



Administration and Finance Committee

Joyce Dickerson	Paul Livingston	Greg Pearce (Chair)	Jim Manning	
District 2	District 4	District 6	District 8	

July 26, 2016 - 6:00 PM

2020 Hampton St.

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

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Adjournment



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RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SOUTH CAROLINA

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 28, 2016
6:00 PM
County Council Chambers

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pearce called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: May 24, 2016 – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Emergency Services: Equipment Purchases for Remounting Ambulances, Stretcher & EKG Upgrades – Mr. Pearce stated the request is to remount 10 ambulances, purchase 14 Stryker stretchers, and add Phillips telemetry links to existing Phillips EKG monitors.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the purchase to remount 10 ambulance vehicles from Taylor Made Ambulance Company for a cost of \$884,400; purchase 14 Stryker Stretchers for \$272,728.51; and purchase EKG Telemetry System from Phillips for \$100,886.69 using funding from the EMS Bond account. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council Motion Regarding the Development of a Business License Ordinance for Hospice Agencies – Mr. Bronson stated the Coroner has recommended either increasing the cremation and/or autopsy fee or to implement a fee for burial permits to offset the costs for burial of hospice patients. Administration supports the increase of one or both of the fees instead of implementing the burial permit fee.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to forward to Council with a recommendation to support Administration's recommendation. The vote was in favor.



Council Members Present

Greg Pearce, Chair
District Six

Joyce Dickerson
District Two

Paul Livingston
District Four

Others Present:

Bill Malinowski
Julie-Ann Dixon
Damon Jeter
Norman Jackson
Torrey Rush
Tony McDonald
Kevin Bronson
Warren Harley
Brandon Madden
Michelle Onley
Larry Smith
Roxanne Ancheta
Daniel Driggers
Kim Roberts
Quinton Epps
Nancy Stone-Collum
Geo Price
Valeria Jackson
Dwight Hanna
Hayden Davis
Pam Davis
Bill Peters
Michael Byrd
Shahid Khan
Rudy Curtis

Community Development: Approval of FY16-17 Budgets within the FY16-17 Annual Action for Community Development Department Federal Funds

– Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the FY16-17 estimated budgets for CDBG and HOME to be found in the FY16-17 Action Plan due to HUD by August 15, 2016. These funds are grant funds from the U. S. Department of HUD.

Mr. Livingston inquired if there is public input prior to submitting the annual action plan.

Ms. Jackson stated HUD requires a public hearing and public comment period. The public comment period will be in July into the first part of August. Due to Council being in recess in August the action plan is being presented to Council prior to the public hearing. The Action Plan can be amended throughout the course of the year, but will require additional public input.

Mr. Livingston requested a friendly amendment to review the Action Plan at the September 13th Council meeting.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Community Development: Allocation of HOME funds to the Columbia Housing Authority – Ms. Jackson stated the request is for Council to approve the allocation of HOME funds in the amount of \$200,000 to the Columbia Housing Authority for scattered site housing in conjunction with the demolition of Gonzales Gardens. The City of Columbia approved \$643,000, which left a gap of \$200,000 for the overall project costs.

Mr. Livingston inquired about the amount of HOME funds received annually.

Ms. Jackson stated the County receives approximately \$500,000. The requested \$200,000 would be a loan to the Columbia Housing Authority.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if there was a time limit and restriction on what the HOME funds could be spent on.

Ms. Jackson stated the funds have to be used toward affordable housing. It can be for homeownership or rental, but it has to be committed within 4 years and 2 years to expend the funds.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the length of the loan to the Columbia Housing Authority.

Ms. Jackson stated it will depend on how the agreement is structured.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the wording of the letter from Mr. Gilbert Walker will commit the County to a TIF.

Ms. Dickerson expressed concern that the funds are not being utilized in the unincorporated area.

Mr. Livingston stated the County will benefit from this project with the increase of taxable properties.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to fund \$200,000 in HOME funds to CHA/CHAD to construct up to 6 homes. The vote was in favor.

