

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2007
6:00 PM**

Call to Order: McEachern

Invocation: Jeter

Pledge of Allegiance: Jeter

Presentation: **Commissioner Hugh Weathers:** Commissioner Weathers was unable to attend.

Richland Memorial Hospital Annual Report – Board of Trustees: Ms. Ann Pringle-Washington, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Chuck Beaman, CEO, gave a report on Richland Memorial hospital.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended, adding a reconsideration of the SC Gospel Quartet item from the March 13, 2007 Council agenda.

Citizens' Input: One person spoke regarding the Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Award of Construction Contract.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session: **March 13, 2007**

The minutes were approved as amended. Mr. Livingston stated that the meeting on March 13 was a Special Called Meeting, not a Regular Session Meeting. Mr. Montgomery recommended that corrections be made to the vote counts regarding the SC Gospel Quartet item, as well as the Capital Chevrolet Classic item.

Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. Transportation Commission Contract for Services Award**
- b. Award of Construction Contract for Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Animal Care:** No report was necessary. This item appears later in the agenda.
- b. **Recognition of Community Development:** This item was deferred to the April 3 Council meeting.
- c. **Recognition of Detention Center Volunteers:** This item was deferred to the April 3 Council meeting.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **SCAC County Focus Magazine:** Ms. Finch informed Council that she has extra copies of the magazine in which they appear for the All America Community story.
- b. **Neighborhood Planning Conference – March 31st, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Midlands Technical College Northeast Campus:** Ms. Finch reminded Council of the conference.
- c. **Homebuilders Association Luncheon:** The luncheon will take place April 10 at noon, and the guest speaker will focus on the Economic Impact of Housing on Richland County.
- d. **Parking Decals:** Each council member's vehicle must have a parking decal.
- e. **NACO Conference:** The annual conference will take place July 13 – 17 in Richmond, Virginia. Those who wish to attend should contact the Clerk.
- f. **Governor's Land Use Conference:** This upcoming conference will be held in Charleston. Those who wish to attend should contact the Clerk.

Report of the Chairman: There was no report.

Open / Close Public Hearings: 1a, 1b, 1k, 1l, 1m, 1n, 1o, 1p. The public hearings were opened and closed. No one spoke.

Approval of Consent Items: The following consent items were approved: 1a, 1b, 1d, 1d, 1e, 1g, 1i, 1j, 1k, 1l, 1m, 1n, 1o, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d. Item 1f was removed from the consent agenda.

1. Third Reading Items

- a. **Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the Broad River Sewer System General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Richland County, South Carolina in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$16,500,000 [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- b. **Ordinance Authorizing Deed to Forum Development II, LLC for Lot 14 in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park (Portion of TMS**

#25800-04-01) [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- c. **06-063MA; C. Douglas Caughman; RU to GC (3.54 acres); Family Day Care & General Commercial; 19011-02-01 (p); 378 & Old Garners Ferry Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- d. **06-64MA; James Craig/Heritage Forest Development; M-1 to RS-LD (26.23 acres); Single Family Residential Subdivision; 17600-02-04; Wooten Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from M-1 to RS-LD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- e. **07-01MA; Cynthia Stewart; RU to OI (2 acres); Insurance Office; 25900-04-04; Two Notch Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to OI. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- f. **07-09MA; Robert Fuller/(Dunlap & Sharp Condos); M-1 to GC (3.54 acres); Student Condominium Residential Project; 11111-01-54; Bluff Industrial Boulevard Extension:** This item was deferred six weeks. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- g. **07-10MA; Copper Beach Townhouses; HI to RM-HD (5.46 acres); Multi-family Townhouses; 13607-02-01; Bluff Road & Southern Drive [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from HI to RM-HD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- h. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article X, Purchasing: Division 2, Competitive Purchasing Policy; Section 2-598, General Provisions; Subsection (a): So as to Exempt Certain Contracts from the County's Requirements Under this Article:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT**
- i. **07-08MA; H.H. Hunt; M-1 to GC (10.42 acres); Proposed Apartment Project; 04914-01-01 & 04910-01-07; Piney Woods Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from M-1 to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

- j. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII, Boards, Commissions, and Committees; Section 2-326, Boards and Commissions Created and Recognized; Subsection (K), Richland County Transportation Study Commission; so as to Amend the Membership and Structure of the Commission [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- k. Ordinance authorizing quit-claim deed to Janice Juanita Newbold-Molden and Albert Wallace for a certain portion of a right-of-way known as Bluff Oaks Road, Richland County [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- l. Ordinance authorizing the granting of a water line right-of-way easement to the City of Columbia across property identified as a portion of TMS# R16200-03-20, to serve the new Columbia State Farmers' Market [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- m. Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Special Revenue Fund Annual Budget to add Six Firefighters to Fire Services. Funds are presently available in the Department's Budget to cover the costs of these new positions. There will be no additional costs for this fiscal year [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, LEGAL**
- n. Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2006-07 General Fund Annual Budget to add four Emergency Medical Technicians and four Paramedics to Emergency Medical Services. Funds are presently available in the Department's Budget to cover the costs of these new positions. There will be no additional costs for this fiscal year [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, LEGAL**
- o. Ordinance authorizing the granting of a sewer easement to Ginn-LA University Club LTD, LLP, across property lying to the north of McNulty Street, Blythewood, SC, and identified as a portion of TMS# 15209-01-04 [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**

- p. **Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VI, Elected and Special Officers; Section 2-262, Salaries of Certain Elected Officials; So as to provide for the salaries of such officials and for subsequent pay increases [PUBLIC HEARING]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, PROBATE COURT**

- q. **Ordinance Approving the Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plan Rate Adjustment:** Council approved Council member Malinowski's plan, which reflects a \$42.02 rate and \$4,000 tap fee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, UTILITIES, BUDGET, FINANCE**
 - a. **Award of Construction Contract:** This item was discussed in Executive Session.

