

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 05, 2013  
6:00 p.m.  
**Amended****

**Call to Order:** Washington

**Invocation:** Washington

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Washington

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a. **Regular Session: October 15, 2013.** Approved as published.
- b. **Zoning Public Hearing: October 22, 2013.** A motion for reconsideration was unanimously approved to amend Case No. 13-32MA from Rural to Light Industrial. The item will be added to the December 2013 Zoning Public Hearing meeting agenda.

The remaining portion of the Minutes was approved as published.

**Adoption of Agenda:** A motion was unanimously approved to move Item 53, Authorizing the use of a portion of funds to be reimbursed to the County by the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA). The Agenda was adopted as amended.

- a. **Authorizing the use of a portion of funds to be reimbursed to the County by the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) as the local match for a study of Rural Transit Services to be conducted by the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG).** A motion was unanimously approved to authorize an amount not to exceed \$20,000 of the amount the County will be reimbursed beginning in January 2014 to be used as the local match for the COG study of rural transit. **ACTION: FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

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

- a. **City of Columbia Election Fees**
- b. **Act 388 Litigation**
- c. **Update on the Village at Sandhills** (also listed under the Report of the County)

Administrator as Item 4a).

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

**Report of the County Administrator:**

- a. **Update on the Village at Sandhills.** Mr. McDonald stated this item would be discussed in Executive Session (also added to the Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items as Item 2C).
- b. **Results of Bond Sale.** Mr. McDonald provided an update on the most recent bond sale of \$17 million, which was approved during the last budget process. The sale took place last week.

The refunding portion of the bond amount of \$5 million was sold at a .4% interest rate. The remaining portion of the bond, \$12 million, was sold at a 2.1% interest rate. Both interest rates are attributed to the County's recent bond rating upgrade to AAA.

**Report of the Clerk of Council:**

- a. **Retreat Location.** Ms. Onley stated she received one proposed site location from Councilman Manning for the Madren Conference Center at Clemson University.
- b. **Columbia Urban League Dinner, November 7th, 6:00 PM, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.** Ms. Onley reiterated the details of the event.
- c. **9th Annual Korean Fall Festival, November 9th, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM, Korean Community Church, 1412 Richland Street.** Ms. Onley reiterated the details of the event.
- d. **Lower Richland Veteran's Day Parade, November 9th, 11:00 AM, Lower Richland Boulevard & Black Swamp Road.** Ms. Onley reiterated the details of the event.
- e. **Korean Era Veterans' Recognition Ceremony, November 13th, 1:00 PM, Township Auditorium.** Ms. Onley reiterated the details of the event.

Mr. Washington requested Council members notify the Clerk and the PIO of intended attendance.

**Report of the Chairman:** No report was given.

**1. Open/Close Public Hearings:**

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Article I, In General; so as to create a new section to handle roadway improvements in the Town of Irmo, South**

**Carolina; and Amending Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Article I, In General; Section 21-6(A); so as to accommodate the new section. No one spoke.**

- b. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations; Article III, Building Codes; Section 6-84, Boarded-Up Structures; so as to provide regulations for commercial boarded-up structures, as well as residential boarded-up structures; and to reference the "Property Maintenance" Division rather than the "Unsafe Housing" Division. No one spoke.**
- c. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article II, Administration; Division 4, Licensing and Bonding of Builders, Contractors and Craftsmen; Section 6-66, so as to delete the requirement of Craftsmen Qualification Cards. No one spoke.**
- d. An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement to School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties for a Sanitary Sewer Line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS # 03300-01-06. No one spoke.**
- e. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Hospitality Tax Budget to appropriate \$100,000 of Hospitality Tax Unassigned Fund Balance for the EdVenture—Next Exhibit Capital. No one spoke.**
- f. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Garbage, Trash and Refuse; Article I, In General; and Article II, Collection and Disposal; Section 12-12, Definitions, and Section 12-16, Conditions for Residential and Small Business Solid Waste Collection-Yard Trash and Other Household Articles; so as to remove reference to "Franchise" and so as to require trash to be bagged in a phased-in manner. One person spoke.**
- g. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Transportation Tax Fund Budget to add one full time position. No one spoke.**
- h. Resolution in Support of Bonds for Affordable Housing Project. No one spoke.**
- i. Adoption of Support Resolution Regarding Not Exceeding \$100,000,000 SC JEDA Revenue Empowerment Zone Bonds and Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Palmetto Compress Preservation Developers, LLC Project), Series 2013 (the "Bonds"). No one spoke.**

