the Chair, Vice Chair, County Administrator, County CFO, and Chair of the Budget Committee to draft a letter to be sent to every member of the Richland County Legislative Delegation advising them of the findings of the latest Richland County Consolidated Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that confirms that Richland County is currently below its self-imposed minimum cash reserves (fund balance). Based on these findings, Richland County will be unable to continue the practice of balancing the County budget by drawing from its fund balance [PEARCE]: Council unanimously approved the Motion. The vote to reconsider failed. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE**
- c. **Re-activate the Richland County Youth Commission. The youth commission has been inactivate since 1998 and there are currently no existing or active members. This commission identifies youth-related problems or potential problems; implement programs to increase the awareness of the general population and elect officials of the needs and problems facing youth and their families; and they seek and administer federal, state and private funding for commission operations and for projects proposed by the commission pursuant to the powers Page 3 of 80 enumerated herein. [ROSE]: Council sent this item to the Rules and Appointments Committee. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **Richland County Government also review the election of the Chair's rule which states that the chair should be elected yearly with two-thirds of its members. In conjunction with Councilmen Jackson and Manning previous motions to have meaningful representation that the citizens have the opportunity to elect the chair**



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like the citizens in Horry County. This will remove the responsibility of council members. If the Legislative Delegation would support the election of the chair by the citizens. Our current process is apparently flawed and personal; therefore, the people of Richland County deserve to have a adequate transparent representation [DICKERSON]: Council sent this item to the Rules and Appointments Committee.

ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

- e. **Richland County to perform a full audit of the Fire contract with the City of Columbia [WASHINGTON]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee.
ACTION: EMERGENCY SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION
- f. **Fund Wateree Community Action Inc. at \$225,000.00, so that critical services that are provided to Richland County Citizens will not be interrupted [WASHINGTON]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- g. **Property owners should not be charged for a service they do not use or receive. Garbage services, except for commercial services, rental, etc. If there is proof of non-use then that property owner should not be charged [JACKSON]:** Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, SOLID WASTE**

10. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 6:56PM.