- 2. **Second Reading Items**
 - a. **Budget Amendment: Request to Transfer \$50,000 to the Council Services Budget [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to the budget amendment to transfer \$50,000 to the Council Services Budget. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, BUDGET**

 - b. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article II, General Traffic and Parking Regulations; Section 17-9, Through Truck Prohibited; so as to Prohibit Through Truck Traffic on Bakersfield Road in Richland County, South Carolina [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

 - c. **Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 110-06HR, which Authorized a Deed to L-J, Inc. for Lots 18 & 19 in the Richland Northeast Industrial Park, so as to Allow the Lots to be Conveyed to David N. Jordan [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

 - d. **07-06MA; Dunbar Funeral Home; RU to GC (2 plus acres); General Commercial; 20281-01-16(p); 4219 Hardscrabble Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to OI. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

3. **Report of the Development and Services Committee (Deferred from the D&S Committee meeting on February 27, 2007)**
 - a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Article I, In general; so as to permit the construction and maintenance of electric traffic signalization devices for County maintained roads:** Council gave first reading to the ordinance and forwarded the prioritization and funding materials to the D&S Committee for review. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**

4. **Report of the Administration and Finance Committee (Deferred from the A&F Committee meeting on February 27, 2007)**
 - a. **Approval of contract with SunGard Bi-Tech for the purchase of Finance and Human Resources Software System:** This item was deferred to the April 3 Council meeting, or until ready. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, FINANCE, BUDGET, HUMAN RESOURCES, PROCUREMENT**

5. **Transportation Commission Contract for Services Award:** This item was discussed during Executive Session.

6. **REPORT OF WORK SESSION**
 - a. **Animal Care:** Council directed the Administrator to prepare two options within 30 days. One option is to include partnering with the City of Columbia via an MOU, which is to include a no-kill agency component. The second option is a Richland County owned and operated facility, which also includes a no-kill component via contract with a private agency. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, ANIMAL CARE**

 - b. **County Administrator's Contract:** This item was received as information.

7. **Citizens' Input:** One person spoke regarding the Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plan Rate Adjustment.

8. **Executive Session:**
 - a. **Transportation Commission Contract for Services Award:** Council approved the scope of services as presented, and awarded the contract to Parsons Brinkerhoff. Council also included in the motion that Parsons Brinkerhoff is to provide a list of minority vendors to the County within 30 days of the notice to proceed. Council also included in the motion that the Administrator should request funding in the amount of \$200,000 from the

CTC for this project. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PROCUREMENT, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL**

- b. Award of Construction Contract for Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Council approved the Administrator's recommendation to enter into the contract for the construction of the Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PROCUREMENT, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, UTILITIES, PUBLIC WORKS**
- 9. SC Gospel Quartet 8th Annual Awards Banquet and Concert:** This item was requested for reconsideration. Council approved \$20,000 in undesignated Hospitality Tax funds for the banquet and concert. **ACTION: BUDGET, FINANCE**
- 10. Motion Period**
 - a. Resolution for Marlin Henderson:** Ms. Scott requested a resolution honoring Marlin Henderson upon her retirement. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - b. Rural Development Presentation:** Ms. Scott requested a work session regarding the Hopkins Water / Rural Development presentation. This work session will be held March 27 at 4:30 p.m. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, UTILITIES**
 - c. Planning Commission:** Mr. Jackson requested that the composition of the Planning Commission be reviewed with regards to no more than two individuals from the same special interest group having seats on the commission. This item was referred to the Rules and Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING**
 - d. Subdivision Review:** Mr. Jackson requested that subdivision review be returned to the Planning Commission. This item was forwarded to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, LEGAL**
 - e. City of Columbia Debt:** Mr. Jackson made a motion to pursue all outstanding debt owed by the City of Columbia from contracts and agreements (including per diem fees, TIF, etc.) This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
 - f. Grants Committees:** Mr. Jackson requested that the Grants Committees meet twice a year. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, GRANTS**

- g. Hospitality Tax Funding Requests:** Mr. Livingston made a motion that future Hospitality Tax funding requests outside the budget process require a 2/3 vote of Council. This item was forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - h. Resolution for Dr. Chavis:** Mr. McEachern requested a resolution honoring Dr. Chavis upon his retirement from Ridgewood Baptist Church. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - i. Resolution for Dr. Blackwell:** Mr. McEachern and Ms. Scott requested a resolution honoring Dr. Gloria Blackwell upon turning 80. Dr. Blackwell initiated African American Studies at the University of South Carolina. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - j. Woodrow Wilson Home:** Mr. Pearce stated that he will forward to Council a website address for the Woodrow Wilson Home, which is updated as construction progresses.
 - k. Floodplain Ordinance:** Mr. Jackson requested that the ordinance regarding fill in floodplains be reviewed. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, LEGAL**
 - l. Sewer Extension Policy:** Mr. Malinowski requested that decision making regarding sewer extension approvals be moved from Administration to Council. This item was forwarded to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS**
- 11.** Council clinched the vote on item 1o: Ordinance authorizing the granting of a sewer easement to Ginn-LA University Club LTD, LLP, across property lying to the north of McNulty Street, Blythewood, SC, and identified as a portion of TMS# 15209-01-04.
- 12. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 9:32 p.m.