**2. Consent Items:**

- a. [REMOVED] An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement to School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties for a Sanitary Sewer Line across land**

owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS # 03300-01-06 [THIRD READING]. A motion was unanimously approved to defer to the November 19, 2013 Council meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING, UTILITIES, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Article I, In General; so as to create a new section to handle roadway improvements in the Town of Irmo, South Carolina; and Amending Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Article I, In General; Section 21-6(A); so as to accommodate the new section [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION****
  
- c. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations; Article III, Building Codes; Section 6-84, Boarded-Up Structures; so as to provide regulations for commercial boarded-up structures, as well as residential boarded-up structures; and to reference the "Property Maintenance" Division rather than the "Unsafe Housing" Division [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: BUILDING & INSPECTIONS, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION****
  
- d. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article II, Administration; Division 4, Licensing and Bonding of Builders, Contractors and Craftsmen; Section 6-66, so as to delete the requirement of Craftsmen Qualification Cards [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: BUILDING & INSPECTIONS, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION****
  
- e. **13-28MA  
John Kilmartin  
M-1 to RU (14.01 Acres) Broad River Road  
02600-09-05(p) [SECOND READING]. Council unanimously gave second reading approval to the map amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL****
  
- f. **[REMOVED] 13-31MA  
Ron Johnson  
RU to RS-LD (25.54 Acres)  
Longtown Road West  
17613-02-08(p) [SECOND READING]. A motion was unanimously approved to defer to the November 19, 2013 Council meeting. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL****
  
- g. **13-33MA  
Carolyn Peake**

**RU to GC (4.097 Acres)**

**10931 & 10901 Two Notch Road**

**29000-01-01/05 & 29004-01-02 [SECOND READING].** Council unanimously gave second reading approval to the map amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- h. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Land Development; Article II, Rules of Construction/Definitions; Section 26-21, Rules of Construction Information; Subsection (b), General Rules of Construction; Paragraph (9), Contiguous [SECOND READING].** Council unanimously gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- i. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Land Development; Article V, Zoning Districts and District Standards; Section 26-151, Permitted Uses with Special Requirements; so as to delete manufactured home parks from the M-1 Zoning District [SECOND READING].** Council unanimously gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- j. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VI, Supplemental Use Standards; Section 26-152, Special Exceptions; Subsection (d), Standards; Paragraph (26) Special Congregate Facilities; so as to provide additional requirements for same [SECOND READING].** Council unanimously gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- k. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article IX, Swimming Pool Code; Section 6-168, Requirements; so as to reference the 2012 Edition of the International Building Code [FIRST READING].** Council unanimously gave first reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- l. To Council the County's legislative lobbyist to lobby the state legislature for the enactment of legislation similar to the authority that municipalities currently have for addressing overgrown lots.** Council unanimously approved the request to lobby the state legislature for the enactment of legislation similar to the authority that municipalities currently have for addressing overgrown lots. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- m. [REMOVED] Richland County Sheriff's Department Funding Request for Security Camera Array.** Council unanimously approved the A&F Committee's recommendation to table the item for further discussion during budget meetings. **ACTION: SHERIFF, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**
- n. [REMOVED] Elections & Voter Registration Office & Warehouse**

**Consolidation.** Council unanimously approved the A&F Committee's recommendation to table the item for further discussion during budget meetings.

**ACTION: ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION, FINANCE, UTILITIES**

- o. [REMOVED] Approval of Elections and Voter Registration Budget Amendment.** Council unanimously gave first reading approval to the requested amount of 658,122.56 minus \$42,500 in funding for the Voter Outreach Coordinator position, which will be funded using existing funds from the Elections and Voter Registration office.

Future funding for the position and any additional savings realized from the purchase of the laptops will be deducted from the requested amount and considered during the FY 14-15 budget meetings. **ACTION: ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION, FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, PROCUREMENT**

- p. Request to Purchase Real Property – Decker Boulevard Acquisition Project (FEMA Grant).** Council unanimously approved the purchase price of \$538,683.48, which reflects the removal of \$11,316.52 in delinquent taxes from the original amount requested of \$561,317. A motion for reconsideration failed.

**ACTION: FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, GRANTS, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

- q. [REMOVED] Midlands Healthcare Collaborative (MHC): Use of Third Floor in Richland County Health Department for Free Comprehensive Healthcare Center and In-Kind Assistance.** Council unanimously approved negotiating the terms of a formal agreement with the Collaborative, which includes control mechanisms for potential liabilities.