Support Services: Guidance for Maintenance of Non-County Owned Property between the Administration Facility and Hampton & Harden Streets – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to direct staff to determine the legal basis for the City ordinance, and

subsequently negotiate a memorandum of understanding which includes the level of responsibility that Council is willing to accept for this property. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Finance Department: Approval of County Donations – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the Council’s donations, as required by State Law. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Department: RCCC purchase of Upper Mill Creek Tract – Mr. McDonald stated the purchase of the property would be made using Conservation Department Fund Balance and Hospitality Tax Fund Balance.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward to Council without a recommendation. The vote was in favor.

Solid Waste: Potential Property Sale [EXECUTIVE SESSION]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 6:28 p.m.
and came out at approximately 6:34 p.m.*

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to hold in committee until the July committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS: NO ACTION REQUIRED

Council Motion Regarding the Development of a Business License Ordinance for Hospice Agencies – This item was held in committee.

Changes to Policy on Requiring Employees to Sign Documents – This item was held in committee.

Motion to Expand Staff Recruitment Efforts – This item was held in committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Condemnation of Property

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Subject: Condemnation of Property

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to approve proceeding with condemning a portion of property (8 Dayton Street) for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project. This project requires an easement for this portion of property in order to move to the bidding stage of the project for the construction of the sewer lines.

B. Background / Discussion

In April 2016, County Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Columbia and Richland County for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project to provide utility services to this area. The project is being entirely funded by Richland County Community Development through CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds. Once the project is completed, the sewer lines will then be turned over to the City of Columbia for maintenance and upkeep.

Prior to bidding out the contract to install the sewer lines easements are needed from the surrounding property owners in the project area. The last of these property owners is Willie Young. Mr. Young is the owner of the property located at 8 Dayton St. Staff has been unable to contact Mr. Young to agree to granting an easement for the portion of the property needed to complete this project.

His wife, Ms. Young, is currently residing on the property and is unable to contact Mr. Young. Therefore, staff is seeking Council approval to proceed with condemning the portion of the property needed to complete the sewer project.

The Community Development Department, in conjunction with the County's Legal Department, would initiate the condemnation process. If, after 30 days Mr. Young has failed to file a separate legal action challenging the condemnation, then that portion of the property will be available to be utilized for this project.

The appraised value of the property has been assessed at \$200.00

If this request is approved, staff will bring this item back to Council for approval during the bid selection/approval process for the County's procured vendor to complete the construction of the project. This is anticipated to occur in early Winter 2016.

This property is located in County Council District 7.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

- July 1, 2014 – Council approved the FY 14-15 estimated budgets for CDBG and HOME to be found in the FY 14-15 Action Plan which allocated funding for this project.

- July 28, 2015 – Council approved the FY 15-16 estimated budgets for CDBG and HOME to be found in the FY 15-16 Action Plan which allocated funding for this project.

- July 13, 2016 – Council approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the City of Columbia for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project.

D. Financial Impact

The financial impact, if approved by both County and City Council, is none to County General Fund. The project is 100% federally funded.

E. Alternatives

List the alternatives to the situation.

1. Approve the request to proceed with condemning a portion of the property located at 8 Dayton Street for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project.
2. Do not approve the request to proceed with condemning a portion of the property located at 8 Dayton Street for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to proceed with condemning a portion of the property located at 8 Dayton Street for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project.

Submitted by: Valeria Jackson
 Department: Community Development
 Date: 07/08/16

G. Reviews

(Please replace the appropriate box with a ✓ and then support your recommendation in the Comments section before routing on. Thank you!)

Please be specific in your recommendation. While “Council Discretion” may be appropriate at times, it is recommended that Staff provide Council with a professional recommendation of approval or denial, and justification for that recommendation, as often as possible.

