

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2007
6:00 PM**

Call to Order: McEachern

Invocation: Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Smith

Presentations

Appearance Counts Awards: Stephany Snowden recognized the award recipients. Ryan Nevius gave an update on the Appearance Commission's Fort Jackson beautification project.

Pioneer Bowl Game Ball: Willie Washington, Athletic Director, Benedict College, presented Council with the game ball from the Pioneer Bowl, and thanked Council for their support of the function.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended. Item 3 (Resolution for Bluff Road Corridor Project) should be listed as a CONSENT item. Also, item 2f (Project Y FILOT Ordinance) was listed as a CONSENT item, but was left off the CONSENT agenda.

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session: November 20, 2007

The minutes were approved as presented.

Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. Northeast Sanitary Landfill vs. Richland County (Pending Litigation)
- b. SOB Update (Pending Litigation)

- c. **Riverside Property (Contractual Matter)**
- d. **Project Y (Contractual Matter)** Discuss only if requested.

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **SOB Update:** Discussed in Executive Session.
- b. **Riverside Property:** Discussed in Executive Session.
- c. **NACo Prescription Card Update:** The card has been used 11,683 times, and has saved Richland County residents \$110,485 since July 2006.
- d. **RTA Pilot Bus Pass Program:** Mr. Pope informed Council that a pilot program to sell bus passes at the Business Service Center is in the works.
- e. **Recreation / Entertainment Complex Work Session:** Mr. Pope stated that a work session to discuss the master plan needs to be scheduled. This item was discussed in the Motion Period.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **Council Pictures:** Council pictures have arrived and are ready for pick-up.
- b. **Agenda Software Training:** Training will be held December 5, 2007 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the IT Training Room.
- c. **Welcome Back:** Council welcomed Ms. Finch back.

Report of the Chairman

- a. **Strategic Planning Report:** An update was given. This item will be discussed in depth at the 2008 Council Retreat.
- b. **Joint City / County Work Session:** The meeting will be held Monday, December 10, 2007 from 9:00 am – 12:00pm at the Clarion.

Open / Close Public Hearings: 1b, 2d. No one spoke.

Approval of Consent Items: The following consent items were approved: 1b, 2a, 2b, 2d, 2e, 2f, 3, 4a, 4c, 4d, 4e, 5a, 5b, and 5c. Items 1a, 4b, 4g, and 4h were removed from the consent agenda.

1. Third Reading Items

- a. **07-52MA; Ashley Oaks Development; Mike Shelley (29.30 acres); M-1 to RS-LD; Single Family Residential; 17700-01-13; Wilson Boulevard & Farrow Road [CONSENT]:** This item was deferred to the 12-18-07 Council meeting. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Ordinance Authorizing Fee Agreement, Including Payment of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes to Staples [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, BUDGET, FINANCE**

2. Second Reading Items

- a. **07-58MA; Jeff Lanham; RM-HD to NC (2.24 acres); Neighborhood Commercial; 06016-09-01; 960 Zimalcrest Drive [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designations from RM-HD to NC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **07-59MA; Bruce Oswald; RS-MD to GC (3.47 acres); General Commercial; 11708-06-01 & 06; Fairfield Road & Prescott Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designations from RS-MD to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **07-61MA; Peak Holdings, LLC; M-1 to GC; General Commercial; 02500-07-05; Peak Exit of I-26:** Council gave second reading approval to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designations from M-1 to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **Ordinance Authorizing Assignment and Assumption of International Truck and Engine Corporation Fee Agreement and Inducement Agreement and Millage Rate Agreement [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- e. **Ordinance to Include KIRCO Property in the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- f. **Project Y FILOT Ordinance [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- g. **An Ordinance Approving a Moratorium on Development in a Portion of the Congaree Floodway:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 3. **Resolution for Bluff Road Corridor Project [CONSENT]:** The resolution was approved. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, GRANTS**
- 4. **Report of Administration and Finance Committee**
 - a. **Request for Approval to Partner with the City of Columbia and Expend \$7,500 for a Commercial Retail Study of the Monticello Road Corridor [CONSENT]:** Council approved the request to partner with the city and expend \$7,500 for the commercial retail study. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
 - b. **A Resolution in Support of the Issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Waste Management of South Carolina, Inc. Project) Series 2007, Pursuant to the Provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$20,000,000 [CONSENT]:** Council approved the resolution and will hold a public hearing on January 8, 2008 regarding the request. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - c. **Request to accept a State Criminal Alien Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center (\$24,158) [CONSENT]:** Council accepted the grant. **ACTION: DETENTION CENTER, BUDGET, FINANCE**
 - d. **Funding Request: On Point Radio Show (\$10,000) [CONSENT – Denial]:** Council denied the request. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - e. **Request for Funding: Palmetto Center for Advocacy (\$50,000) [CONSENT – Denial]:** Council denied the request. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - f. **Revisions to Hospitality Tax Grant Procedures, Guidelines, and Application:** Council voted to proceed with bifurcating the county promotions (hospitality tax) grant program. Council voted to accept the committee's recommended changes to the procedures, guidelines and

application as they relate to establishing two funding cycles; however, the 50% eligibility cap was stricken from the guidelines. For organizations that seek funding for the same project over multiple years, council also directed the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee to propose a policy to council at a later date for reducing a project's maximum eligibility for funding in subsequent years. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, GRANTS**

