

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
March 18, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: JACKSON

INVOCATION: DIXON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: DIXON

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Richland County Sheriff's Department - Darral Lane Week:** The Resolution was presented by Mr. Jackson.
- b. **Resolution Celebrating March as Red Cross Month [JACKSON]:** The Resolution was presented by Mr. Jackson.
- c. **Resolution Honoring Heathwood Hall's A'ja Wilson as the National High School Player of the Year [LIVINGSTON]:** The Resolution will be presented at a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Regular Session: February 4, 2014 - Appraisal for Huger Street Properties:** Approved as published.
- b. **Regular Session: March 4, 2014:** Approved as published.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Approved as published.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- a. **Personnel Matter**
- b. **Transportation Penny Update**

CITIZENS' INPUT: No one spoke.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Richland County Conservation Commission:** Carol Kososki and Dr. Oldendick presented survey results to Council.

- b. **Comprehensive Plan Update:** Tracy Hegler updated Council on the item, and informed them of upcoming community meetings.
- c. **Richland School District I Election Fees Update:** Mr. McDonald stated that the election fees had been paid in full by Richland School District 1.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

- a. **REMINDER:** CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS, MARCH 19TH, 6:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a. **Personnel Matter:** Executive Session item.
- b. **Taiwan Visit:** Mr. Jackson stated that his trip to Taiwan was valuable, and that he hopes to see economic development opportunities arise as a result of it.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Bull Street Project:** Not presented at this time.
- b. **Richland Library/Columbia Museum of Art Joint Announcement: Robert Gahagan, Chair Richland Library Board of Trustees:** The Museum will provide its collection of art books to the Library.
- c. **SC Philharmonic: Jude Fox:** Philharmonic staff thanked Council for their support. A student violinist performed.

1. OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement to 2T Properties LLC for a sanitary sewer line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS #14900-01-02:** No one spoke.

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- a. **Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for Special Source Revenue Credits to CD/Park7 Columbia SC High Rise Owner LLC; and other related matters [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. The vote to

reconsider failed. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- b. **Ordinance to amend the Agreement for designation of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park dated April 15, 2003 by and between Fairfield and Richland Counties so as to enlarge the park (Project Compact) [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- c. **14-01MA**
E. B. Purcell
PDD Amendment (2.99 Acres)
425 Summit Terrace Court
23000-03-19 [THIRD READING]: Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

- d. **An Ordinance Amending the "2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan," by incorporating the "Spring Hill Strategic Community Master Plan" into the plan [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance adopting the Spring Hill Strategic Community Master Plan. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

- e. **An Ordinance Amending the "2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan," by incorporating the "Lower Richland Strategic Community Master Plan" into the plan [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance adopting the Lower Richland Strategic Community Master Plan. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- f. **Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for Special Source Revenue Credits to University Residences Columbia, LLC; and other related matters [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

3. THIRD READING ITEMS

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement to 2T Properties LLC for a sanitary sewer line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS #14900-01-02:** Council deferred the item. **ACTION: ECONOMIC**

DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL

- b. An Ordinance Amending Section 26-151, Permitted Uses with Special Requirements; so as to remove the distance requirement between bars and places of worship in the GC, M-1, and LI Zoning Districts under certain conditions:** Council gave third reading approval to a text amendment ordinance, which would remove setback requirements under certain conditions unless the place of worship was established prior to third reading of the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

4. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. Reclassification and Promotion Handbook Revisions:** Council approved the revisions to the handbook regarding reclassifications and promotions. Reclassification increases will be from 10% - 20%, depending on the increase in pay grade, and promotions will increase from 10% to 20%, depending on several factors. Council directed that this item be reviewed after a year. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE**

5. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- a. Notification Of Vacancies – Advertise. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - i. Accommodations Tax Committee-1**
 - ii. Township Auditorium Board-1; there is one vacancy on this board**

- b. Notification Of Appointments**
 - i. Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council-1; applications were received from the following persons:**

Red Comfort, III
John Jacob Loveday

Loveday was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

 - ii. Planning Commission-1; one application was received from the following:**

Christopher Anderson

Anderson was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

 - iii. Board of Assessment Appeals-1; one application was received for this position:**

LaShonda Outing

Outing was appointed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

c. Discussion From Rules And Appointments Committee

- i. All applicants for Richland County Boards and Commissions will be afforded a minimum of one week's advance notice as to the date and time of their respective interviews. No exceptions will be made to this rule. [PEARCE] This item was approved. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- ii. Clarification on Video Taping Council Committee Meetings: Only Regular Session Council Meetings (ie, not Special Called Meetings or Committee Meetings) will be video taped. ACTION: PUBLIC INFORMATION**
- iii. Central Midlands Council of Governments Appointments: Held in Committee for clarification on board makeup as it relates to elected and appointed officials. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

6. OTHER ITEMS

a. Report of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

- i. 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Application(s): Council approved the submission of an application for Shop Road Extension. CDM Smith will complete the TIGER Grant application. The vote to reconsider failed. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION**
- ii. Construction Engineering Manager and Preconstruction Program Manger Positions [FIRST READING]: Council gave first reading approval to the budget amendment. ACTION: FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, HUMAN RESOURCES**

7. CITIZENS' INPUT: No one spoke.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Personnel Matters:** The Committee is to move forward with negotiations with applicant #2, and bring the item back to Council for consideration.
- b. Transportation Penny Update:** No action was taken.

9. MOTION PERIOD

- a. Develop souvenirs for Richland County to be sold at the State Museum and stores for tourism purpose [JACKSON]:** The item was forwarded to the April D&S

Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

- b. **Without any statutory requirement to do so, the Richland. County Attorney's Office has been providing advice and counsel to the Richland County Election Commission at no cost for an undetermined length of time. During the past year there has been a notable increase in the amount of time the acting county attorney has been committing to Election Commission issues. This Motion requests that the County Administrator initiate an immediate review and assessment of how much time Richland County is providing legal assistance to the Election Commission. Should the Administrator determine that the County Attorney's commitment of time is excessive to the extent that his duties to Richland County government are being significantly compromised, the Election Commission will either be held financially responsible for this time or they will be asked to employ outside legal counsel. [PEARCE, MALINOWSKI, AND ROSE]: The item was forwarded to the April A&F Committee. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION****

- c. **At time throughout the year Council receives service requests. We need to make sure such requests are responded to in order that those submitting these comments don't feel their comments are totally ignored. Based on this I am making the following motion: Richland County Council, with the assistance of the Legal Department, will develop a system to assure that requests and/or comments received in general by Council members, staff or the Ombudsman's Office are responded to officially. This will eliminate the possibility of the remitter receiving 11 or more different responses/opinions or possibly not receiving any. [MALINOWSKI]: The item was forwarded to the April D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION****

- d. **Proclamation: 100 Black Women - ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- e. **Proclamation: Chris Hayes - ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- f. **Resolution: Dutch Fork Girls' Basketball Team - ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

10. ADJOURNMENT: Council adjourned at 7:54pm.