



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

**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
September 8, 2015
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Rush

Invocation: Manning

Pledge of Allegiance: Manning

Approval of Minutes

- a. **Special Called Meeting: July 28, 2015:** Approved as published.
- b. **Zoning Public Hearing: July 28, 2015:** Approved as published.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as published.

Citizen's Input: One person spoke.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Sessions Items:

- a. **208 Plan Amendment**
- b. **Palmetto Health Contractual Matter**
- c. **Sellers vs. Richland County - Pending Litigation**
- d. **Threatened Litigation: Student Housing**
- e. **Sale of Curtiss-Wright Hangar**

Report of the County Administrator:

- a. **Presentation of FY16 Budget Book:** Mr. McDonald informed Council that the FY16 Budget Book will be presented to Council at the October 6, 2015 Council meeting.



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Mr. McDonald informed Council that Nelson Lindsay, Richland County Economic Development Director, has accepted a position with the SC Department of Commerce. Mr. McDonald thanked Mr. Lindsay for his service to the County.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **REMINDER: 2015 Sickle Cell Walk, September 12th, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1300 Pine Street:** Ms. McDaniels reminded Council of the upcoming 2015 Sickle Cell Walk on September 12, 2015 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church located at 1300 Pine Street.
- b. **NAACP's 29th Annual Membership Appreciation Celebration Sponsorship Request:** Council approved the NAACP's 29th Annual Membership Appreciation Celebration sponsorship request of \$2,500, which was the County's sponsorship level in FY15. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE**
- c. **37th Annual Jubilee: Festival of Heritage Sponsorship Request:** Council voted to allow Council members to use their individual discretionary funds to sponsor the 37th Annual Jubilee: Festival of Heritage event if they so choose. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE**
- d. **Columbia Urban League's 48th Annual Fund Campaign and Equal Opportunity Day Dinner Sponsorship Request:** Council approved the Columbia Urban League's 48th Annual Fund Campaign and Equal Opportunity Day Dinner sponsorship request of \$2,000. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE**
- e. **Introduction of Interns:** Ms. McDaniels introduced the new Council Services interns, Shelley Price & Chardonnay Ismail, to Council.

Report of the Chairman: Nothing to report.

Open/Close Public Hearings

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; so as to create a new chapter entitled "Chapter 8: Vector Control":** No one spoke.
- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, County Departments; by adding a new division entitled 1A. Vector Control; so that a new department will be created:** No one spoke.



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- c. **An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$15,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto; and to adopt written procedures related to continuing disclosure:** No one spoke.

1. Approval of Consent Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, County Departments; by adding a new division entitled 1A. Vector Control; so that a new department will be created:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, VECTOR CONTROL, ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; so as to create a new chapter entitled “Chapter 8: Vector Control”:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, VECTOR CONTROL, ADMINISTRATION**
- c. **An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$15,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto; and to adopt written procedures related to continuing disclosure:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. Staff will provide Council with the details as to the projects included in the bond prior to the third reading of this item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, SHERIFF, EMERGENCY SERVICES, SUPPORT SERVICES**
- d. **15-32MA**
Jake Conyers
RS-HD to NC (.70 Acres)
5433 Farrow Rd.
11612-05-13: Council gave second reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- e. **15-33MA**



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Homebody, LLC

OI to RM-HD (.36 Acres)

1652 Horseshoe Dr.

17012-01-04: Council gave second reading approval to the rezoning amendment.

ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL

2. Third Reading Items

- a. **Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to increase the percentage of the revenues generated by properties located in Richland County to be deposited in the Richland County Industrial Park Fund from three percent to seven percent; and other related matters:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, SUPPORT SERVICES, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION**

3. Report of the Economic Development Committee

- a. **Land Option between Richland County and Boozer, et al:** Council approved the option agreement. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL, FINANCE**
- b. **Longbranch Farms Post-Closing Agreement** Council approved the closing agreement. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL, FINANCE**

4. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee

a. Notification Of Vacancies

i. Accommodations Tax - 1

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

ii. Business Service Center Appeals Board - 1

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

iii. Hospitality Tax Committee - 3



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

iv. Internal Audit Committee - 1

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

v. Board of Zoning Appeals - 1

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

vi. East Richland Public Service Commission - 1

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

b. Notification Of Appointments

i. Employee Grievance Committee - 1:

