

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING**

May 15, 2007

6:00 PM

Call to Order: McEachern

Invocation: Pearce

Pledge of Allegiance: Pearce

Presentations:

Public Works Week, May 19 – 26, 2007: Hutchinson and Scott presented Public Works Director Teresa Smith with a resolution honoring Public Works Week. Public Works employees in the audience were also recognized for their service to the County.

Transportation Study Commission: Bill Leidinger, Chair of Mass Transit Subcommittee, and Ernest Baughman, Parsons Brinckerhoff, gave an update on the Transportation Study Commission. Council requested that this presentation be given to City Council. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Legal Review of Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreements for 1) Rothstein Tract; 2) Eagle's Rest Subdivision; and 3) River Shoals Subdivision: Mr. Smith stated that legal staff reviewed the sanitary sewer extension agreements and have amended the agreements consistent with the motion that was made at the previous meeting and he believed they are consistent with the 1995 Court Order.

Council approved the three agreements with the following change to the Rothstein Agreement: the words "are entered into as a result of a court order" were stricken so that the agreement solely deals with the prior agreement(s) or written one(s) between the parties. All of the agreements are to have a life span of ten years versus five years on all tap certificates. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITIES**

Approval of Minutes

Zoning Public Hearing: April 24, 2007

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Regular Session: May 1, 2007

The minutes were approved as amended, correcting a typo on page 10.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended. Items 1e and 6a were removed from the agenda, and item 1c was removed from the consent agenda. Executive Session was moved to item 9, and the agenda was renumbered.

Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. **N.E. Sanitary Landfill Lawsuit: Pending Litigation**
- b. **TIF Update: Contractual Matter**
- c. **Employee Grievances: Personnel Matters**

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Employee Grievances:** Council upheld the Administrator's recommendations on all 4 grievances. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- b. **Animal Care Recommendation:** Mr. Pope informed Council that this item will be discussed later on the agenda, and that it is an item for action.
- c. **Transportation Public Forum:** Mr. Cronin gave an update on the forum, and informed Council of upcoming forums throughout the County.
- d. **Employee Recognition:** Mr. Pope recognized Miss Matthews for her dedication during her five years of service to the County, and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **Fort Jackson:** Ms. Finch stated that she has VIP parking passes for Council for the Celebrate Freedom event.

Report of the Chairman:

- a. **Comprehensive Wellness Program:** Mr. McEachern will discuss this item during the motion period.

- b. **Planning Summit:** Mr. McEachern reminded everyone of the upcoming Planning Summit, to be held at the Convention Center on Thursday, May 7 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Open / Close Public Hearings: 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h. One person spoke regarding item 1c. No one spoke for the remaining public hearings.

Approval of Consent Items: The following consent items were approved: 1a, 1b, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h, 2a, 2b, 2c. Item 1c was removed from the consent agenda.

1. Third Reading Items

- a. **07-15MA; Keith Moore; RU to NC (2.15 acres); Neighborhood Commercial Use; 25700-02-02; Spears Creek Church Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to NC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- b. **07-16MA; Brad Lail; RU/NC to GC (11.26 acres); General Commercial Use; 17104-02-02/03/04; Parklane Road and Legrand Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU/NC to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- c. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Article I, In general; Section 21-11, Traffic Engineering; so as to permit the construction and maintenance of electric traffic signalization devices for County maintained roads [PUBLIC HEARING]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**
- d. **Emergency Services: Request for approval of stretcher and EKG equipment purchases [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the budget amendment associated with this request. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, PROCUREMENT**
- e. **Ordinance authorizing amending the Business License Ordinance, Chapter 16, Article 1 [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**
- f. **An ordinance authorizing the granting of a sanitary sewer right-of-way easement to the City of Columbia across property identified as a portion of TMS# 17400-09-15, to serve the Killian Crossroads**

Development [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading approval to an ordinance granting a sanitary sewer right-of-way to the City of Columbia to serve the Killian Crossroads Development. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITIES**

- g. Sheriff's Department: Budget Amendment for Special Duty Pay and Request for One Additional FTE [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading approval to the budget amendment to increase the Sheriff's Special Duty Pay budget by \$650,000 and add one additional FTE (Accountant II). **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- h. 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; so as to create a Business Service Center Appeals Board [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER**

