



**RICHLAND COUNTY
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Office of the County Administrator

**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
April 21, 2015
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Rush

Invocation: Malinowski

Pledge of Allegiance: Malinowski

Presentation of Resolutions

- a. Proclamation Recognizing the 85th Anniversary of the Jim Hamilton – LB Owens Airport:** Mr. Pearce presented a Proclamation to Chris Eversmann, Airport Director – Jim Hamilton – LB Owens Airport, and members of the Richland County Airport Commission, recognizing the 85th Anniversary of the opening of the Jim Hamilton – LB Owens Airport.
- b. Resolution Honoring Aundrai Holloman, Executive Director of the Township Auditorium:** County Council presented a Resolution to Aundrai Holloman, honoring Mr. Holloman for his service and leadership as the Executive Director of the Township Auditorium.
- c. Proclamation Honoring Kenny Mullis on being named South Carolina’s Commissioner of the Year by the SC Association of Conservation Districts:** Ms. Dickerson presented a Proclamation to Kenny Mullis, honoring Mr. Mullis on being named South Carolina’s Commissioner of the Year by the SC Association of Conservation Districts.

Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Session: April 7, 2015:** Approved as published.
- b. Special Called Meeting: April 14, 2015:** Approved as published.



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Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as amended. South Carolina Public Interest Foundation vs. Richland County Elections and Voter Registration was added as item 3d. Item 13, Richland County Airport Commission, was deleted and replaced with Building Codes Board of Appeals.

Report of Attorney for Executive Sessions Items

- a. **Project LM**
- b. **Library Lease Update**
- c. **Waterpark Update**
- d. **South Carolina Public Interest Foundation vs. Richland County Elections and Voter Registration**

Citizen's Input: No one spoke.

Report of County Administrator:

- a. **State Infrastructure Bank Update:** Mr. McDonald updated Council on the status of the County's joint (Lexington County, Columbia Metropolitan Airport, & City of Columbia) application to the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank Board (SIB) for the United Midlands Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project, which will be resubmitted to the SIB for further consideration.
- b. **Budget Update:** Mr. McDonald informed Council of the upcoming dates for the first reading of the budget, by title only, on May 5th and the first Council work session for the budget on May 7th.
- c. **Cgov Award:** Mr. McDonald informed Council that the County's Development Services Department was named the winner of the annual Teamwork Excellence Award by the Government Customer Service Community of Practice (Cgov). Also, the County's Development Services Department was nominated as a finalist for Cgov's Overall Excellence Award.
- d. **FY15 – 16 Budget Calendar:** Mr. McDonald updated Council on the topic changes for the Council work sessions for the budget, scheduled on May 12 and May 14.

Report of the Clerk of Council:



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Ms. McDaniels reminded Council of the upcoming Legislative Reception: The Art of Government & Business on April 29, 2015 at 6pm at 701 Whaley.

Report of the Chairman:

- a. **Midlands Workforce Development Area Interlocal Consortium Agreement:** Council authorized the Chairman of Richland County Council to enter into and submit, in his official capacity, by and on behalf of Richland County the workforce development area designation petition and the related documents needed to carry out the purposes and intent of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs in which the County may participate. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE**

Presentations

- a. **Midlands Mediation Center:** Sondra Stephenson, Program Manager – Midlands Mediation Center and Gladys Coles, Secretary – Board of Directors for the Midlands Mediation Center, updated Council on the efforts of the Midlands Mediation Center.
- b. **Lower Richland STEM Project:** Meghan Hughes Hickman (Executive Director of EngenuitySC), Kelvin Wymbs (Principal – Lower Richland High School), Cheryl Harris (Chairwoman – Richland One School District Board of Commissioners), Dr. Craig Witherspoon (Superintendent – Richland One School District), and Damien Smith (Student – Lower Richland High School) provided information to Council regarding the impact of EngenuitySC's partnership with Lower Richland High School regarding their Science, Technology Engineering, and Math (STEM) accreditation.