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers Date: 7/15/16
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
 Comments regarding recommendation:

- Recommendation is specifically for the condemnation based on the ROA that
- a) The project has already been approved by Council and that funds are designated within the C/D budget
 - b) there is no financial impact to the County, and
 - c) supports the recommendation of the Community Development Director

Procurement

Reviewed by: Christy Swofford Date: 7/18/16
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
 Comments regarding recommendation: Procurement will assist with any processes necessary to move forward with this project and supports the recommendation of the Community Development Director

Legal

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean

Date: 7/18/16

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Community Development came to legal with this issue prior to drafting this ROA. Unfortunately without the landowner available, the only real option to obtain the easement is condemnation. The decision on how to proceed is a policy decision left to Council's discretion. Legal will work with Community Development on the condemnation if Council decides to go forward.

Administration

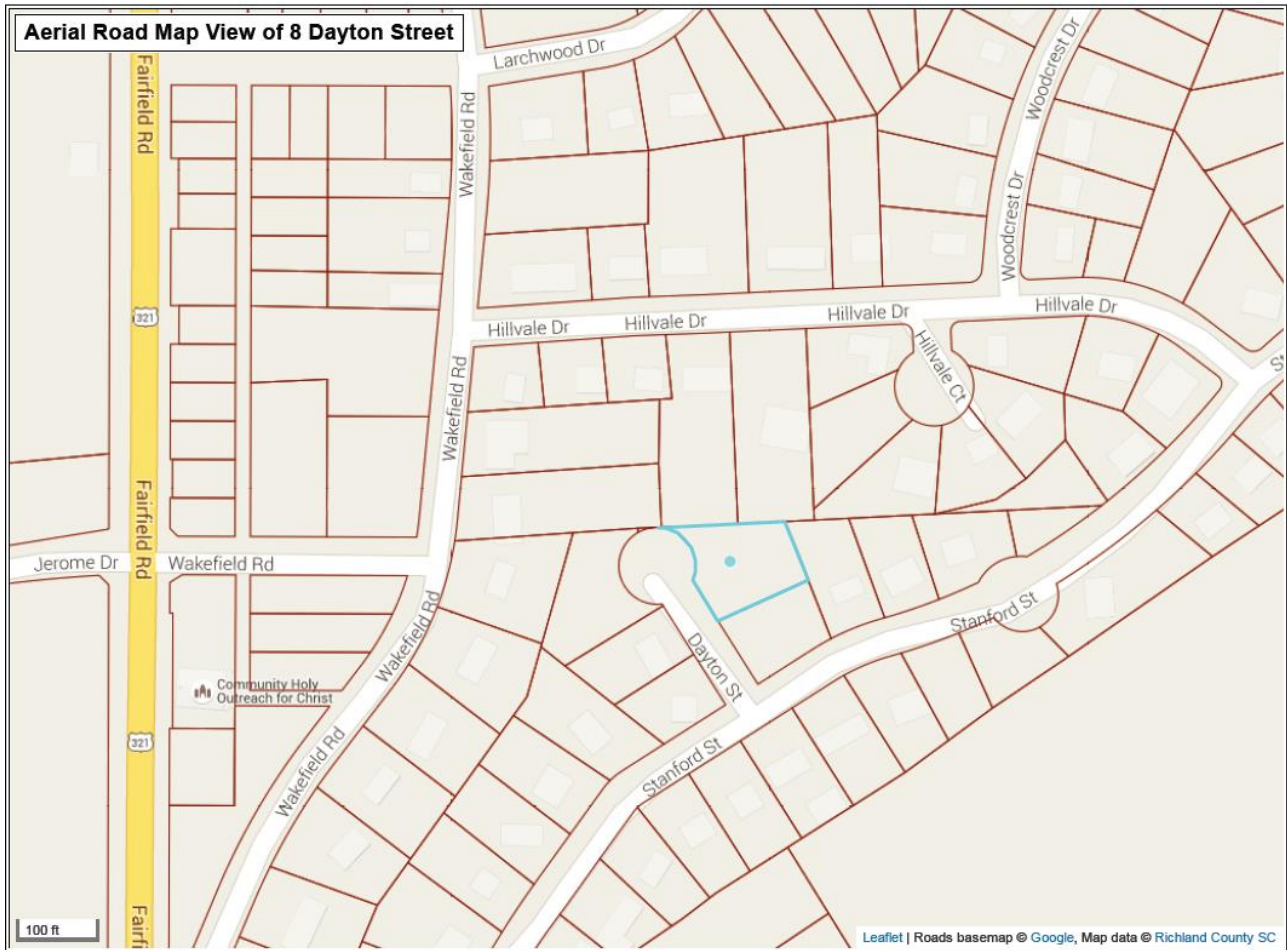
Reviewed by: Warren Harley

Date: 7/22/16

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:





Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Richland County Conservation Commission: Acceptance of Donated Property

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Richland County Conservation Commission: Acceptance of Donated Property

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to accept the donation of ~125 acres of land for conservation and recreation purposes.

B. Background / Discussion

Mr. Carl Kaiser approached Richland County Conservation Commission (RCCC) about a donation of approximately 125 acres at the end of Rice Creek Farms Road in northeast Richland County (TMN 20300-02-02). The land is important ecologically because:

- The property contains about 30 acres of forested wetlands, including a half mile of Little Rice Creek.
- Steep slopes dominate the tract, descending from 490ft. to 310ft. At its highest point, an overlook provides a sweeping view of the vicinity.
- Sandhill seeps occur on the slopes. These seepage communities occur where an impenetrable layer like clay below the surface forces groundwater to the surface.
- Longleaf pine is the predominant ecosystem with an understory of herbaceous shrubs, ferns, and grasses.

The RCCC voted unanimously at their meeting on May 16, 2016 to approve the donation by Mr. Kaiser of ~125 acres for conservation and recreation purposes. Keeping the land in its natural state provides ecosystem services to the county in the form of stormwater management and water quality through stream bank protection. It preserves wildlife habitat and open space in a densely developed area.

