

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 2009
6:00 PM**

Call to Order: Livingston

Invocation: Manning

Pledge of Allegiance: Manning

Presentation: City Year: Volunteers described the work they are performing in Richland County.

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Special Called: December 30, 2008: Approved as amended.

Regular Session: January 6, 2009: Approved as amended.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended. The Zoning Public Hearing deferment was added to the Motion Period.

Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. **Treasurer / Auditor Compensation Update**
- b. **Allied Waste Settlement Agreement**
- c. **Retreat Items / Personnel Matter / Departmental Audit**

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **United Way Campaign Update:** Tamara King updated Council on staff's contributions to the United Way.

- b. **Treasurer / Auditor Compensation Update:** Executive Session
- c. **Allied Waste Settlement Agreement:** Executive Session
- d. **Organization Chart:** Mr. Pope stated that the organization chart with names was on each Council member's desk.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **Agenda Software Update:** Dale Welch gave an update on the agenda software, and stated that a meeting was being scheduled to go over potential user-friendly improvements.
- b. **Bobby Gist Roast & Toast, Seawell's, February 27 at 6:00pm**

Report of the Chairman

- a. **2009 Committee Liaison Assignments:** Mr. Livingston stated that he had emailed Committee Assignments to Council, and if they had questions to contact him.

Approval of Consent Items: 1b.

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 February 3, 2009 Council meeting. Staff is to review the publication "Flexibility in Highway Design," specifically the portion on rural roads, and potentially include recommendations from this document in the ordinance.
ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- b. **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 [PUBLIC HEARING] [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

2. **Report of the Joint City / County Transit Ad Hoc Committee**
 - a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; so as to Temporarily Suspend the Collection of a Portion of the Hospitality tax [BY TITLE ONLY]:** Council gave first reading by title only to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, TREASURER**
 - b. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008 -2009 Road Maintenance Budget, so as to Increase the Road Maintenance Fee and Appropriate Such Increase in Funds for Mass Transit [BY TITLE ONLY]:** Council gave first reading by title only to the ordinance. Further, staff was requested to develop a draft agreement among the three parties (Richland County, City of Columbia, and the CMRTA) outlining the terms and conditions of funding, and to bring this draft agreement back to county council during the first meeting in February. Both ordinances (2a, 2b) shall be brought back to council for second reading after the three parties have agreed to the terms and conditions of the agreement. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, TREASURER, PUBLIC WORKS**
3. **Approval of 2009 Retreat Items:** The Goals were approved as amended. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
Alternative Dirt Road Paving Program
Goal: Establish an alternative dirt road paving program.
Council Directives: Continue to work with the ordinance we have drafted for third reading. Work on issues addressed by Council (length of road / issues of connectivity; establishment of advisory committee; community input). Council is to email issues to the Administrator as soon as possible to be included for review and discussion at the February 3, 2009 Council meeting.
Timeline: First Council meeting in February.

Mitigation Bank
Goal: Develop a mitigation bank policy for Richland County.
Council Directives: Work with the Conservation Commission to establish a mitigation bank policy. Determine if a Richland County mitigation bank is recommended. Procure a consultant to assist with the bank development.
Timeline: TBD
4. **Citizens' Input:** One person spoke regarding the smoking ban.
5. **Executive Session**
 - a. **Treasurer / Auditor Compensation Update:** Received as information.

- b. **Allied Waste Settlement Agreement:** Received as information.
- c. **Retreat Items / Personnel Matter / Departmental Audit:** Received as information.

6. **Motion Period**

- a. **Harambee Funding Request [Livingston]:** Forwarded to the February A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Resolution Honoring Ms. Katherine Bellfield for her Community Service [Livingston]:** Approved. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Resolution Honoring Mr. Bernie McGuire for His 30 Years of Service to Richland County by Running the Parklane Tennis Center [Hutchinson]:** Approved. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **Motion Requesting Staff to Identify the Green Spaces in Richland County and Their Current Zoning Designations to See if They Qualify for Rezoning Under the TROS Zoning [Hutchinson]:** Forwarded to the February D&S Committee. **ACTION: PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. **Zoning Public Hearing re: Stormwater Ordinance:** The ZPH regarding the Stormwater Ordinance was deferred to the February 24, 2009 meeting. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- f. **CMRTA Funding [JACKSON]:** Richland County should be responsible for 25% of the CMRTA funding, and the road maintenance fee should be no more than \$10 per vehicle per person. Also, if someone owns more than one vehicle, they only pay for one. This will cover the County, and the City takes the responsibility to fund their part. Mr. Livingston stated that this item should be taken up at the February 3, 2009 meeting when the CMRTA funding ordinances are discussed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- g. **Business Licenses [JACKSON]:** Repeal the business license fee as it hurts recruiting business to Richland County. This item was forwarded to the February A&F Committee meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- h. **Lower Richland Property [JACKSON]:** Motion to purchase property in Lower Richland for tourism related activities with Hospitality Tax funds.

This item was forwarded to the February D&S Committee meeting.
**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL,
BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, BUDGET, FINANCE**

7. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 9:11pm.