- g. Sheriff's Department: Request to Approve and Fund Personnel for the New Region 7 Headquarters to be Located on Screaming Eagle Road [CONSENT]:** Council approved option #3 (personnel, no equipment). No budget amendment is necessary this year. In FY 09, this issue will be further addressed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- h. A Budget Ordinance for the 911 System Upgrades [CONSENT]:** Council approved the request, with \$2,000,000 from the undesignated fund balance of fund 7500765 and \$3,000,000 from the undesignated fund balance of the general fund. **ACTION: EMERGENCY SERVICES, BUDGET, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

5. Report of Development and Services Committee

- a. Request to Approve a Conservation Easement from Mr. F.D. Monroe for Approximately 100 acres in Northeast Richland County [CONSENT]:** Council approved the conservation easement. **ACTION: CONSERVATION COMMISSION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- e. Request to Approve a Conservation Easement from Mr. John Kirk for Approximately 50 acres in Northeast Richland County [CONSENT]:** Council approved the conservation easement. **ACTION: CONSERVATION COMMISSION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- c. Request to Approve a List of Pre-Qualified Engineering Firms for Neighborhood Master Plans [CONSENT]:** Council approved the list of pre-qualified engineering firms. **ACTION: PLANNING, PROCUREMENT**
- d. Lower Richland Sewer Service:** Council approved option #2. County Council, via the County Administrator, will request that the City of Columbia provide wholesale treatment of the wastewater from this area on a temporary basis until a regional sewer system can be constructed. This alternative would require the developers to construct the same facilities as Alternative #1, but would have these facilities deeded to the County for operation and maintenance. Sewer tap fees and monthly user fees would

be paid to the County and the County would pay the City a wholesale treatment fee. Once a new regional system is available, the facilities constructed by the developers would be disconnected from the City and connected to the regional system. This alternative could be accomplished through a finite term agreement between the County and the City that would establish the period that the City would provide wholesale treatment. If the County failed to construct the regional system and disconnect the developers customers within the agreed upon period, the City could require the complete transfer of ownership, operation and maintenance responsibilities of the developer's system to the City. Per the Administrator, this item will appear on the City's December 11, 2007 Council agenda. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITIES, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- e. **Resolution in Support of the Cool Counties Program:** Council approved the resolution in support of the Cool Counties program. Staff is to develop a program similar to that of the City of Columbia, using in-house staff for the program. Mr. Malinowski also presented Mr. Pope with information regarding global warming. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - f. **Acceptance of Property Donation:** Council accepted the donation of property, along with the easement, in the Lower Richland area. Negotiations regarding a potential golf course or other recreational use(s) on the property will be discussed over the next 6 months. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
6. **Report of Economic Development Committee:** There was no report.
7. **Citizens' Input:** One person spoke regarding the Eau Claire Cooperative Ministry.
8. **Executive Session:**
- a. **Northeast Sanitary Landfill vs. Richland County (Pending Litigation):** Council approved the settlement as presented in Executive Session, deleting 1k. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
 - b. **SOB Update (Pending Litigation):** Received as information.
 - c. **Riverside Property (Contractual Matter):** Council approved the Administrator's recommendations as presented in Executive Session. Mr. Pope is to present funding recommendations to Council. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

9. Motion Period

- a. Dick Anderson Resolution [Hutchinson]:** Mr. Anderson taught tennis with the Recreation Commission for 32 years. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Blythewood High School Football Team Resolution [Dickerson / McEachern]:** The resolution commends the Blythewood High School Football Team on an excellent season. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. Recreation / Entertainment Work Session:** The work session will be held Tuesday, December 18, 2007 from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm in Council Chambers. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. January Council Meetings:** Council voted to meet the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of January 2008. (Regular Session Council meetings on January 8th, 22nd; Committees and Zoning Public Hearing on January 29th) **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. Tribute to Fallen Heroes:** Council requested that the Clerk's Office write a letter regarding the miscommunication about the event. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- f. Airport Master Plan:** Mr. Pearce forwarded to the January A&F Committee the Columbia Owens Downtown Airport Master Plan. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- g. Annexation of Property:** Mr. Pearce requested information regarding the potential annexation of the "Green Diamond" property. Staff should address the ramifications of this annexation to encompass public safety, storm water management, and other multi- jurisdictional items. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- h. CMRTA:** Mr. Jackson made a motion to dissolve the CMRTA and create a Richland County Transportation Authority. This item will appear on the January D&S Committee under Items for Information / Discussion. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- i. Billboards:** Mr. Jackson recalled the billboards item from the Planning Commission and forwarded it to the next D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING**
- j. Fund Balance Report:** Mr. Jackson requested a report of all fund balances. Mr. Pope informed Mr. Jackson that this information would be sent to him. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- k. Dirt Roads:** Ms. Scott requested information regarding the Geometrics study. Mr. McDonald will contact Ms. Scott with further information regarding this request for information. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
 - l. Farmers' Market:** Ms. Scott requested a resolution in support of the Columbia State Farmers' Market remaining at its current location on Bluff Road. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- 10. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 8:59pm.