

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2009
6:00 PM**

Call to Order: Honorable Paul Livingston, Chair

Invocation: Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance: Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

Presentation of Resolutions

- a. Resolution Honoring L. Gregory Pearce, Jr. for his service to the SC Association of Counties: Mr. Livingston and Mr. Manning presented Mr. Pearce with a resolution on behalf of Council for his service with the SCAC as President.

Presentations

- a. The Therapy Place – Dawn Darby, Director: Ms. Darby thanked Council for their support.
- b. Joint Land Use Study: Liz Drake updated Council on the JLUS.

Citizen's Input: No one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

- a. **Regular Session: September 1, 2009:** Approved.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended, to add the Detention Center Commissary item for action; a contractual matter for Executive Session; and the Ashford vs. Richland County item was deleted, and will be brought back to Council when more information is available.

Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. ~~Ashford vs. Richland County~~
- b. **Richland County vs. Crossings Development**

- c. **HBA vs. Richland County**
- d. **Benedict College**
- e. **Township Property Purchase**
- f. **Personnel Matter**
- g. **Contractual Matter**

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Coroner's Report:** Coroner Watts briefed Council on the autopsies process, and requested their assistance with the Carolina Care private jail / autopsies situation here in Columbia.
- b. **Detention Center Holding Report:** Mr. Ronaldo Meyers, Director of the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center, briefed Council on the release process. Once the paperwork from the judge is received, the ASGDC has four hours to release the individual. A follow up meeting to discuss this item with the Legislative Delegation is to be scheduled. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, DETENTION CENTER**
- c. **Sewer Extension Policy:** Mr. Hammett asked Council to schedule a work session on the matter. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **BRWWTP Update:** Mr. Hammett briefed Council on the status of the Broad River Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- e. **Benedict College Update:** Executive Session item.
- f. **Farmers' Market Update:** Mr. Pope stated that no other proposals had been received.
- g. **Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan Update:** Under the Chair's Report.
- h. **Township Property Purchase Update:** Mr. Pope stated that he is going to meet with the Township Board to discuss this item, and will report back to Council. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- i. **Transportation/CMRTA Update:** Mrs. Ancheta informed Council that the Joint County – City Transportation Ad Hoc Committee met, and they are pursuing the long term funding option of the Transportation Sales Tax, up to a penny. The next meeting is October 1.
- j. **Tax Study Committee Update:** Mr. Pope will provide Council with information as it becomes available. The first meeting of this group was just an administrative / organizational-type meeting, so no pertinent action was taken.
- k. **Carolina Clear Presentation:** Mr. Sirini Valavala and Ms. Mary Nevins briefed Council on the status of the stormwater project.
- l. **Personnel Matter:** Executive Session item.
- m. **Recycling Pilot Program Update:** Mr. Tony McDonald informed Council that the County will be enhancing its curbside recycling pilot program. 2000 homes in the pilot area will be using a 95 gallon rollcart for additional recyclable materials. If successful, the program could potentially be expanded County-wide.

- n. **Composting Program:** Mr. Tony McDonald stated that residents bringing yard waste to the Richland County C&D Landfill will now have the option to have their yard waste composted. Compost will be used at the Landfill or for County projects.
- o. **Voter Registration/Election Commission Sub Committee Report:** Ms. Stephany Snowden updated Council on the September 9th meeting of the Sub Committee on Voter Registration and Election Commission. Administration has been asked to further research two structures: One based on the Charleston model in which a single director reports to the Board of Elections and Voter Registration; the other in which the Legislative Delegation would appoint an executive director in which the director of elections and director/chair of Voter Registration would report to this person. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- p. **S.C. Air National Guard:** Ms. Snowden stated that on October 10th and 11th, the South Carolina Air National Guard is hosting an air and ground show at McEntire. This event is free, and is the first of its kind in ten years.

Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **Flu Shots October 20, 9-12 for County employees and dependents.**
- b. **Fall Meeting of SCAC Coalition:** Thursday and Friday, October 15 – 16, Embassy Suites
- c. **Mayor’s Corporate Citizen of Year** – Tuesday, October 6 at noon
- d. **Sweet Honey in the Rock:** September 26 at 8:00pm at the Koger Center
- e. **Columbia World Affairs Council:** October 27th, 6:30pm, Marriott
- f. **SC Minority Enterprise Development Week:** Events on September 24, and September 29

Report of the Chairman

- a. **Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan Update:** Mr. Livingston stated that he had mailed correspondence to the Mayor regarding the plan submitted to the County. We are awaiting a response from the City.

