

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
July 23, 2013
Immediately Following Zoning Public Hearing**

Call to Order: Washington

Invocation: Malinowski

Pledge of Alliance: Malinowski

Presentation of Resolutions

1. a. **2013 National Aviation Week Proclamation:** Pearce and Rush presented the Proclamation to Chris Eversmann, Director of the Hamilton-Owens Airport.

Approval of Minutes

2. **Regular Session: July 16, 2013:** Approved as submitted.

Adoption of Agenda: Approved as amended (Moved item 10.b.2 to item 3.5).

Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items

3. a. **City of Columbia Election Fee Agreement:** Mr. Farrar stated that the item is a contractual matter, and therefore, could be discussed in Executive Session

- 3.5 **Allowing the Town of Eastover and Town of Irmo to apply for Hospitality funds as the County collects Hospitality Tax in these areas:** Council approved allowing the Town of Eastover and the Town of Irmo to apply for Hospitality Tax funds as a direct recipient versus having to go through a 501c3. Town of Irmo funds are to be spent in the Richland County portion of Irmo. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, FINANCE, LEGAL**

4. **For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing:** No one spoke.

Report of the County Administrator: No report.

Report of the Clerk of Council: No report.

Report of the Chairman: With no objection from Council, the Pending Ordinance Doctrine was imposed for the Open Space Ordinance, which was given second reading at the Zoning Public Hearing. **ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING**

Third Reading Items

5. **Small Local Business Enterprise ("SLBE") Program:** Council deferred this item until the September 10, 2013 Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PROCUREMENT**

Second Reading Items

6. **An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the approval of any special exception requests to establish a special congregate facility within the unincorporated areas of Richland County:** County Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance and imposed the pending ordinance doctrine once the Public Hearing has been advertised. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Report of Development and Services Committee

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 - a. **Bagging Yard Debris in Solid Waste Collection Service Areas 2 and 6:** Council directed staff to bring back alternatives, including recommendations for areas with and without storm drainage systems, at the September 10, 2013 County Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, SOLID WASTE, PUBLIC WORKS, STORMWATER**
 - b. **Exploration of Water and/or Sewer Service Expansion in Unincorporated Richland County:** This item will be taken up at the September 10, 2013 Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING, UTILITIES**
 - c. **To Adopt and Codify the 2011 Edition of the National Electrical Code and the 2012 Editions of the International Residential, Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire and Property Maintenance Codes respectively:** This item will be taken up at the September 10, 2013 Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUILDING & INSPECTIONS, LEGAL**
 - d. **Amend Section 6-84, Boarded-up Structures, so as to include commercial structures; and change the name of the "Unsafe Housing Division" to the "Unsafe Structures Division":** This item was deferred in committee to their September 24, 2013 meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, BUILDING & INSPECTIONS**

- e. **Termination of the Restrictive Covenants for the Private Driveway Subdivision - Murray Lancaster Estates:** Council approved the termination of the Restrictive Covenants for the private driveway subdivision, Murray Lancaster Estate. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING, LEGAL**
- f. **Acquisition of Unclaimed Land within Undeveloped Right of Ways for Devils Ditch Maintenance Access and Enhancement:** This item will be taken up at the September 10, 2013 Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL**
- g. **Codify Maintenance Regulations:** This item will be taken up at the September 10, 2013 Council Meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUILDING SERVICES, LEGAL**

