## **RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



#### **Office of the County Administrator**

# COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING July 1, 2008 6:00 PM

Call to Order: McEachern

Invocation: McEachern

Pledge of Allegiance: McEachern

Presentation: Camp Discovery: Received as information.

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

**Approval of Minutes** 

Zoning Public Hearing June 24, 2008: Approved as amended.

Adoption of Agenda: Approved as amended. The Recreation Bond Item was clarified by the County Attorney.

**Report of the County Attorney for Potential Executive Session Items** 

- a. **Project CAGE**
- b. Splash, Inc. vs. Richland County
- c. Watts vs. Richland County –Pending Litigation
- d. Killian Crossing Mitigation
- e. Team IA vs. Richland County
- f. Recreation Commission Items

# g. Lower Richland LLC

### **Report of the County Administrator**

- **a. Project CAGE:** Mr. Pope informed Council that this Economic Development item will be discussed in Executive Session.
- b. Wrap Up Special Called Meeting before August Recess: July 22, 2008 Immediately Following Zoning Public Hearing: Mr. Pope requested that Council formally set the date and time for the Special Called wrap up Council meeting. This item will be discussed in the Motion Period.
- c. **OPEB / GASB 45 Resolution:** Mr. Pope stated that the Resolution regarding the County's potential partnership in the SCAC irrevocable trust is contained within the agenda. This resolution is NON-BINDING, but simply expresses the County's interest in participating in this trust.
- d. Business License Ad Hoc Committee Report: Mr. Pope stated that this committee (comprised of Council members Smith, Jeter, and Montgomery) met on Monday, June 23 and discussed the following items: Interstate Commerce, Landfills Rates, Penalties, and the Online Database. Ordinances regarding Interstate Commerce and Landfills Rates will be forthcoming at the July 15 Council meeting. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- e. College Colors Day: Mr. Pope stated that Ken Corbett (Trademark & Licensing, USC) was present to answer any questions regarding USC's request for College Colors Day.
- f. Transportation Work Session Report: Mr. Pope informed Council that the "grocery sales tax" initiative didn't pass this year, so the projects list dollar amount remains the same. The 1% sales and use tax "transportation penny" is on tonight's agenda for second reading. Mr. Pope noted that this item needs to be forwarded to the Election Commission by mid-August in order for it to appear on the November ballot. Therefore, he stated, third reading and a public hearing will need to be held before that date.
- **g. Homelessness Initiative Report**: Mr. Pope stated that he attended the announcement on Thursday, June 26 at the Salvation Army. The plans of this group include raising approximately \$10,000,000 from both the private sector and government agencies. As of this time, Richland County has received no formal funding request.
- **h.** Lower Richland LLC: Mr. Pope stated that this item would be discussed during Executive Session.

i. GASB 45 Clarification: Mr. Pope clarified three items. The years of service requirement for retiree insurance is to be the same for employees hired before and after July 1, 2008. Premiums for retirees' dependent coverages will be paid at the same relative percentages as they are currently paid. All retirees shall be moved to the Medicare Advantage Plan at age 65, beginning October 1, 2008, to coincide with the beginning of the County's health insurance plan year.

Report of the Clerk of Council: There was no report.

## **Report of the Chairman**

- **a. Innovista TIF**: Mr. McEachern stated that he was going to appoint an ad hoc committee to meet with the involved parties to discuss the potential Innovista TIF.
- **b. Policy Decision Regarding Committee Items:** Mr. McEachern stated that this item would be forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee.
- c. Detention Center Issues: Mr. McEachern stated that the City had agreed to the fee, and that the policy regarding detainee drop-off needed further discussion. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION

Public Hearing Items: 1a, 2a. No one spoke.

Approval of Consent Items: The following Consent Items were adopted: 1a, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 4c, 5a. Stricken items were removed from the consent agenda.

- **1.** Third Reading Items
  - a. Ordinance authorizing the transfer of deed to the City of Columbia for Jim Hamilton Boulevard [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- 2. Second Reading Items
  - a. An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article III, Building Code, Section 6-82; Article IV, Electrical Code, Sections 6-96 and 6-97; Article V, Fire Prevention Code; Article VI, Gas Code; Article VII, Mechanical Code; Article VIII, Plumbing Code, Sections 6-153 and 6-154; Article IX, Swimming Pool Code, Sections 6-168 and 6-169; Article X, Property Maintenance, Section 6-182; so as to adopt the 2005 edition of the National Electrical Code and the 2006 editions of the International Building Code, International Fire Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, and International Property Maintenance Code [PUBLIC HEARING]: Council gave second reading to the

ordinance. ACTION: BUILDING SERVICES, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL

