

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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

March 19, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Washington

Invocation: Jackson

Pledge of Allegiance: Jackson

Presentation of Resolutions

- a. **American Red Cross Proclamation [LIVINGSTON].** Mr. Livingston and Ms. Dickerson, on behalf of Council, presented the Proclamation to Stephany Snowden on behalf of the American Red Cross.
- b. **Proclamation Honoring Ms. Vikki Pasco as the SC Association of Conservation District's Teacher of the Year [DIXON].** Ms. Dixon, on behalf of Council, presented the Proclamation to Ms. Pasco.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Regular Session: March 5, 2013:** Approved as published.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as published.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. **Singley vs. Norfolk Southern.** A motion was made and passed to have this item discussed during the Attorney's Report for Executive Session Items section because the matter involved outside counsel. Staff was directed to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- b. **Penny Sales Tax Litigation Update.** A motion was made and passed to have this item discussed during the Attorney's Report for Executive Session Items section because the matter involved outside counsel. Discussion was for information purposes only, no action was taken.
- c. **Election Challenge/Personnel .** A motion was made and passed to have this item discussed during the Attorney's Report for Executive Session Items section because the matter involved outside counsel. Discussion was for information

purposes only, no action was taken.

- d. **Columbia Venture Update.** An update was provided during open session for information purposes only.

Citizen's Input: No one spoke.

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Planning Department's Recognition - Recipient of the National Association of County Planners Award of Merit in the Grass Roots Initiative Category.** Mr. McDonald updated Council on the details of the recognition. The award will be presented on Sunday, April 14, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the County Planning Division's Annual Business Meeting to be held at the American Planning Association's National Conference in Chicago, Illinois.
- b. **Local Government Fund Status.** Mr. McDonald updated Council on the current funding amounts, and stated that weekly and monthly tracking of related activities are ongoing. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- c. **Health Insurance Update.** Mr. McDonald stated that a Request for Proposal, which will be open to new vendors with the goal of obtaining better benefits, additional services and lower costs, is forthcoming. The new term for health insurance coverage will begin in October 2013. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE**

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **Township Board Luncheon, March 26, 2013 from 12:00-1:00 p.m., Township Auditorium.** Ms. Onley provided Council with the details of the luncheon and stated she would provide more information when it became available. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Report of the Chairman. No report.

Presentations

- a. **Columbia City Ballet, William Starrett.** William Starrett, Executive and Artistic Director, gave a presentation to Council on the accomplishments and activities of Columbia City Ballet, which is celebrating its 53rd year in the community.
- b. **Turning Leaf Project, Amy Barch and Willette Brown.** Amy Barch and Willette Brown gave a presentation on the Turning Leaf Project. The program will be discussed on *Richland Radio* on April 19, 2013 in honor of National Crime Victims' Week. A graduation ceremony is also being planned for May 2013.
- c. **Widows of Opportunity, Kim Richardson.** Kimberly Richardson, President,

gave an overview on the Widows of Opportunity program. Ms. Richardson was encouraged to follow up with a community church and the Public Information Office to share more details and disseminate information about the program.

ACTION: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Open/Close Public Hearings

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Section 21-21, Transportation Improvement Program; so as to include funds for resurfacing of existing paved roads. No one spoke.**
- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article II, Administration; Division 2, Building Codes and Inspections Director; Section 6-31, Powers and Duties; Subsection (e), Determination of Alternate Materials and Alternate Methods of Construction; and Subsection (f), Reports; so as to properly reference the Building Codes Board of Appeals rather than the "Building Codes Board of Adjustment." No one spoke.**

1. Consent Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Section 21-21, Transportation Improvement Program; so as to include funds for resurfacing of existing paved roads [THIRD READING]. Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **A General Bond Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds of Richland County, South Carolina; prescribing the form of bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds from the sources provided herein; creating certain funds and providing for payments into such funds; and other matters relating thereto [THIRD READING]. Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: GRANTS, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- c. **A First Supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Richland County, South Carolina, Hospitality Tax Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, or such other appropriate series designation, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$22,750,000; delegating authority to the County Administrator to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto [THIRD READING]. Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- d. **An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2013A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto [THIRD READING].** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: FINANCE, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article II, Administration; Division 2, Building Codes and Inspections Director; Section 6-31, Powers and Duties; Subsection (e), Determination of Alternate Materials and Alternate Methods of Construction; and Subsection (f), Reports; so as to properly reference the Building Codes Board of Appeals rather than the "Building Codes Board of Adjustment."** [SECOND READING]. Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: BUILDING CODES AND INSPECTIONS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