In the short term, this property would be maintained as is until such time as funds can be found from grants and other sources for the development of new activities. Since the land is surrounded by neighborhoods, nature-based recreation such as hiking and mountain biking would be a popular use for the property. Sharing a wetlands border with Ridge View High School means there is great opportunity for outdoor classroom activities. Students would also be able to study a longleaf ecosystem if the property is publicly owned.

Mr. Kaiser plans to divide the 161-acre tract, retaining approximately 36 acres of level land for development purposes. He has also requested a deed restriction that the premises be used exclusively for conservation and recreation.

This property is located in County Council District 8.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

This is a staff driven request.

D. Financial Impact

RCCC would allocate up to \$10,000 for transaction costs that could include a survey. In the short term, this property would be maintained as is until such time as funds can be found from

grants and other sources for the development of new activities. Long term operation and maintenance needs will be minimal, and funding will be secured before the development of any passive or nature-based recreation activities are created on the property.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the donation of approximately 125 acres for conservation and recreation purposes in the densely developed northeast Richland County. This will permanently protect longleaf pine and wetlands for the enjoyment of residents and potentially provide nature-based recreation and environmental education opportunities.
2. Do not accept the donation of property and forego the ecosystem services, recreational and educational opportunities this property would supply.

F. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to accept a donation of approximately 125 acres from Mr. Carl Kaiser for conservation and recreation purposes.

Recommended by: Quinton Epps, Director
Department: Conservation
Date: July 7, 2016

G. Reviews

(Please replace the appropriate box with a ✓ and then support your recommendation in the Comments section before routing on. Thank you!)

Please be specific in your recommendation. While “Council Discretion” may be appropriate at times, it is recommended that Staff provide Council with a professional recommendation of approval or denial, and justification for that recommendation, as often as possible.

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers Date: 7/21/16
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation:

Recommend approve based on ROA. Initial costs and funding have been identified and are minimal. As stated in the request, any future projects should have funding identified before any projects are approved.