1. Approval of Consent Items

- a. **A Budget Amendment to adjust the budgets for Richland County School District 1 and Richland County School District 2 to the amount which will be yielded by an assessment of the millage cap pursuant to Act 388 [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AUDITOR**
- b. **[REMOVED FROM CONSENT] Request to approve the establishment of a list of qualified engineering and surveying firms**

with whom Richland County may negotiate and award contracts on an “as-needed” basis: Council approved the item. **ACTION: PROCUREMENT**

- c. **[REMOVED FROM CONSENT] A resolution authorizing Richland County’s consent to an amended agreement re-creating a Regional Transit Authority within the geographic area of Richland County and the municipalities therein to be known as the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority:** Council approved the resolution and corresponding amended agreement re-creating a Regional Transit Authority. Mr. Livingston requested Council members wishing to serve on the new Board forward their names to the Clerk. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

2. Report of Economic Development Committee

- a. **Project South:** Council give first reading by title only to the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source revenue credit agreement, and also approved the corresponding SSRC documents. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- b. **Recreation Property MCIP:** Council gave first reading to the ordinance authorizing an amendment to the master agreement governing the I-77 corridor regional industrial park between Richland and Fairfield Counties. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER**
- c. **Village at Sandhill Improvement District Roll:** Council adopted the resolution, thereby approving, confirming, and adopting the 2009 Assessment Roll as presented. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, BUDGET, FINANCE**

3. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee

- a. **Rule Changes**
- i. **Motion for Presentations on 3rd Tuesdays of the Month:** Held in Committee. Legal is to draft verbiage regarding this item. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- b. **Discussion from Rules and Appointments Committee**
 - i. **Draft for Uniform Countywide Letterhead for all County Departments:** Held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- 4. **Council Motion (Jackson, Malinowski, & Kennedy):** To remove from the D&S Committee and present to full council the funding of Alternate Paving with \$2 million from the Road and Maintenance Fee and \$1 million from the CTC bond to fund paving roads in three years max (starting in 2009): Council members are to bring back proposals by December 1. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- 5. **FY 09-10 Annual Action Plan for Community Development:** Council approved the Action Plan. **ACTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 6. **A resolution to appoint and commission Curtis Edward Hopkins as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County:** Council approved the resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ANIMAL CARE**

- 7. **Lobbyist Contract Award:** Deferred to the October 6, 2009 Council meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PROCUREMENT**

- 8. **Detention Center Commissary:** Council approved the inmate commissary contract to McDaniel Supply Company. **ACTION: DETENTION CENTER, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- 9. **Citizen's Input:** One person spoke.

- 10. **Executive Session**
 - a. **Richland County vs. Crossings Development:** Received as information.
 - b. **HBA vs. Richland County:** Received as information.
 - c. **Benedict College:** Staff is to proceed as directed in Executive Session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING, ZONING, EMERGENCY SERVICES**
 - d. **Township Property Purchase:** Received as information.
 - e. **Personnel Matter:** Received as information.
 - f. **Contractual Matter:** Received as information.

- 11. **Motion Period**
 - a. **[Malinowski] Since Richland County already has several acres of land at the site where a farmers market was to be built in conjunction with the state, I would like staff to look into the feasibility of Richland**

County utilizing this land for the same purpose in the future. This will be a tremendous cost savings in the event Richland County describes to build such a market: Referred to the October D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- b. [Manning] Richland County investigate the adoption of an ordinance which results in the enforcement of expired Commercial Vehicle tags, animals and overgrown business properties etc. that parallels that which applies to residential properties in neighborhoods like Woodfield Park. Referred to the October D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, ANIMAL CARE**
- c. [Washington] To request the Administrator to provide by September 22nd the projected obligations, projected collections and projected fund balance from hospitality tax. Referred to the October A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- d. [Washington] To negotiate the purchase of the 1400 Atlas (Boozer Lumber site) property for the purpose of maintaining a local Farmer's market. Referred to the October A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- e. [Malinowski] Any Executive Session item involving an attorney hired outside the normal scope of a regular contract by Richland County will be taken up first so that attorney is not waiting for other matters and receiving unnecessary compensation. Referred to the October Rules and Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

12. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 11:55 p.m.