The request is for the use of the third floor in the Richland County Health Department, and in-kind assistance for the purpose of providing free medical, vision, and dental services to uninsured and underinsured adults in Richland, Lexington and Fairfield Counties, and dental services to uninsured children in Richland and Lexington Counties. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE, SUPPORT SERVICES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- r. [REMOVED] Hospitality Tax Ordinance Agency Procurement.** Council unanimously approved a substitute motion to develop, adopt and monitor procurement guidelines as it relates to funding allocated from Richland County which will include input from agency directors.

The requested information will be added to the 2014 Council Retreat Agenda and discussed further at that time. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, FINANCE**

- s. **[REMOVED] Hospitality Tax Ordinance Agency Spending in Unincorporated Richland.** Council unanimously approved the following alternative recommendation proposed by CFO, Daniel Driggers, in the Request of Action:

“ . . . to not withhold additional current year payments but to have the committee make the necessary assessments prior to January and make any additional Agency requirements for the fiscal year 2015 budget process.”

This item will be added to the 2014 Council Retreat Agenda and discussed further at that time. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, FINANCE**

- t. **Public Hearing and Resolution in Support of Bonds for Affordable Housing Project.** Council unanimously approved the Public Hearing and adopted a Resolution in support of the acquisition of an affordable housing facility located in Richland County, which will be financed by a loan from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Wisconsin Public Finance Authority to Companion Associates Inc. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE**
- u. **Richland County LED Lighting Pilot Project.** Council unanimously approved the request to fund an LED Lighting Pilot Project for the Public Works building. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, SUPPORT SERVICES, SUSTAINABILITY, GRANTS**
- v. **[REMOVED] Request for Public Hearing and Adoption of Support Resolution regarding Not Exceeding \$100,000,000 South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Revenue Empowerment Zone Bonds and Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Palmetto Compress Preservation Developers, LLC Project), Series 2013 (the “Bonds”).** Council unanimously approved the public hearing and adopted a support resolution in connection with the issuance of the Bonds by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority. The Bonds will be used to acquire, redevelop, renovate and equip a building in downtown Columbia commonly referred to as the Palmetto Compress Warehouse. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE**

## 2. Third Reading Items:

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Hospitality Tax Budget to appropriate \$100,000 of Hospitality Tax Unassigned Fund Balance for the EdVenture -Next Exhibit Capital.** A motion was unanimously approved to defer to the November 19, 2013 Council meeting for staff to provide additional information. **ACTION: GRANTS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Transportation Tax**

**Fund Budget to add one full time position.** Council gave third reading approval to the item. **ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES**

**3. Report of Development and Services Committee:**

- a. **Proposed Comprehensive Business Approval Process Framework for Applicants.** Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to direct the Business Center and Planning Department to create a detailed step by step process for applicants. **ACTION: BUSINESS SERVICES, PLANNING, BUILDING CODES, FIRE MARSHAL, LEGAL**
- b. **Bagging of Yard Debris in Solid Waste Collection Service Areas 2 and 6.** Received as information. This item was deferred from October 15, 2013 pending an update.

Staff was directed to provide Council a plan for providing unrestricted pick up of yard waste, discontinue bagging and bundling requirements and that yard waste items will not be placed in the roadway. Staff will also explore composting opportunities for implementation in the future. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, LEGAL, PLANNING**

- c. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Garbage, Trash and Refuse; Article I, In General; and Article II, Collection and Disposal; Section 12-12, Definitions, and Section 12-16, Conditions for Residential and Small Business Solid Waste Collection-Yard Trash and Other Household Articles; so as to remove reference to "Franchise" and so as to require trash to be bagged in a phased-in manner [FIRST READING].** No action was taken.

**4. Report of Economic Development Committee:**

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing Certain Economic Incentives, including payment of a fee in lieu of property taxes and other related matters, pursuant to a fee agreement between Richland County, South Carolina, and Project Ruby, pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and other related matters [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY].** Council approved the Committee's recommendation to give first reading approval by title only to the ordinance. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, LEGAL ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Fairfield County, South Carolina, to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain real property located in Fairfield County; and other related matters.** Council unanimously approved the Committee's

recommendation to give first reading approval to the amendment. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, LEGAL ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

**5. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee:**

**a. Notification of Vacancies**

- i. Board of Assessment Appeals-1; there will be one vacancy on this board**

**LaShonda Outing, December 14, 2013\***

**\*Eligible for reappointment**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- ii. Building Codes Board of Appeals-1; there will be one vacancy on this board**