Support Services

Reviewed by: John Hixon Date: 7/22/16
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation:

I recommend approval of alternative one based on the statement in the finance section of this ROA noting that the Conversation Department statement that “funding will be secured before the development of any passive or nature-based recreation activities are created on the property.” The Support Services Department does not have the resources

to take on any additional properties for maintenance. When property is secured and intended for public use certain liabilities can also be part of the package and may require services to mitigate as many of these liabilities as is possible. The conservation department will need to procure such services as needed and should be included in any funding plan.

Legal

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean

Date: 7/22/16

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision left to Council's discretion.

Administration

Reviewed by: Warren Harley

Date: 7/22/16

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

R20300-02-02 on Little Rice Creek

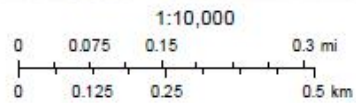


February 11, 2016

- Parcels
- Streams

NWI Inventory

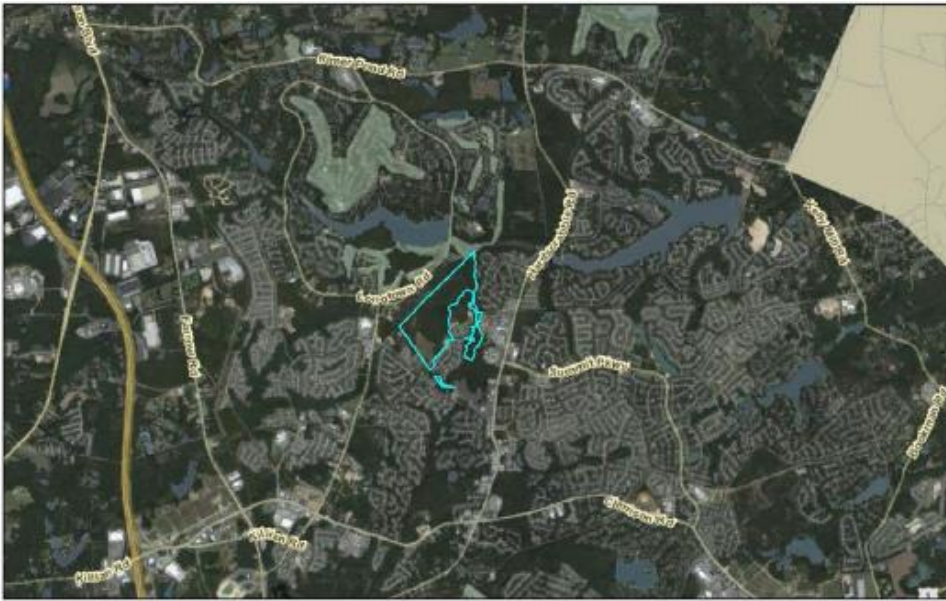
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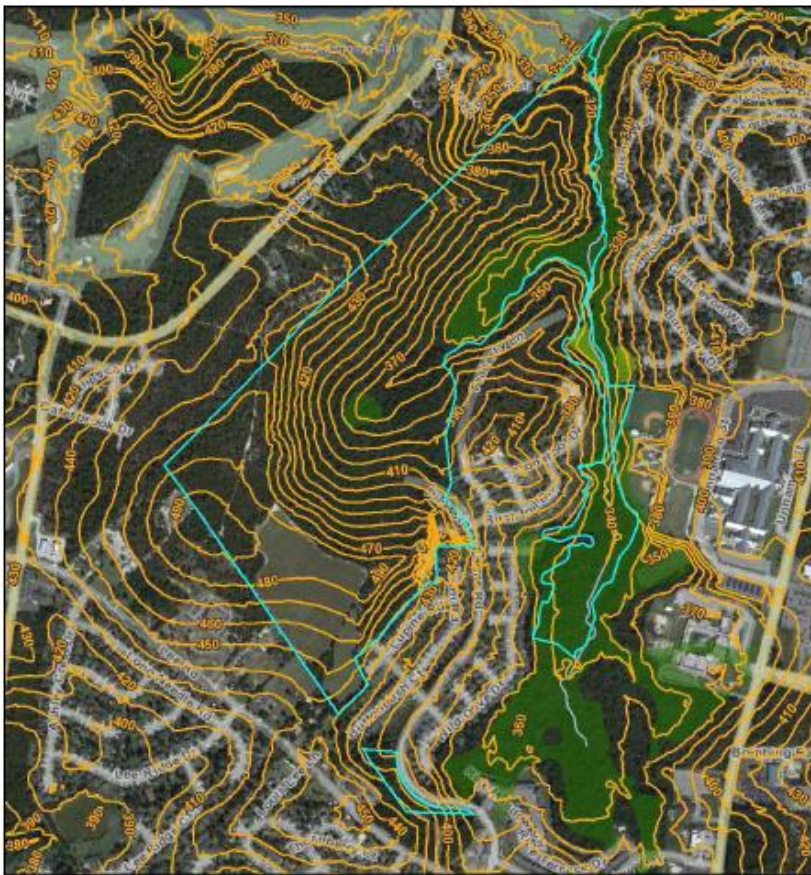
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R20300-02-02 10 ft. contours



Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Council Motion to Amend the Hospitality Tax Ordinance

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Council Motion to Amend the Hospitality Tax Ordinance

A. Purpose

Council is requested to consider a motion to amend the Hospitality Tax Ordinance to provide for the establishment of individual Council District "Directed Accounts" on an annual basis.

B. Background / Discussion

At the June 21, 2016 Council meeting, Mr. Pearce brought forth the following motion:

“Amend the Hospitality Tax Ordinance to provide for the establishment of individual Council District "Directed Accounts" on an annual basis, the funding for which will be determined after all Ordinance mandated accounts have been funded.”

Please note that any organization allocated hospitality tax dollars must meet the expenditure requirements of the SC State Code of Laws (attached), as well as the County’s established hospitality tax eligibility criteria, contained below:

- Applicant organizations must have been in existence for at least one (1) year prior to requesting funds.
- Applicants must provide proof of their non-profit status or fall into one of the following categories:
 - Organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose primary goal is to attract additional visitors through tourism promotion. The letter of exemption from the Internal Revenue Service must accompany your proposal.
 - Destination Marketing Organizations, which are recognized non-profit organizations charged with the responsibility of marketing tourism for their specific municipalities, counties or regions, such as Chambers of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureaus and Regional Tourism Commissions.
 - The Town of Eastover and the Town of Irmo may also apply for funds.
- Richland County will not award HTax funds to individuals, fraternal organizations, or organizations that support and/or endorse political campaigns.
- Religious organizations may receive funding; however, Richland County may not sponsor nor provide financial support to a religious or non-religious organization in a manner which would actively involve it in a religious activity (i.e. public funds must not be used for a religious purpose). Thus, any funds provided must be solely utilized for secular purposes and the principal or primary goal of the sponsored activity must not be to advance religion.

- Grantee organizations may not re-grant County funds to other organizations. All funds must be spent on direct program expenditures by the organization that is granted the allocation.

Staff will provide Council with the total amount of hospitality tax dollars available for this purpose no later than May 1st for the upcoming fiscal year.

Council members will submit their list of recommended agencies along with the funding amount, event and / or activity being supported by hospitality tax dollars to the County Administrator within two weeks of receiving the aforementioned funding amounts.

Administration will inform Council of any agencies and/or events or activities that are deemed ineligible for receiving hospitality tax within two weeks of receiving the funding recommendations to allow the impacted Council member to amend his / her list of recommended agencies, if necessary.

This will ensure that all agencies meet the County's established hospitality tax eligibility criteria prior to being approved by Council.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

- June 21, 2016 – motion brought forth by Mr. Pearce

D. Financial Impact

If Council approves this motion, the Hospitality Tax will not have a fund balance, as all funds will be appropriated each fiscal year.