2. Second Reading Items

- a. Request to approve a budget amendment to Risk Management, Ombudsman, and Central Services [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to a budget amendment for Risk Management, Ombudsman, and Central Services. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, RISK MANAGEMENT, OMBUDSMAN, CENTRAL SERVICES**
- b. Request to approve a budget amendment to increase the Coroner's budget for body removal services (\$50,000) [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to a budget amendment for the Coroner's Office. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, CORONER'S OFFICE**
- c. Ordinance authorizing the issuance of revenue refunding bonds and revenue bonds for the benefit of International Paper Company and related matters in connection therewith [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

3. **First Reading Item**
 - a. **Recommendation from Planning Commission to amend the Comprehensive Plan by Incorporating “The Renaissance Plan for the Decker Boulevard / Woodfield Park Area” into the I-20 Corridor sub-area plan:** Council gave first reading to the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, LEGAL**

4. **Animal Care Recommendation:** Council approved Option #1, which includes partnering with the City of Columbia to build the Columbia Animal Shelter Annex. The second part of the Administrator’s recommendation regarding capital grants was referred to back to the D&S committee for the purpose of addressing an amendment to the County’s Animal Registration Ordinance to create a structure which will have separate licensing fees for unspayed and unneutered and spayed, neutered and micro-chipped animals and then would work with Lexington County and Project Pet to develop a bond ordinance to use those fees to retire the bond debt. The Chairman is also to appoint a special committee to work with Lexington County Council to move this matter along. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, ANIMAL CARE, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT**

5. **Report of Development and Services Committee (deferred from May 1, 2007 meeting)**
 - a. **Proposed Traffic Signal Prioritization Policy:** Council approved the policy as presented. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**

 - b. **Funding Options for Electric Signals:** This item was referred to the budget process. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL**

 - c. **Request to approve the installation and maintenance of a traffic signal at the intersection of Summit Parkway and Summit Ridge Drive:** This item was referred to the Department of Public Works for evaluation and ranking. All intersections submitted for evaluation and ranking by July 1 are to be considered. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS**

6. **Report of the Economic Development Committee**
 - a. **The House of Bounce: Richland Northeast Industrial Park Covenants Clarification:** This item was removed from the agenda.

 - b. **Citadel Foundation / Northpoint Industrial Park – Land Purchase:** Council approved the contract, petition, and resolution. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- c. **Midlands Technical College: Request for Multi-County Industrial Park Status:** Council gave first reading to the corresponding ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, AUDITOR**

7. Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee

I. Notification of Vacancies on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- a. **Board of Assessment Appeals – 1**
- b. **Board of Zoning Appeals – 1**

These vacancies are to be advertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

II. Notification of Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- a. **Central Midlands RTA – 4:** This item was held in Committee. The Clerk is to advise regarding policies of other recommending bodies. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Employee Grievance Committee – 2:** Deborah Jordan and Llewlyn Walters were appointed to the Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Internal Audit Committee – 1:** Ulice Lance was appointed to the Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **Township Auditorium Board – 2:** Angela M. Kirby and Tara Robertson Hart were appointed to the Board. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

III. Council Rules Amendments

- 8. Citizens' Input:** No one spoke.

9. Executive Session:

- a. **N.E. Sanitary Landfill Lawsuit: Pending Litigation:** Staff is to move forward as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

- b. **TIF Update: Contractual Matter:** Staff is to move forward as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

10. Motion Period

- a. Jeter forwarded a resolution regarding free and fair trade to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- b. Jackson forwarded to the D&S Committee an item involving electronic signage. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING**
- c. Malinowski forwarded to the D&S Committee the immediate development of long range plans of the Richland County sewer district with specific yearly goals to achieve the plans. The long range corridor should be at least five years out, and these plans will be reviewed semi-annually by the D&S Committee or Council, whichever the Administrator deems appropriate. This motion includes a Citizen's Advisory component...the initial plans should be completed within six to nine months. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITIES**
- d. McEachern requested a more detailed resolution regarding a Comprehensive Wellness Program. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**

11. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 10:15 p.m.