2. Report of Economic Development Committee

- a. **Kaiserslautern, Germany Delegation Visit, April 6-9.** Mr. Livingston informed Council of the details of the visit and provided highlights of the draft agenda. Mr. Livingston will forward the final agenda to Council members upon its completion. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

3. Report of Rules and Appointments Committee

- a. **Notification of Appointments**
- i. **Accommodations Tax Committee-2; no applications were received for this committee.** Readvertise. This item is being held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- ii. **Airport Commission-1; applications were received from the following:**
- **Stephen Burnette**
 - **Bruce K. Cole***
 - **John Mark Dean***
- *Eligible for reappointment.** This item is being held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- iii. **Board of Assessment Appeals-1; an application was received from John F. Kososki.** This item is being held in Committee. **ACTION:**

CLERK OF COUNCIL

iv. **Board of Zoning Appeals-2; applications were received from the following:**

- **Susanne H. Cecere***
- **Josephine F. Laney**
- **T. Ralph Meetze***
- **Frank Richardson**

***Eligible for reappointment.** This item is being held in Committee.

ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

v. **Business Service Center Appeals Board-2; applications were received from the following:**

- **John F. Hamilton, CMA, CPA**
- **Teri Hutson Salane, Attorney**

***Eligible for reappointment.** This item is being held in Committee.

ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER

b. i. **Central Midlands Council of Governments-1; an application was received from Robert Alan Lapin.** This item is being held in Committee.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

ii. **Employee Grievance Committee-2; no applications were received.** This item is being held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iii. **Hospitality Tax Committee-3; applications were received from the following:**

- **Amber Mathis Martin**
- **Michael Wright**
- **Robert G. Tunell***

***Eligible for reappointment.** This item is being held in Committee.

ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

iv. **Internal Audit Committee-1; an application was received from Dr. Sandra C. Manning*.** ***Eligible for reappointment.** This item is being held in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

v. **Planning Commission-2; applications were received from the following:**

- **Heather Cairns***
- **Kimberly P. Fulton**
- **Stephen Gilchrist***
- **Michael Wright**

***Eligible for reappointment.** This item is being held in Committee.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL

c. Discussion from Rules and Appointments Committee

- i. Community Relations.** This item is being held in Committee. Additional information is being requested from the Community Relations Council.
ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

4. Other Items

- a. Report of the Decker Center Ad Hoc Committee.** Mr. Manning provided an update to Council. A motion was approved to accept the Committee's recommendation for Administration to explore funding packages to address the project's budget shortfall. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS, SUPPORT SERVICES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, DECKER CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Council Work Session: 2013 Council Retreat - Transportation Penny Items.** This item is forwarded to the March 26, 2013 work session. **ACTION: JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE**
- c. Report of the Dirt Road Committee.** Ms. Dixon made a motion to defer all items to the March 25, 2013 meeting. **ACTION: DIRT ROAD COMMITTEE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
- d. Election Commission Funding Request: Richland School District One Special Election.** This item was forwarded to the March 26, 2013 A&F Committee meeting. **ACTION: ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION, RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

5. Citizen's Input. No one spoke.

6. Executive Session

- a. Singley vs. Norfolk Southern.** This item was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Attorney's Report for Executive Session.
- b. Penny Sales Tax Litigation Update.** This item was discussed earlier in the

meeting during the Attorney's Report for Executive Session.

- c. **Election Challenge/Personnel** .This item was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Attorney's Report for Executive Session.

7. Motion Period

- a. **A Resolution honoring Lower Richland Girls Basketball AAA State Champions and Coach Debbie Stroman as seven-time State Champion Coach [JACKSON and WASHINGTON].** Council forwarded this item to the April 23, 2013 D&S Committee meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

- b. **A Resolution honoring Keenan Girls Basketball AA State Champions [RUSH].** Council forwarded this item to the April 23, 2013 D&S Committee meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

- 8. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.