E. Alternatives

1. Consider the motion and amend the Hospitality Tax Ordinance to provide for the establishment of individual Council District "Directed Accounts" on an annual basis, the funding for which will be determined after all Ordinance mandated accounts and other funding commitments have been funded. Each Council member will receive an equal amount of Hospitality Tax dollars that can be allocated to organizations to fund projects and / or events pursuant to the County's Hospitality Tax guidelines and policies.
2. Consider the motion and amend the Hospitality Tax Ordinance to provide for the establishment of individual Council District "Directed Accounts" on an annual basis using a pre-established funding amount. The pre-established funding amount will be 75% or a percentage determined by Council of the funding available after all Ordinance mandated accounts and other funding commitments have been funded. The pre-established funding amount will be equally distributed amongst each Council member, which can be allocated to organizations to fund projects and / or events pursuant to the County's Hospitality Tax guidelines and policies. This alternative would allow Council to maintain a certain level of Hospitality Tax funding available to address needs that may arise throughout the budgetary calendar, and would also allow the fund to maintain funds in its fund balance.
3. Consider the motion and do not amend the Hospitality Tax Ordinance.

F. Recommendation

This is a policy decision of Council.

Recommended by: Greg Pearce

Department: County Council District 6

Date: June 21, 2016

G. Reviews

(Please replace the appropriate box with a ✓ and then support your recommendation in the Comments section before routing on. Thank you!)

Please be specific in your recommendation. While “Council Discretion” may be appropriate at times, it is recommended that Staff provide Council with a professional recommendation of approval or denial, and justification for that recommendation, as often as possible.

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 1/18/16

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Recommendation supports the procedure and timing of the suggested process contingent upon the legal review.

Grants

Reviewed by: Natashia Dozier

Date: 07/18/2016

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Recommendation supports the procedure.

Legal

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean

Date: 7/21/16

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: I think Council should proceed with caution when considering “designating” funds for specific Council members. As you are aware, the task of legislating lies with the Council as a whole, and not with any individual member. Council would need to maintain strict procedures so as to not have one member allocating money, as opposed to just recommending. Further, there are state laws as well as County policies regarding the use of these funds; I would recommend the County implement any changes to allocation procedures carefully while balancing the law and County policies. Lastly, I do not think that the requested change would require an amendment of the Hospitality Tax ordinance, merely a change in policies and procedures.

Administration

Reviewed by: Roxanne Ancheta

Date: July 22, 2016

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Legal has stated that an amendment to the Hospitality Tax Ordinance is not needed to address this matter. Towards that end, it is

recommended that the Hospitality Tax procedures be revised to reflect this annual allocation. The procedures will reiterate that any organization allocated hospitality tax dollars must meet the expenditure requirements of the SC State Code of Laws, as well as the County's established hospitality tax eligibility criteria.

SECTION 6-1-730. Use of revenue from local hospitality tax.

(A) The revenue generated by the hospitality tax must be used exclusively for the following purposes:

- (1) tourism-related buildings including, but not limited to, civic centers, coliseums, and aquariums;
- (2) tourism-related cultural, recreational, or historic facilities;
- (3) beach access and renourishment;
- (4) highways, roads, streets, and bridges providing access to tourist destinations;
- (5) advertisements and promotions related to tourism development; or
- (6) water and sewer infrastructure to serve tourism-related demand.

(B)(1) In a county in which at least nine hundred thousand dollars in accommodations taxes is collected annually pursuant to Section 12-36-920, the revenues of the hospitality tax authorized in this article may be used for the operation and maintenance of those items provided in (A)(1) through (6) including police, fire protection, emergency medical services, and emergency-preparedness operations directly attendant to those facilities.

(2) In a county in which less than nine hundred thousand dollars in accommodations taxes is collected annually pursuant to Section 12-36-920, an amount not to exceed fifty percent of the revenue in the preceding fiscal year of the local hospitality tax authorized pursuant to this article may be used for the additional purposes provided in item (1) of this subsection.

