

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

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*Tuesday, April 24, 2007
4:00 PM*

Report of Actions

CALL TO ORDER – Norman Jackson called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the March 27, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as submitted.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Air Quality and Non-Attainment Issues in the Columbia Area** – Myra Reece, Chief of the Bureau of Air Quality at SCDHEC, provided the committee with an update on air quality issues in the Columbia area.
- B. City Readiness Initiative** – Leslie Orr of SCDHEC provided members of the committee with information regarding the City Readiness Initiative, a program for responding to chemical or biological attacks.

I. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- Consent A. Request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Clemson University's Institute for Economic and Community Development for the purpose of developing a 5 year strategic plan** – The committee recommended that council approve the MOU with Clemson University's IECD for the purpose of developing a five year strategic plan. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Consent B. Request to approve change order #2 for the 2006 resurfacing project (awarded to Sloan Construction Company, Inc.) to authorize the resurfacing/repair of the SCDOT portion of Mallet Hill Rd** – The committee recommended that council approve the change order. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Deferred

C. Request to allow the Administrator to negotiate the acceptance of the Town of Eastover's water and sewer system for ownership, operation and maintenance by Richland County – This item was deferred to the May meeting.

D. Funding options and prioritization for electric traffic signalization on new and existing county roads

1. Funding Options for Electric Traffic Signals – The committee recommended that council use assessment districts as the funding source for the installation of traffic signals on county maintained roads. The vote was in favor.

2. Proposed Traffic Signal Prioritization Policy – The committee recommended that council approve the traffic signal prioritization policy. The vote was in favor.

Consent

E. Request to approve the installation and maintenance of a traffic signal at the intersection of Summit Parkway and Summit Ridge Drive – The committee recommended that council approve the installation and maintenance of a traffic signal at the intersection of Summit Parkway and Summit Ridge Drive. The vote in favor was unanimous. **(This item will be forwarded to the May 15, 2007 Council Meeting.)**

Consent

F. Request for approval of a Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for sewer service to the Rothstein Tract, Walmart Shopping Center and the upgrade of several existing system components – The committee recommended that council approve the Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for sewer service to the Rothstein Tract, Walmart Shopping Center and the upgrade of several existing system components. The vote in favor was unanimous.

G. Request for approval of a Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for the upgrade of an existing sewer lift station and the construction of an odor control building to serve the Eagles Rest Subdivision – The committee recommended that council approve the Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for the upgrade of an existing sewer lift station and the construction of an odor control building to serve the Eagles Rest Subdivision. The vote was in favor.

Consent

H. Request for approval of a Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for sewer service to River Shoals Subdivision – The committee recommended that council approve the Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for sewer service to River Shoals Subdivision. The vote in favor was unanimous.

I. Request to approve the award of a construction contract to Sloan Construction Company, Inc. for the Paving Program (South Contract) – The committee forwarded this item to the full council without recommendation.

J. Request to place sewer extension authority under Richland County Council – The committee recommended approval of a motion that would place sewer extension

authority under Richland County Council. The motion also included initiation of a study to determine whether to eliminate the current policy of allowing developers to extend sewer lines in exchange for taps; that the administration will conduct a study and make recommendations to Council, as soon as possible, as to another direction to go; that Richland County suspend sewer extension agreements until this particular study has been completed and that Council has acted on those recommendations of staff; the study will include the growth plan for the entire county; a review of consent of the older items; the provision for establishment of a Richland County service area for both water and sewer; and that we need to adopt an ordinance or a resolution that establishes a life of up to five years for all taps, so that all developers have the same benefit. The vote was in favor.

- K. Request to place subdivision authority under the Richland County Planning Commission** – The committee recommended that council give first reading approval to an ordinance that would place subdivision authority under the Richland County Planning Commission. The vote was in favor.

II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

There were no items for information / discussion.

III. ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

- A. Update on clear cutting fines and rezoning requests** – This item will be discussed during the May D&S Committee meeting.
- B. Update on judicial decisions regarding local smoking ordinances** – This item will be discussed during the May D&S Committee meeting.
- C. Sewer Tap Fees for Affordable Housing** – This item will be discussed during the May D&S Committee meeting.
- D. Fair Housing Incentives** – This item will be discussed during the May D&S Committee meeting.
- E. Approval of Construction Contract for the Paving of 2.15 Miles of Dirt Roads in the North Paving Contract** – This item is pending further analysis.

Adjournment

Staffed by Joe Cronin