**David A. Cook (Plumbing), December 14, 2013**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- iii. Employee Grievance Committee-4; there are currently three vacancies, and one upcoming vacancy on this committee**

**Deborah Jordan, November 16, 2013\*  
Josephine McRant, May 17, 2014 (Resigned)  
Staci Pritchard, November 3, 2012 (Resigned)  
William T. Young, May 5, 2012**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- iv. Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council-2; there will be two terms expiring on this board**

**Rev. Gregory B. Cunningham, December 31, 2013 \*  
L. L. Buddy Wilson, December 31, 2013\***

**\* Eligible for reappointment**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- v. **Midlands Workforce Development Board-1; there is one vacancy on this board**

**Julia Lawson, formerly of the Wateree Community Action  
(Resigned)**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- vi. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board-3; there will be three positions on this board**

**Bill Bradshaw, December 31, 2013  
Calvin H. Elam, December 31, 2013  
Dr. Jerry Odom, December 31, 2013**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- vii. **Planning Commission-1; there is one vacancy on the commission**

**Howard Van Dine, III, March 15, 2015 (termination)**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to advertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**b. Notification of Appointments:**

- i. **Accommodations Tax Committee-2; [one position for hospitality, and one for lodging]; no applications have been received.]**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to readvertise. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- ii. **Building Codes Board of Appeals-1; there is one vacancy on this board for the position of architect; and one application was received for the position:**

**Ashley Scott, Architect**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to appoint Ashley Scott. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- iii. **Central Midlands Council of Governments-2; there are two appointments to be made to this board; an application was received from the following: [PAGES 247-249]**

**Anthony "Tony" Mizzell\***

**\*Eligible for reappointment**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to reappoint Tony Mizzell. Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to readvertise the remaining vacant position. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- iv. Community Relations Council-1; there is one vacancy on this board; and one application was received from the following individual:**

**Dwayne Smiling**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to appoint Dwayne Smiling. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- v. Hospitality Tax Committee-2; there are two vacancies on this committee, and currently no applications have been received.**

Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to readvertise both vacancies. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- vi. Planning Commission-2; there are currently two appointments to be made to this commission; applications were received from the following:**

**Marilyn Joyner  
Robert A. Lapin  
Greg L. Lehman  
Edward "Eddie" Yandle**

This item was held in committee pending additional interviews.  
**ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- c. Discussion from Rules and Appointments Committee**
- i. Request that the SCAC post the Rules, Regulations, and Bylaws on the SCAC website and that each County and/or County Chair should have the opportunity to make a recommendation to the board regarding their representative when vacancies become available and that the representative should be term limited [DICKERSON]. A motion was unanimously approved to divide the item as follows:**

- (1) **Request that the SCAC post the Rules, Regulations, and Bylaws on the SCAC website.** Staff was directed to contact SCAC and request the rules, regulations and bylaws be posted on their website.
- (2) **Each County and/or County Chair should have the opportunity to make a recommendation to the board regarding their representative when vacancies become available.** Mr. Malinowski stated this information is included in SCAC's bylaws; therefore, no action is required.
- (3) **The representative should be term limited.** Mr. Malinowski stated this information is included in SCAC's bylaws; therefore, no action is required. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

## 6. Other Items:

- a. **Report of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee:**
  - i. **Summary of Visits to the York and Charleston County Transportation Programs.** Mr. Livingston provided a recap of the visits which is also contained on pp. 183-184 of the Agenda.
  - ii. **Committee recommended approval of Request for Proposals and its release for Program Development Team.** Council approved the Committee's recommendation to amend the draft RFP Section VIII - Selection Criteria, Item E - Location of PDT and subconsultants, from "25%" to "20%," and the remaining 5% be added to Item B - Program Approach on pp. 298-299 of the Agenda. A motion for reconsideration failed. **ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  - iii. **Committee Recommended Approval of Request for Proposals and its Release for On-Call Engineering Teams.** Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to assist Richland County staff in providing general engineering services on an on-call basis for the preparation of preliminary plans, right of way plans, and final construction plans for capital programs as directed by the County Administrator or his designee. A motion for reconsideration failed. **ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  - iv. **Next scheduled meeting: Monday, November 18th at 2:00. Topic will be Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with SCDOT.** For information only.
- b. **Report of the Internal Audit Work Session:**
  - i. **Contract Approval: Build Your City, County, Country [ACTION].** A motion was unanimously approved for the County Administrator to

negotiate a contract which includes an estimate of travel and related service fees and present it to Council prior to execution. A motion for reconsideration failed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL**

**c. Report of the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee:**

- i. Direct staff to provide Council with as much neutral information as possible with regards to the privatization of the system. This may involve engaging a consultant to obtain this information [ACTION].** A substitute motion was approved to explore options for the system, including a cost comparison of selling versus outsourcing the management or privatization of the system. **ACTION: UTILITIES, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL**

**d. Report of the Hospitality Tax Review Committee:**

**i. Adding New Ordinance Agencies:**

- a. Township.** Council unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to look into adding the Township as an Ordinance or a Millage agency.

