



**RICHLAND COUNTY
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**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
September 15, 2015
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Rush

Invocation: Malinowski

Pledge of Allegiance: Malinowski

Presentation of Resolutions

- a. Resolution honoring Robert Murphy for his years of service on the East Richland Public Service Commission [MANNING]:** Mr. Manning and Mr. Jeter presented a Resolution to Robert Murphy, honoring him for his years of service on the East Richland Public Service Commission.
- b. National Recovery Month Proclamation [MANNING]:** Mr. Manning and Mr. Pearce presented a Resolution to representatives of the Columbia Area Mental Health Center, LRADAC & the National Association of Social Workers, proclaiming September 2015 as National Recovery Month.
- c. A Resolution declaring the week of September 28th “Active Aging Week” [ROSE, PEARCE, JETER, MANNING, DICKERSON and DIXON]:** Mr. Rose presented a Resolution to representatives of Senior Resources, Inc. & the FriendShip organization with a Resolution, declaring the week of September 28th – October 3rd, 2015 as Active Aging Week.

Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Session: September 8, 2015:** Approved as published.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as amended. Item 7c was removed from the agenda. Staff will bring this item back to Council at the October 6th Council meeting.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Sessions Items:

- a. Proposed Transfer of Solid Waste Contract**
- b. Employee Grievances (2)**



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c. Water Park Evaluation Committee Recommendation

d. Threatened Litigation - Student Housing

Citizen's Input: One person spoke.

Report of the County Administrator:

- a. Proposed Transfer of Solid Waste Contract:** Executive Session item.
- b. Recognition of Transportation Program Fall Interns:** Mr. McDonald introduced the Transportation Program's Fall Interns to Council.
- c. Employee Grievances (2):** Executive Session item.
- d. Introduction of County Engineer:** Mr. McDonald introduced the new County Engineer, Stephen Staley, to Council. Prior to joining the County's staff, Mr. Staley worked for the City of Columbia as their Assistant Engineer.

Report of the Clerk of Council: Ms. McDaniels reminded Council of the upcoming Sofrito & Soul Music and Food Festival which will be held on September 19, 2015 at the Sandhills Research and Education Center. The event organizer, Latino Communication CDC, is requesting full Council participation at the event.

Ms. McDaniels reminded Council of the upcoming Cigna luncheon on October 12th, 2015 at the Riverbanks Zoo to honor the County's Human Resources Department for been named a Cigna Well-Being Award honoree.

Report of the Chairman: Nothing to report.

Open/Close Public Hearings

- a. An Ordinance Authorizing a lease to Columbia Area Mental Health for +/- 8,871 sq. ft. of space at 2000 Hampton Street, Third Floor:** 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 third



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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 third reading approval to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, VECTOR CONTROL, ADMINISTRATION**
- c. [Removed from Consent] **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 third reading approval to the ordinance as amended. The issuance and sale the General Obligation Bonds is not to exceed \$8,000,000. The vote to reconsider failed. **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 third reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- e. **15-33MA**
Homebody, LLC
OI to RM-HD (.36 Acres)
1652 Horseshoe Dr.
17012-01-04: Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL

2. Third Reading Items

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing a lease to Columbia Area Mental Health Center, a division of the SC Department of Mental Health, for 8,871± sq. ft. of space at 2000 Hampton Street, Third Floor:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. The lease will be updated to reflect that the cost to the Columbia Area Mental Health



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Center for the lease agreement is \$0. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, SUPPORT SERVICES, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION**

3. Second Reading 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 second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE**

4. Report of the Economic Development Committee

- a. **A Resolution approving the 2015 Assessment Roll for the Village at Sandhill Improvement District, Richland County, South Carolina:** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

5. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee

a. Notification Of Appointments

i. Building Codes Board of Appeals - 1

Council voted to appoint Willie Farmer. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ii. Employee Grievance Committee Alternates - 2

Council voted to appoint Kecia D. Lara & Betty Etheredge. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iii. Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority - 1

Council voted to appoint Amber Martin. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iv. Procurement Review Panel - 2

Council voted to appoint Allen Brown. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

b. Items for Action



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- i. **CMRTA Board Term:** Council approved that the three Richland County appointees to the CMRTA Board continue to serve with the 1, 2, and 3 year terms assigned alphabetically; therefore, Mac Bennett will serve the one year time, Jennifer Harding will serve the two year term, and Kelvin Washington will serve the three year term. Thereafter, all appointees shall each serve a three year term. This action will be contingent upon similar actions being taken by the City of Columbia regarding its appointees. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- ii. **Ordinance providing for the appointment of Ex Officio members to public bodies whose membership is appointed by the governing body of Richland County. The governing body of Richland County may appoint up to three (3) ex officio members to any board, commission, committee, entity or any other "public body" as defined in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act whose members are appointed by the governing body of Richland County. Such ex officio members shall pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order have all the privileges of board (or other public entity) membership, including the right to make motions and to vote and to participate in regular or special called meetings and executive sessions, but none of the obligations. Ex officio members have no obligation to participate and should not be counted in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present at a meeting. When an ex officio member of any board, commission, committee, entity or any other public body ceases to hold the office that entitles him or her to such membership, his or her membership on the public body terminates automatically [WASHINGTON]:** This item was held in Committee. **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 deferred to the October 6th, 2015 Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- iv. **Allow Council members to electronically participate in ad hoc committee meetings [WASHINGTON]:** Council denied this request.
- v. **Grievance Committee:** This item was deferred to a future Council meeting to allow for Legal input on this item. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

6. Report of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Section 21-20, Road Paving Program; so as to add language regarding a design exception for paved surface width:** Council gave first reading approval of the ordinance amendment. The entire road paving



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ordinance will be provided to Council for second reading. Additionally, staff will provide information to Council on the cost savings the County could realize by amending the ordinance. **ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

7. Citizen's Input: Three people spoke.

8. Executive Session:

- a. Proposed Transfer of Solid Waste Contract:** Council accepted and approved the recommendation of the County Administrator. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, SOLID WASTE, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**
- b. Employee Grievances (2):** Council upheld the County Administrator's recommendation for both employee grievances. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- c. Water Park Evaluation Committee Recommendation:** This item was removed from the agenda. Staff will bring this item back to Council at the October 6th Council meeting.
- d. Threatened Litigation - Student Housing:** Received as information. No action taken.

9. Motion Period

- a. I move to propose an ordinance to impose regulations of motor vehicles parking on front lawns in certain residential zoning districts [JETER and ROSE]:** Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING**

10. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 8:15PM.