Report of Administration and Finance Committee

- 8. a. **Adoption of Americans with Disabilities Act Policy:** This item was not discussed in the A&F Committee Meeting, but will appear on an upcoming A&F agenda. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **Grant Application Approval for Crane Creek Management Plan Implementation for Public Works Department:** Council approved the South Carolina Nonpoint Source Program Section 319 Partial Watershed Implementation Grant application to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control for four (4) projects identified in the Crane Creek Watershed Management Plan. If the grant is awarded, the project match, which has not yet been determined, is available in the Stormwater Division's budget. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, STORMWATER, GRANTS, FINANCE**
- c. **Owens Field Trail Improvement Project for Conservation Department:** Council approved the Conservation Department's and Conservation Commission's partnership with the Gills Creek Watershed Association in a South Carolina Nonpoint Source Program Section 319 Partial Watershed Implementation Grant to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control for the Owens Field Trail Improvement Project. The grant would assist in the implementation of stormwater best management practices. The Conservation Commission would fund the match from funds previously approved by Council in FY 13. **ACTION: CONSERVATION, PUBLIC WORKS, STORMWATER, GRANTS, FINANCE**
- d. **Request for Bond Ordinance Approval in Accordance with Capital Project Recommendation of Richland County Administrator [First Reading]:** Council gave first reading approval by title only to a bond ordinance for up to \$17.2M in accordance with the capital projects recommendation of the County Administrator. Bond funds will be used to replace public safety vehicles, upgrade

the Sheriff Department's in-car video equipment / cameras, and computers, purchase land for economic development, purchase a facility for the Dentsville Magistrate, purchase a new facility for the Coroner, and building improvements [ie, replace flooring (tile / carpet, etc.), roofing, etc.], among other items. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- e. **Richland County Sheriff's Department Freedom Award Resolution:** Council approved the Resolution for the Richland County Sheriff's Department in recognition of the Freedom Award, which will be presented to the Sheriff's Department in Washington, D.C. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
- f. **Consent Agenda Deferral Policy:** This item will be taken up at the September 10, 2013 Council Meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- g. **Request to Add School Resource Officer Positions [First Reading]:** Council gave first reading approval by title only to a budget amendment for eight (8) new deputy positions requested by Richland – Lexington School District 5 for additional School Resource Officers. Council's approval is given with the understanding that School District 5 will pay 100% of all costs associated with these 8 officers. If the School District does not pay 100% of all costs associated with these 8 officers, the positions will be terminated. **ACTION: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

Other Items

- 9. **City of Columbia Election Fee Agreement [ACTION]:** Council approved the document, as amended, to state that Richland County will not be responsible for any legal costs. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 10. **Report of the Hospitality Tax Review Committee**
 - a. **Olive Branch Network of SC Funding Request:** Council approved \$50,000 for the Olive Branch Network of SC for the Greater North East Summer Jam Concert Series from the Hospitality Tax Fund Balance, which requires a budget amendment. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - b. **Review Current Hospitality Tax Guidelines**
 - 1. **Allowing Expenditures such as venue fees or rentals, transportation or accommodations, salaries, food or beverages, and staging or fencing:** Council approved the expenditure of venue fees or rentals, transportation or accommodations, food or beverages, and staging or fencing to be included in allowable Hospitality Tax expenditures for

recipients of County Promotion funding. This item goes into effect for FY 14; as such, grantees will be notified of the revisions to the allowable expenditures, and will be permitted to submit amended FY 14 budgets. The vote to reconsider failed **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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11. **Report of the Caughman Pond/Pinewood Lake Ad Hoc Committee:** Staff will work with the consultants on the project components selected by the Committee (\$1.4M) for Phase I of the project. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT**

12. Report of the Dirt Road Committee

- a. **Update on Engineering Contract:** Council authorized staff to finalize negotiations with Civil Engineering Consulting Services to provide public outreach for the Dirt Road Paving program funded through the Transportation Penny, and to provide design services for 45 identified Low-Volume roads funded through the CTC and Road Maintenance fund balance (previously approved by Council as the Low Volume Pilot Project). The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**
- b. **Update on Paving Projects:** Incorporated into Item 12.a.

Citizen's Input

13. **Must Pertain to Items Not on the Agenda:** No one spoke.

Executive Session: None

Motion Period

14. a. **A Resolution honoring Josiah Washington on representing Richland County with his participation on Jeopardy and for speaking on behalf of the Richland Library at the Budget Public Hearing. [Jackson]** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.