- b. An Ordinance to levy and impose a one percent (1%) sales and use tax, subject to a referendum, within Richland County pursuant to Section 4-37-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; to define the specific purposes and designate the projects for which the proceeds of the tax may be used; to provide the maximum time for which such tax may be imposed; to provide the estimated cost of the projects funded from the proceeds of the tax; to provide for a county-wide referendum on the imposition of the sales and use tax and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and to prescribe the contents of the ballot questions in the referendum; to provide for the conduct of the referendum by the Richland County Election Commission; to provide for administration of the tax, if approved; to provide for the payment of the tax, if approved; and to provide for other matters relating thereto: Council deferred second reading of the ordinance. The Public Hearing will be held July 15, and the item will be placed on the agenda for Second Reading on that evening as well. Third reading is proposed for July 22. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF **COUNCIL**
- c. 08-10MA; Stan Mack; RS-MD to GC; Law Office, 07308-02-01; 1320 Bluefield Drive [CONSENT]: Council gave second reading approval to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RS-MD to GC. ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- d. 08-18MA; B&C Development Company, LLC; Lee Blythe; RU to RS-MD (25.71 Acres); Single Family Residential; 02509-04-03 & 02416-01-01 & 02412-02-06; Wise Road and Bickley Road [CONSENT]: Council gave second reading approval to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to RS-MD. ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- e. 08-19MA; Hester Woods Place; Steve Corboy; PDD to RM-MD (3.35 Acres); Town homes; 20200-04-02 (p); Hardscrabble & Hester Woods Drive [CONSENT]: Council gave second reading approval to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from PDD to RM-MD. ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- f. An Ordinance Amending the Required Conditions for Day Cares (Adult Day Cares, Family Day Cares, and Group Day Cares), Regarding Parking [CONSENT]: Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- g. An Ordinance Correcting the Table of Permitted Uses with Special Requirements, and Special Exceptions; "Recreational Use"; so as to permit

**golf courses only in the TROS, GC, M-1, and LI zoning districts** [CONSENT]: Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL

- **3.** First Reading Item (by Title Only)
  - a. Authorizing the Recreation Commission of Richland County on behalf of the Recreation District of Richland County to Issue General Obligation Bonds in the principal amount of not exceeding \$45,000,000; and other matters relating thereto: Council gave first reading by title only to the item. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE
- 4. **Report of the Development and Services Committee** 
  - a. Request to approve an extension of the American Engineering Construction Management Contract, the Power Engineering Resident Contract Representative Contract, and the Power Engineering Consultant Services Contract for the purpose of completing the Broad River Waste Water Treatment Plant construction project: This item was deferred. PENDING ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, UTILITIES, PUBLIC WORKS, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL
  - b. Request to close a road / easement located to the east and south of Covenant Road: This item remains on the Council Agenda until such time as staff has determined the value for the property in question. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL
  - c. Request to negotiate and award a professional services contract to the most responsive bidder for the removal and replacement of all HVAC controls and operating systems for the Richland County Administration and Health Department Buildings [CONSENT]: Council approved the item. ACTION: ADMINSTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, PROCUREMENT, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL
- 5. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee
  - a. Funding Request: Greater Blythewood Chamber of Commerce (\$300,000) (Recommendation to DENY) [CONSENT]: Council denied the request. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL
- 6. GASB 45 Resolution: Council approved the item. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 7. Approval of Resolution with Petition and Projects List
  - a. Approval of a Resolution ordering a public hearing to be held for the purpose of determining whether it may be in the interest of the Recreation District of Richland County, South Carolina for the County Council of Richland County to authorize the Recreation District of Richland County to issue General Obligation Bones in an amount not exceeding \$45,000,000; providing for notice of a public hearing and other matters relating thereto: Council approved the date of the public hearing (July 22). It was noted that the projects list has not yet been approved. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE

## 8. Report of the Business License Ad Hoc Committee

- a. Interstate Commerce [ACTION]: Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance amendment regarding this item. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, LEGAL
- b. Landfills Rates [ACTION]: Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance amendment regarding this item. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, LEGAL
- c. Penalties [INFORMATION]
- d. Online Database [INFORMATION]
- 9. Citizens' Input: No one spoke.
- **10.** Executive Session
  - **a. Project CAGE:** Received as information. Action will be taken on this item on July 15.
  - b. Splash, Inc. vs. Richland County: Staff was directed to pursue the settlement offer. ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION
  - c. Watts vs. Richland County Pending Litigation: Received as information.
  - d. Killian Crossing Mitigation: Council directed the Administrator to negotiate with the landowners. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION
  - e. **Team IA vs. Richland County:** A settlement offer is to be brought back to Council on July 15. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
  - **f. Recreation Commission Items:** Received as information.

g. Lower Richland LLC: Council authorized the County Administrator to go forward as discussed in Executive Session. ACTION: ADMININSTRATION

# 11. Motion Period

- a. Policy Decision Regarding Committee Items: This item was forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- b. College Colors Day: This item was approved. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL
- c. Wrap Up Special Called Meeting before August Recess: July 22, 2008 Immediately Following Zoning Public Hearing. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION
- d. **Resolution:** Mr. Jackson requested a resolution for Friendship Baptist Church. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL
- e. Mobile Home Parks: Mr. Jeter forwarded to the July D&S Committee the review of the County's mobile home parks ordinance. ACTION: BUILDING SERVICES
- **f. Franchise Fees:** Mr. Malinowski forwarded to the July D&S Committee the process for assessing franchise fees. **ACTION: LEGAL**
- g. Innovista TIF: Mr. McEachern set up the ad hoc committee, comprised of Council members Pearce, Jackson, Jeter, Livingston, and Dickerson, to discuss the potential Innovista TIF with involved parties. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL
- **12. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 9:06pm.