

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**September 7, 2004
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER -- Scott

INVOCATION – Tuten

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Tuten

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Resolution honoring Eric Finch, Richland 101 for Kids** – Pearce presented a resolution honoring Eric Finch for his participation as emcee at Richland 101 for Kids.
- 2. Resolution recognizing Katherine D. Van Schaik** – Brill presented a resolution honoring Katherine D. Van Schaik for her scholastic achievements.
- 3. S.C. Department of Agriculture – Carolina Q-Cup** – Robert Fuller presented information to Council regarding the first annual Carolina Q-Cup World Barbeque Championship, to be held at the State Farmers Market on October 22-23, 2004.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – One person spoke.

ADOPTION AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as amended.

- a. Item 1a, Ordinance authorizing Revenue Bonds (not exceeding \$300,000,000,000) to acquire a certain project (Project Cookie) and authorizing a Lease Agreement**, was amended to correctly read \$300,000,000.
- b. An Executive Session item, Township Auditorium: Contractual Matter**, was added.
- c. The Executive Session was moved to become item 4, directly after Citizens Input. The Motion Period then became item 5, and Adjournment was item 6.**

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REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- a. Contractual and Personnel Matters, Sheriff Leon Lott**
- b. Whittaker Container vs. Richland County, Legal/Contractual Matter**
- c. Columbia Venture LLC vs. Richland County – Pending Litigation**
- d. Township Auditorium: Contractual Matter**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Special Called Meeting: July 14, 2004

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Special Called Meeting: July 21, 2004

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Special Called Meeting: July 27, 2004

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Zoning Public Hearing: July 27, 2004

The minutes were approved as submitted.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. Welcome Back** – Mr. McSwain welcomed council members back from their summer respite.
- b. Weather Update** – Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, gave a weather update regarding the recent severe weather in Richland County. Mr. Pope mentioned damage estimates and the tornado advisory that was currently in place.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL – Ms. Cannon-Finch welcomed back council members from their summer respite.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS – Items 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, and 1f were opened and closed. No one spoke. Item f, **Bond Ordinance for land purchase for the Township Auditorium**, was discussed in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS – All items except item 1a, **Ordinance authorizing Revenue Bonds not exceeding \$300,000,000 to acquire a certain project (Project Cookie) and authorizing a Lease Agreement**, were approved for the consent agenda and adopted by motion of the County Council.

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1. SECOND READING ITEMS

- a. **Ordinance authorizing Revenue Bonds not exceeding \$300,000,000 to acquire a certain project (Project Cookie) and authorizing a Lease Agreement** – Council approved this item for second reading, and requested that a cost benefit analysis be presented before third reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- b. **Ordinance authorizing execution & delivery of a fee agreement regarding Project Prosperity** – Council approved the ordinance for second reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- c. **Ordinance authorizing Deed to the City of Columbia for waterlines on Blue Cross and Blue Shield’s property** – Council approved the ordinance for second reading. **ACTION: LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**
- d. **An amendment to a Budget Ordinance to create a New Position in the Treasurer’s Office** – Council approved the ordinance amendment for second reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, TREASURER’S OFFICE**
- e. **Ordinance authorizing Lease-Swap Agreement with Richland School District One** – Council approved the ordinance for second reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- f. **04-59MA, H. Heath Hill, RU to M-2, Construction Site, 38800-01-06/07, NW of intersection of McCords Ferry Road, Hwy 601 & Reynolds Road** -- Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to M-2. **ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING**
- g. **04-60MA, Cynthia B. Stukes, D-1 to C-3, Accounting Office, boutique, restaurant, 21800-01-10, 8420 Garners Ferry Road** – Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from D-1 to C-3. **ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING**
- h. **04-63MA, First Canterbury, LLC, RU to PUD-1R, Single Family residential neighborhood, 03400-04-07, NW on Highway 176 bounded by I-26** -- Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to PUD-1R. **ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING**

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- i. 04-65MA, Fairfield Electric, RU to PDD, Office Buildings, Warehouse & Outdoor Storage, 12600-03-01/02** -- Council deferred this item until the next council meeting (September 21, 2004). **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
 - j. Land Development Code**-- Council scheduled a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss this issue. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING**
- 2. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**
 - a. Notification of Vacancies on Boards, Commissions, and Committees**
 - 1. Airport Commission** – 2
 - b. Notification of Appointments on the following Boards, Commissions, and Committees**
 - 1. Accommodations Tax Committee** – Council appointed Jimmy Moore and Bert L. Pooser III to the Accommodations Tax Committee.
 - 2. Community Relations Council** – Council appointed Diane Shaw to the Community Relations Council.
 - 3. Employee Grievance Committee** – Council appointed William Henry Johnson to the Employee Grievance Committee. One vacancy remains to be filled.
 - 4. Internal Audit Committee** – Council appointed John W. Cullum to the Internal Audit Committee.
 - 5. Planning Commission** – Council appointed B. Deas Manning to the Planning Commission.
 - c. Appearance Commission** – Clarification on term limits. Council deferred this issue.
 - d. Flag Procedures** – Directions on when to lower the flag. Council deferred this issue.
- 3. CITIZEN’S INPUT** – No one spoke.

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4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Contractual and Personnel Matters, Sheriff Leon Lott** – Staff was directed to bring back recommendations from the Sheriff and Administration regarding a budget amendment for Victims Assistance funding at the next meeting. The fuel and lab issues were received as information. Council directed staff to bring recommendations to Council regarding the personnel matters pertaining to discussions with the Sheriff, as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUDGET, FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- b. Whittaker Container vs. Richland County, Legal/Contractual Matter** – Staff was directed to renegotiate sections two (2) and six (6). **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- c. Columbia Venture LLC vs. Richland County – Pending Litigation** – This item was received as information. Larry Smith, County Attorney, was directed to come back with recommendations at the next meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- d. Township Auditorium: Contractual Matter** -- This item was received as information.

5. MOTION PERIOD

- a. Administrator's Requests**

 - 1. Sheriff's Grant Requests** – Council approved this grant.
 - 2. Emergency Services – Citizens Corps Grant** – Council approved this grant.
 - 3. Emergency Services – DHEC Grant-in-Aid** – Council approved this grant.
- b. Brady -- Invitation to Speak: Appearance Commission** – Council approved a motion to allow the Appearance Commission to make a presentation to council regarding the landscaping portion of the Land Development Code at the September 22, 2004 Special Called Meeting.

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c. Hospitality Tax Funding Requests

1. Swamp Fest 2004 – Council referred this item to the September 28, 2004 Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

2. 2005 Taco Bell Track and Field Classic – Council referred this item to the September 28, 2004 Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

d. Brady – Resolution: Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients – Council approved the creation of a resolution honoring 35 individuals who received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

6. ADJOURNMENT