HISTORY: 1997 Act No. 138, Section 9; 1999 Act No. 93, Section 14; 2006 Act No. 314, Section 2, eff June 1, 2006; 2010 Act No. 290, Section 36, eff January 1, 2011.

SECTION 6-1-760. Ordinances prior to March 15, 1997; calculation; revenue.

(A) With respect to capital projects and as used in this section, "tourist" means a person who does not reside in but rather enters temporarily, for reasons of recreation or leisure, the jurisdictional boundaries of a municipality for a municipal project or the immediate area of the project for a county project.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of this article, any ordinance enacted by county or municipality prior to March 15, 1997, imposing an accommodations fee which does not exceed the three percent maximum cumulative rate prescribed in Section 6-1-540, is calculated upon a base consistent with Section 6-1-510(1), and the revenue from which is used for the purposes enumerated in Section 6-1-530, remains authorized and effective after the effective date of this section. Any county or municipality is authorized to issue bonds, pursuant to Section 14(10), Article X of the Constitution of this State, utilizing the procedures of Section 4-29-68, Section 6-17-10 and related sections, or Section 6-21-10 and related sections, for the purposes enumerated in Section 6-1-530, to pledge as security for such bonds and to retire such bonds with the proceeds of accommodations fees imposed under Article 5 of this chapter, hospitality fees imposed under this chapter, state accommodations fees allocated pursuant to Section 6-4-10(1), (2), and (4), or any combination thereof, and the pledge of such other nontax revenues as may be available for those purposes for capital projects used to attract and support tourists.

HISTORY: 1997 Act No. 138, Section 10; 2010 Act No. 284, Section 1, eff upon approval (became law without the Governor's signature on June 28, 2010).

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Council Motion Regarding County Departments Notifying Administrative Staff of Budget Shortfalls

Notes:

At the May 3, 2016 Council meeting, Mr. Malinowski brought forth the following motion:

“Any Richland County Department that perceives a budget shortfall needs to advise Administrative staff immediately of that potential problem. When the item appears on a committee agenda it must do so with all backup / justification materials and a representative of that department must be present at every meeting to respond to questions that may be asked.”

The Interim County Administrator will address this matter.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Motion to Expand Staff Recruitment Efforts

Notes:

At the February 9, 2016 Council meeting, Mr. Malinowski brought forth the following motion:

“Have Human Resources expand recruitment efforts to encompass diverse agencies/organizations, such as the National Association of Multicultural Engineering, in order to reach out to a larger and more diverse applicant pool”

The Interim County Administrator will address this matter.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Changes to Policy on Requiring Employees to Sign Documents

Notes:

At the September 8, 2015 Council meeting, Mr. Jackson brought forth the following motion:

“Review HR policy on any subjection to violate employees’ civil rights. Example signing documents or be fired except memos. There should be other means showing employees receipt of document such as witness noting refusal to sign.”

The Interim County Administrator will address this matter.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Council Motion Regarding Transportation Penny Funds

Notes:

At the May 3, 2016 Council meeting, Mr. Jackson brought forth the following motion:

“I move that administration put an immediate freeze on all the funding available for the penny tax program on all invoices that have not been paid. Only funding for operations for staff should be used. The SLBE office at this point should be fully staffed and be ready for full operation to ensure compliance from the PDT and any other company doing business under the program. All contracts pertaining to the Penny Tax Program should be frozen immediately. Failure from staff to carry out council's directive on hiring qualified staff immediately should be terminated. Note: Richland County cannot continue to run a penny tax program without an office fully staffed with the professionals needed to ensure compliance. Council did give staff directive to fully staff that office and so far staff has refused to carry out council's wishes.”

The portion of this motion pertaining to Transportation Penny Funds has been resolved.

The Interim County Administrator will address the portion of the motion related to personnel matters.