

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**Office of the County Administrator**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS  
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING  
December 5, 2006  
6:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Mizzell

**Invocation:** Dickerson

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dickerson

**Presentation:** Sally Roach, Executive Director, Township Auditorium: Ms. Roach gave a brief presentation regarding the status of the Township Auditorium, and the repairs requested.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as amended, adding the Appearance Counts Awards; verifying that 4h should not be on the consent agenda for approval; and verifying that the public hearing is for item 4d.

**Presentation: Appearance Counts Awards:** Awards were given out to the winners of the Appearance Counts program.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Session: November 21, 2006

Special Called Meeting: November 27, 2006

Zoning Public Hearing: November 28, 2006

All of the minutes were approved as submitted.

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

- a. Personnel Matter (County Administrator Position): Interviews with County Administrator candidates will take place December 18 and 19. **ACTION: LEGAL, HUMAN RESOURCES**

- b. Contractual Matter: MOU with CMRTA: Received as information.
- c. Pending Litigation (Northeast Sanitary Landfill v. Richland County): Received as information.

### **Report of the County Administrator**

- a. Vista TIF: Mr. Pope informed the Council members that the City gave first reading to the TIF Ordinance.
- b. Council Retreat: Mr. Pope informed Council of the possible Retreat locations. Council agreed to hold the 2007 Council Retreat at Hickory Knob in McCormick County.

### **Report of the Clerk of Council**

- a. December Council Meetings: The Clerk informed Council that there is a regularly scheduled Council meeting on December 19, 2006.
- b. January Meetings: The Clerk informed Council that there is a regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 2, 2007.
- c. NACO: The Clerk informed Council that NACO will be held March 3 – 7, 2007 in Washington D.C. and to let her know if anyone wished to attend.
- d. Agenda Software: There will be an agenda software demonstration on December 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

**Report of the Chairman:** There was no report.

**Open / Close Public Hearings:** 4d (Public Hearing and Resolution in Support of JEDA Bond Issue for Palmetto Health Alliance). No one spoke.

**Approval of Consent Items:** 1.b.; 2.b.; 3.a.; 3.b.; 3.c.; 3.d; 3.e.; 3.f.; 4.b.; 4.c.; 4.d.; 4.e.; 4.f; 4.g.; 4.j. The consent agenda was approved as amended, with 4h being removed.

### **1. Third Reading Items**

- a. **06-50MA; Brantley Manor; RS-LD to RU; Bed & Breakfast; 02307-01-07; 10 Leitner Point:** This item was deferred to the December 19, 2006 meeting. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- b. **Ordinance to Amend the Terms for LRADAC Board of Directors [CONSENT]:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance amending the terms for the LRADAC Board of Directors. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK'S OFFICE**
- c. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article V, Zoning Districts and District Standards; Section 26-104, FP Floodplain Overlay District; Subsection (B), Applicability/Establishment; so as to Adopt the 1995**

**Base Flood Elevations Along the Congaree River:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING**

**2. Second Reading Items**

- a. **06-38MA; Boyleston Plantation; RU to PDD; Mixed Use Development; 14600-03-27/43/44; Wilson Blvd., Blythewood:** Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to PDD. Language in the ordinance regarding open space is to be amended to reflect “recreation” per the Council motion in the minutes. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- b. **06-58MA; Frank Casen; RU to RS/MD; Residential Use 03500-04-09; Old Tamah Road [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to PDD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

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

- a. **Solid Waste Collector Rate Increase and Contract Extension for Service Areas One (Allwaste Services, Inc.), Three (Southland Sanitation, Inc.) and Four (Whitaker Container Services) [CONSENT]:** Council approved the extension of solid waste contracts and rate increases for all three service areas. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT, PUBLIC WORKS, BUDGET**
- b. **Information Technology: Intergovernmental Agreement between Richland County and Lexington County for Register of Deeds Software Licensing [CONSENT]:** Council approved the intergovernmental agreement to allow for the licensing of Register of Deeds software. **ACTION: LEGAL, REGISTER OF DEEDS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
- c. **Information Technology: Approval of Multi-County MOU for Software Sharing [CONSENT]:** Council approved the MOU to permit software sharing among other signatories. **ACTION: LEGAL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
- d. **City-County Homelessness Subcommittee [CONSENT]:** Council allow requested the Chair of County Council appoint three County Council members to meet with three City Council members to discuss a new homelessness agreement. **ACTION: COUNTY COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