Council voted to appoint Matthew Perkins. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

c. Items for Action

i. CMRTA Board Term: This item was held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ii. During the Citizens' Input portion of Council meetings, the two (2) minute timer should not start until after the citizen has stated their name and address [PEARCE]: Council approved to amend the Council Rules to include that during the Citizens' Input portion of Council meetings, the two (2) minute timer should not start until after the citizen has stated their name and address. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

iii. Modify the Rules of Council to allow Council to respond to citizens during the Citizens' Input portion of Council meetings [PEARCE]: This item was held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

5. Report of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee



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- a. **Riverbanks Zoo Project: Bridge Construction over Railroad - Contractor Quote:** Council authorized \$2,902,915 in Transportation Program funds for the bridge construction project, which includes a contingency of \$158,822. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL**

6. Other Items

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing a deed to Hanger Preservation Development, LLC, for approximately 2.29 acres of land, constituting a portion of Richland County TMS # 13702-09-01A.** Council gave first reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE**
- b. **A Resolution to appoint and commission Sidra Nelson as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County.** Council unanimously approved the Resolution. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**

7. **Citizen's Input:** Two people spoke.

8. Executive Session:

- a. **208 Plan Amendment:** Received as information. No action taken.
- b. **Palmetto Health Contractual Matter:** Received as information. No action taken.
- c. **Sellers vs. Richland County - Pending Litigation:** Council directed staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- d. **Threatened Litigation: Student Housing:** Received as information. No action taken.
- e. **Sale of Curtiss-Wright Hangar:** Council gave first reading approval of the sale of the Curtiss-Wright Hangar. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9. Motion Period



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- a. Any developer who does not fulfill their obligations regarding road construction or maintenance prior to turning roads over to Richland County, will have the name of the company and primary owners placed on a list in Richland County and will be prohibited from receiving approval for future developments until they have cured the original problems according to county requirements. [MALINOWSKI]: Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS**
- b. A Resolution declaring the week of September 28th "Active Aging Week" [ROSE, PEARCE, JETER, MANNING, DIXON, and DICKERSON]: Council unanimously approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. Move for a resolution honoring Ada Harper James for her distinguished 21 years of service to the Honorable Judge Casey Manning at the Richland County Judicial Center [ROSE]: Council unanimously approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. Move Council to name courtroom 2b of the Richland County Judicial Center located at 1701 Main Street the Ada Harper James courtroom in honor of her distinguished 21 years of service to the Honorable Judge Casey Manning and Richland County [ROSE]: Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- e. Move to have staff explore all options to provide County assistance with an important public housing project. The Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) completed its Choice Neighborhood Plan in August, 2014. HUD awarded the Planning Grant to CHA in 2012 for this project. The CHA plans to demolish Gonzales Gardens (GG) and Allen-Benedict Court (ABC) public housing communities as soon as funding is available. In preparation for losing 520 units, the CHA is currently identifying housing to purchase so GG/ABC residents can be relocated. CHA purchased a 123 units at Village at Rivers Edge. CHA plans to acquire and/or construct an additional 127 units of housing in the near future, but that still leaves the need for 270 more units for relocation purposes. [ROSE]: Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- f. Hire a Consultant to conduct a training class for all Council Members on the County Administrator form of government [MALINOWSKI]: Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**



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- g. Implement a Council rule reinforcing the requirement that all Council members adhere to the County Administrator form of government [MALINOWSKI]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- h. Direct the County Administrator to implement and enforce an aggressive disciplinary policy for employees who break the chain of command and take personnel issues directly to Council members [MALINOWSKI]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- i. Resolution honoring Robert Murphy for his years of service on the East Richland Public Service Commission [MANNING]:** Council unanimously approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- j. Resolution supporting the National Association of Counties (NACO) "Stepping Up" Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails [Pearce]:** Council unanimously approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- k. Review HR policy on any subjection to violate employees civil rights. Example signing documents or be fired except memos. There should be other means showing employees receipt of document such as witness noting refusal to sign [Jackson]:** Council sent this item to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- l. Review and pursue the closure of all businesses operating without Richland County business license also businesses operating as other type business than that was approved. All SOB's that violate Richland County Ordinance and State laws [Jackson]:** Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**

10. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 9:00PM.