1. Approval of Consent Items

- a. **15-03MA**
John Cooper
RU to RS-MD (7.03 Acres)
Riding Grove Rd.
28900-01-30: Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING

2. Third Reading Items

- a. **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 June 2015. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING**



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3. Second Reading Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 24, Utilities; Article II, Water and Sewer Service Generally; Sections 24-7 and 24-8; and Amending Chapter 24.5, Special Sewer Assessment District; Article III, Financing Improvements; Rates and Charges; Sections 24.5-42, 24.5-43 and 24.5-44; so as to delete the references to liens as a collection method for unpaid bills:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance amendment. Staff will pursue utilizing the GEAR/Debt SetOff program to collect delinquent payments from the property owners that do not pay their sewer bill as opposed to placing a lien on the property. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, UTILITIES, FINANCE**
- b. **Budget Amendment - Paved Road Repair:** Council gave second reading approval to the budget amendment from the Roads and Drainage Fund Balance in the amount of \$800,000 to fund the repair of 27 paved roads that are in the process of being added to the county's road maintenance system and to include the roads in the Sunny Acres subdivision. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS**

4. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee

a. Notification Of Vacancies

i. Accommodations Tax Committee - 2

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise these vacancies. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ii. Business Service Center Appeals - 1

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise this vacancy. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iii. Board of Zoning Appeals - 1

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise this vacancy. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iv. Internal Audit Committee - 1



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Council voted to advertise or re-advertise this vacancy. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

v. Procurement Review Panel – 2

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise these vacancies. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

a. Notification Of Appointments

i. Building Codes Board of Appeals – 1

Council voted to re-appoint William Bailey Kauric. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

b. Discussion From Rules And Appointments Committee

- i. COUNCIL RULES: MOTION:** In the event that a Standing Committee of Council (Administration & Finance, Development & Services, Economic Development, Rules & Appointments) should fail to have a quorum of its members present either at the beginning of the meeting or after the meeting has begun, any item or items that are reported on Committee Agenda deemed "time sensitive" by a committee member or County staff will be referred to the Chair of the Committee, the Chair of Council and the County Administrator. A determination will be then made by this group as to whether the "time sensitive" designation is valid. This determination may require consultation with a Department Head, Procurement, Legal, et al. If a determination of time sensitivity is made in the affirmative, the Chair of Council may add the item to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting for review, debate and action [PEARCE AND MANNING]: This item was held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

5. Other Items

a. REPORT OF THE SEWER AD HOC COMMITTEE

- i. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Utilities; Article IV, Sewers and Sewage Disposal; Division 2, Use of Public Sewers; Section 24-81, Use of Public Sewers Required; so as to clarify that the section only applies to new construction:** Council gave first reading



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approval to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, UTILITIES**

b. REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

- i. OET Contract Authorization:** Council approved the authorization limits for individual service agreements as presented in the agenda packet. **ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT**
- ii. 2015 TIGER Grant Candidates:** Council authorized staff to proceed with submitting two Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants for the following transportation projects:
 - 1. Bluff Road and Rosewood Drive
 - 2. Clemson/Clemson & Sparkleberry, and Clemson to Percival**ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, GRANTS**

c. REPORT OF THE DECKER CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE

- i. General Contractor Bid:** Council directed staff to proceed into contract negotiations with the low bidder, H.G Reynolds, for the General Contractor contract. Once the contract has been finalized, it will be executed for an amount not to exceed \$22,237,000. **ACTION: CAPITAL PROJECTS, LEGAL, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**

6. Citizen's Input: Eighteen people spoke.

7. Executive Session

- a. Project LM:** Council directed staff to proceed as directed in Executive Session; specifically, as it relates to the source of income and funding discussed. **ACTION: LEGAL, CAPITAL PROJECTS, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**
- b. Library Lease Update:** Council directed staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- c. Waterpark Update:** Council directed staff to proceed as directed in Executive Session. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, CAPITAL PROJECTS, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**



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- d. **South Carolina Public Interest Foundation vs. Richland County Election and Voter Registration:** Received as information. No action taken.

8. Motion Period

- a. **I move that Council review all policies and guidelines.** [JACKSON]: This item was sent to the Rules and Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Richland County has a Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity Policy. Council shall develop an action plan that holds the Administrator and staff accountable for not following Council approved guidelines, policies and Ordinances.** [JACKSON]: This item was sent to the Rules and Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **The Administrator and staff shall abide by all policies; directives; guidelines and Ordinances set by Council. An action shall be developed to address violators'** [JACKSON]: This item was sent to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- d. **I move that the Administrator and Procurement Director do a workshop to present the differences between what the Consultant Franklin Lee provided to Council for the Disparity Study and what The Procurement Directors changes/differences are.** [JACKSON]: This item was sent to the Office of Small Business Opportunity (OSBO) Ad Hoc Committee. **ACTION: PROCUREMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- 9. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 9:28PM.