



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

**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
October 20, 2015
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Rush

Invocation: Pearce

Pledge of Allegiance: Pearce

Presentation of Resolutions

- a. A Resolution establishing October 25-31, 2015 as End Child Hunger SC Week in Richland County [RUSH]:** Mr. Rush presented a Proclamation to Ashley Page, Childhood Hunger Community Organizer – University of South Carolina Center for Research Health and Nutrition Disparities, recognizing October 25-31, 2015 as End Child Hunger SC Week.
- b. A Proclamation recognizing Disability Employment Awareness Month [MANNING]:** Mr. Manning presented a Proclamation to representatives of Able SC, recognizing October 2015 as Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Approval of Minutes

- a. Special Called Meeting: October 12, 2015:** Approved as amended. Council reconsidered item c. Motion to name Courtroom 2b in the Judicial Center the Ada Harper James Courtroom, from the October 12, 2015 Special Called Council meeting. Mr. Malinowski directed the Clerk's Office to add his question to the minutes of the October 12, 2015 Special Called Council meeting regarding the Town of Irmo requesting assistance from the County in their flood recovery efforts.

Motion to Name Courtroom 2b in the Judicial Center The Ada Harper James Courtroom: Council sent this item to the Ordinance Review Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as published.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Sessions Items:

- a. Flooding/Disaster Response - Contractual/Legal**



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Citizen's Input: Nine people spoke.

Report of the County Administrator:

- a. **Stormwater Management Plan Update:** Aylin Lewallen of Brown & Caldwell, provided a brief presentation to Council regarding the County's Stormwater Management Plan. Council requested that the Clerk's Office schedule a future work session to discuss the County's Stormwater Management Plan in further detail.
- b. **Community Planning Spirit Week:** Tracy Hegler, Director – Richland County Planning Department, provided a brief update to Council on the Planning Department's efforts for the Community Planning Spirit Week.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **2016 Council Retreat:** Council approved to hold the 2016 Council Retreat on January 27 – 29, 2016 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, SC. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

Report of the Chairman:

- a. **Letter of Support - State's Property acquisition:** Council approved the Letter of Support. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

Open/Close Public Hearings

- 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:** No one spoke.
- b. **In support of the re-issuance by the South Carolina Jobs Economic Development Authority of its variable rate demand Healthcare Facilities Revenue Bonds (Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center Project), Series 2006A, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the original principal amount of approximately \$4,262,536:** No one spoke.

1. Approval of Consent Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 19, Parks and Recreation; so as to delete the entire Chapter:** Council gave second



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

2. Third Reading Items

- 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 third reading approval to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS**

3. Report of the Development & Services Committee

- a. **Department of Public Works: Private Pond Policy:** This item was held in Committee.

4. Report of the Economic Development Committee

- a. **Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain additional real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a First Amendment to that certain Credit Agreement between Richland County and CD/Park7 Columbia SC High Rise Owner LLC to include such additional property as part of the project site described therein; and other related matters:** Council gave first reading approval by title only to the ordinance. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

5. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee

a. Notification Of Appointments

i. Board of Zoning Appeals - 1

This item was held in Committee.

b. Notification of Vacancies

i. Music Festival Commission – 1



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This item was sent to the Ordinance Review Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

ii. Accommodations Tax Committee – 1

This item was held in Committee.

c. Rules and Appointments: Items for Action

- i. 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.
- ii. Modify the Rules of Council to allow Council to respond to citizens during the Citizens' Input portion of Council meetings [PEARCE]:** Council approved amending the language in the Council Rules regarding the Citizens' Input portion of Council meetings to the following: (1) The Clerk's Office will have available for the public the Council's contact information, as listed on the County's website; and (2) to allow the Chair to advise citizens to speak with staff. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- iii. Grievance Committee:** Council approved amending the language in the Council Rules regarding the Employee Grievance Committee to the following: The County Council will appoint a committee composed of seven (7) employees to serve for staggered terms of three (3) years, except that the members appointed initially will be appointed so that their terms will be staggered, and approximately one-third (1/3) of the terms will expire each year. A member will continue to serve after the expiration of his term until a successor is appointed. Any interim appointment to fill a vacancy



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for any cause prior to the completion of a member's term will be for the unexpired term. Any member may be appointed for succeeding terms at the discretion of the County Council. All members will be selected on a broadly representative basis from among County employees Members employed in the same department as the grieving employee and members who have formed an opinion on the issues prior to the hearing, will not participate in that employee's hearing. The Council will qualify and appoint no fewer than one (1) and no more than four (4) employees to serve for a term of three (3) years as alternate members of the Employee Grievance Committee. In the event three (3) or more permanent members of the committee are disqualified or otherwise unable to participate in a grievance proceeding, such that a quorum of the committee as required by this section would otherwise be unavailable, a sufficient number of alternate members should be called to constitute a quorum so that the grievance may be heard. Alternate members may seek appointment as interim or permanent committee members as vacancies occur, in which event the council will designate replacement for such alternate members so chosen for full membership on the committee. The committee annually will select its own chair from among its members. The chair will serve as the presiding officer at all hearings which s/he attends, but may designate some other member to serve as presiding officer in his/her absence. The chair will have authority to schedule and to reschedule all hearings. A quorum consists of at least five (5) members, and no hearings may be held without a quorum. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

- iv. **Council Rule 1.4 Closed Meetings:** Council approved amending the language for Council Rule 1.4; Closed Meetings to the following: The Council may go into executive session as provided for in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, as amended. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

6. Other Items

- a. **Eau Claire JEDA Bonds Resolution:** Council approved holding a joint public hearing with the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (JEDA) in connection with JEDA's re-issuance of its 5,940,000 original principal amount Variable Rate Demand Healthcare Facilities Revenue Bonds (Eau Clare Cooperative Health Center Project), Series 2006A to benefit Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center. Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE**

7. **Citizen's Input:** No one spoke.

8. Executive Session:



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- a. **Flooding/Disaster Response - Contractual/Legal:** Council approved to proceed as discussed in Executive Session and outlined by the County Administrator. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE**

9. Motion Period

- a. **Move to enact a resolution encouraging all utility companies that own and/or operate transmission line right of ways in Richland County to adopt Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) techniques as set out by ANSI standard A300. Rationale: Per the Environmental Protection Agency, "IVM is generally defined as the practice of promoting desirable, stable, low-growing plant communities-that will resist invasion by tall-growing tree species-through the use of appropriate, environmentally sound, and cost-effective control methods." An added benefit to this technique is that it offers a protective environment for wildlife to flourish. The American National Standards Institute has been in existence since 1918. Its primary goal is the "enhancement of global competitiveness of U.S. business and the American quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems and promoting their integrity." While utilities in Richland County appear to maintain their transmission right of ways using some of the techniques set forth under the ANSI standard, none of them use them all, and none of them fully follow the standard. Standards are there for a reason: because they are best practices. Richland County has hundreds of square miles of transmission right of way, and it needs to be utilized to its full capacity to promote the health of our citizens and our wildlife habitat. [ROSE]: Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION****
- b. **Move that Richland County support and assist private dams rebuild during this disaster. Requesting assistance from the National Guard and Army Corps of Engineer [JACKSON]: Council sent this item to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL****

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