

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**Office of the County Administrator**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS  
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING  
January 6, 2009  
6:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Hutchinson

**Invocation:** Dickerson

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dickerson

**Election of Chair:** The Honorable Paul Livingston was elected chair.

**Election of Vice Chair:** The Honorable Damon Jeter was elected vice-chair.

**Selection of Seats:** Council chose their seats in order of seniority.

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

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as presented.

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

- a. **Columbia Downtown Airport : Contractual Matter**
- b. **King vs. Richland County: Pending Litigation**
- c. **Richland County Magistrate's Pay Appeal: Personnel Matter**
- d. **Treasurer and Auditor / Compensation: Personnel Matter**

**Report of the County Administrator**

- a. **Columbia Downtown Airport:** This item was discussed in Executive Session.
- b. **Project Pet Update:** Mr. Pope stated that a \$1,500,000 check was hand delivered to Lexington County.

- c. **Joint City / County Ad Hoc Transportation Committee Update:** Mr. Pope informed Council that the committee met today, and that recommendations will be forthcoming to both Councils. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- d. **NE Recreation / Entertainment Complex Update:** Mr. Pope stated that additional information regarding this project will be brought to Council at a later date. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- e. **Richland County Magistrate's Pay Appeal:** This item was discussed in Executive Session.
- f. **Treasurer and Auditor / Compensation:** This item was discussed in Executive Session.

#### **Report of the Clerk of Council**

- a. **Retreat Reminder:** Thursday and Friday, January 8 – 9, 2009, Adult Activity Center on Parklane Road

**Report of the Chairman:** There was no official report. Mr. Livingston said that he would like to meet with all Council members regarding goals for the upcoming year.

**Public Hearings:** 1a, 1b, 1c. One person spoke regarding 1a. No one spoke regarding 1b or 1c.

**Approval of Consent Items:** ~~1b~~, 1d. The stricken item was removed from the Consent agenda. The remaining item was approved.

#### **1. Third Reading Items**

- a. **Alternative Dirt Road Paving Program / Ordinance to Permit Adoption of Countywide Dirt Road Paving Program Standards [PUBLIC HEARING]:** This item was deferred to the January 22, 2009 Council meeting, and will be further discussed at Retreat. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **An ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance as amended. The effective date of the ordinance will be March 1, 2009. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRE MARSHAL, PLANNING**

- c. **Eastover Sewer Budget Amendment [PUBLIC HEARING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, UTILITIES, PUBLIC WORKS, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  - d. **Ordinance Allowing the Reassessment of the Business License Fee Structure Each Year During the Budget Process [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
2. **Second Reading Items**
- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 General Fund Annual Budget to Decrease Business License Revenue by One Million Five hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand (\$1,536,000) Due to Fee Adjustments and Appropriate Undesignated General Fund Balance of One Million Five hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand (\$1,536,000) to Offset:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
3. **Preliminary Approval of the Richland County Strategic Plan:** Council directed staff to inform the public of this draft, and to bring the final version back to Council for approval. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
4. **Citizens' Input:** No one spoke.
5. **Executive Session**
- a. **Columbia Downtown Airport : Contractual Matter:** The Administrator was directed to continue to pursue and prepare options for Airport Management to occur July 1, 2009. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  - b. **King vs. Richland County: Pending Litigation:** Received as information.
  - c. **Richland County Magistrate's Pay Appeal: Personnel Matter:** Received as information.
  - d. **Treasurer and Auditor / Compensation: Personnel Matter:** The Administrator is to meet with the Treasurer and Auditor regarding the direction given in Executive Session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

**6. Motion Period**

- a. **Bobby Gist Resolution [Jeter]:** Approved. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  - b. **Guidelines for Special Called Meeting Agendas [Malinowski]:** This item was forwarded to the Rules and Appointments Committee. Legal is to draft verbiage regarding Special Called Meeting agendas only reflecting the item for which the meeting was called. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
  - c. **Request:** Council requested that the Administrator forward the county projects that were forwarded for consideration in the stimulus package. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  - d. **Request:** Council requested that agenda revisions be highlighted to reflect the actual revisions. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  - e. **Meeting Change:** Council changed the January 20, 2009 Regular Session Meeting date to Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 6:00 pm. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 7. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 7:55pm.