This item will be discussed further during the budget meetings. **ACTION: GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL**

- b. Renaissance Foundation.** No action was taken.

- ii. Reviewing equity and allowances related to the Ordinance Agencies and establish a mechanism for annual or every other year review of Ordinance Agency funding.** Council approved the Committee's recommendation to (1) require all Hospitality Tax funded agencies to submit the same end reporting information and (2) allow in the budget process the consideration of the budget amounts that are in the Hospitality Tax Ordinance and have them on the floor each year. **ACTION: GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL**

- iii. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; Section 23-69, Distribution of Funds, so as to clarify and revise the language therein [FIRST READING].** Council approved the Committee's recommendation to give first reading approval to the ordinance.

The ordinance language will be amended to make H-Tax Ordinance agency funding amounts flexible, remove the language discussing annual, automatic CPI-based increases and decreases and presented to Council at the November 19, 2013 Council meeting. **ACTION: GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL**

- e. **Report of the Jail Ad Hoc Committee:**
  - i. **Management/Operational Study Contract.** Council approved the Committee's recommendation to negotiate the contract with the terms not to exceed \$139,000. **ACTION: DETENTION CENTER, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL**
- f. **Authorizing the use of a portion of funds to be reimbursed to the County by the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) as the local match for a study of Rural Transit Services to be conducted by the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG).** This item was moved up and discussed immediately following the Adoption of the Agenda.

7. **Citizens' Input:** One person spoke.

8. **Executive Session:**

- a. **City of Columbia Election Fees.** The following motion was unanimously approved:

"I move that Richland County not pay the legal fees or costs and not enter into an agreement to pay legal fees or costs under any circumstances for any party or entity that requests the Board of Elections and Voter Registration of Richland County (the "Board") to conduct an election.

"I further move that any party or entity requesting that the Board conduct an election so long as the Board is funded by Richland County shall be responsible for paying the Board's and Richland County's legal fees and costs if the County or the Board is named as a defendant in a lawsuit in any court as a result of an error or omission on the part of the party or entity requesting that the Board conduct the election at issue, or if the lawsuit arises from that party's or entity's election process." **ACTION: LEGAL**

- b. **Act 388 Litigation.** The following motion was approved:

"Direct retention of counsel as discussed in Executive Session." **ACTION: LEGAL, ASSESSOR**

- c. **Update on the Village at Sandhills** (also listed as Item 4a). An update was provided. No action was taken.

**Motion Period:**

- a. **Richland County will perform a County-wide disparity study [WASHINGTON]. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Richland County will develop a "Water & Sewer Authority" [WASHINGTON]. This item was forwarded to the D&S Committee. ACTION: UTILITIES, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **The County will hire an expert in the field of hydrology to develop a plan and be responsible for implementation of drainage and ditch program [WASHINGTON]. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. **To add to the Internal Audit List the following departments: Planning and Human Resources [DIXON]. This item was forwarded to the Internal Audit Committee. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- e. **Move that Council fund the County Sheriff's Office as needed to implement the Richland County Sheriff's Department public safety plan for the 5 Points area in coordination with the Columbia Police Department and other law enforcement agencies [ROSE]. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. ACTION: SHERIFF, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- f. **Move to explore other programs for at risk youth that have been successful in other jurisdictions to curb gang and/or crime affiliation by youth [ROSE]. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. ACTION: SHERIFF, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- g. **Resolution Acknowledging Richland County and South Carolina's Sexual Trauma Statistics [MANNING]. This item was unanimously approved. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- h. **Resolution Designating Taiwan, Asia as Richland County's Sister City [WASHINGTON]. This item was unanimously approved. ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- i. **All entities who submit annual budget requests to Richland County and receive funding based on that request will submit an annual report prior to the budget meetings that show additional funds received that year from all other sources, including in-kind contributions. The purpose of this motion is to have every agency receiving budget funds from taxpayer monies being treated equal. [MALINOWSKI]. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. ACTION: GRANTS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**9. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 8:57 p.m.