- e. **Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless Request for Funding (\$5,000) [CONSENT]:** Council approved the request to allocate \$5,000 in CDBG funds to MACH. **ACTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET, GRANTS**
- f. **December D&S Committee Meeting Date [CONSENT]:** Council stated that no D&S Committee meeting will be held in the month of December, and any time-sensitive items should go directly to the first Council meeting agenda in the month of January 2007. All other committee items will be forwarded to the January 27 meeting of the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ALL DEPARTMENTS, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

#### 4. **Report of Administration and Finance Committee**

- a. **Assessor's Office: Budget Amendment to Increase the Starting Salary for the Vacant Appraiser I Position and Funding for an Additional Appraiser I Position:**
- b. **Approval of Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Grants [CONSENT]:** Council approved the grants, and agreed to fund the match with CDBG funds. **ACTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET, GRANTS**
- c. **Farmers' Market Independent Construction Manager [CONSENT]:** Council approved the request to enter into negotiations with Wilbur Smith Associates to act as an independent construction manager on behalf of Richland County for the construction phase of the County's wholesale portion of the South Carolina State Farmers' Market project. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PROCUREMENT**
- d. **Public Hearing and Resolution in Support of JEDA Bond Issue for Palmetto Health Alliance [CONSENT]:** Council held the public hearing and approved the resolution. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. **Industrial Park Account: Budget Amendment (\$50,000) [CONSENT]:** Council gave first reading to the budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, LEGAL**
- f. **Software Purchase for Human Resources/Finance [CONSENT]:** Council voted to allow staff to enter into negotiations with Sungard Bi-Tech for the purchase of a software system. **ACTION: HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, BUDGET, PROCUREMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- g. Microsoft Licensing [CONSENT]:** Council approved an extension to the “Software Assurance” purchase on the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for licenses owned by the County. **ACTION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BUDGET**
  - h. Funding for Columbia City Ballet (\$5,000) [CONSENT]:** This item was not taken up. The Committee Chair stated that the item failed in Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
  - i. Funding for All-American Community Idol/Columbia Festival of Arts (\$159,000):** Council voted to provide \$50,000 in undesignated Hospitality Tax revenues for the general Columbia Festival of Arts. **ACTION: BUDGET, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
  - j. December A&F Committee Meeting Date [CONSENT]:** Council stated that no A&F Committee meeting will be held in the month of December, and any time-sensitive items should go directly to the first Council meeting agenda in the month of January 2007. All other committee items will be forwarded to the January 27 meeting of the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ALL DEPARTMENTS, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 5. Report from Work Session on Recreation Complex in Northern Richland County (Hospitality Tax Ordinance Prescribed Project): Task 2:** Five members of Council (Hutchinson, McEachern, Montgomery, Dickerson, and Jeter) will serve on a task force in conjunction with the consultant and Administration staff and will bring recommendations to Council. This group is to collaborate with outside agencies such as the Columbia Regional Sports Council, and other public related entities, and they are to work from the list of narrowed-down activities discussed during the work session. The list of activities was narrowed down to the following:

**Public:**

Softball Complex  
Baseball Complex  
Soccer Field Complex  
Football Fields  
Walking/Biking Trails  
Basketball Courts

**Incorporate as necessary/as space permits:**

Batting Cage  
Outdoor Multi-Purpose Space  
Outdoor Amphitheater  
Children's Playground

**Private:**

Equipment Rental

Large Water Park

Indoor Competitive Pool and Leisure Pool

Task 3, Site Development, remains to be approved by Council. This item is forthcoming. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

6. **Potential Bond Items:** Council gave first reading to the animal shelter bond ordinance up to \$4 million (2.5 for a County Shelter and 1.48 for Project Pet), and approved the 2a bond schedule with the amendment of accelerating the public safety buildings up a year. Staff is to draft an MOU with Project Pet which is to include an ownership clause in case of default. Council voted to take \$1,025,000 in two payments from the Hospitality Tax fund balance for the Woodrow Wilson Home renovations. The Township and Woodrow Wilson bond ordinance(s) will be presented at the December 19, 2006 Council meeting for the first reading.

**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, ANIMAL CARE**

7. **Approval of Resolutions to Appoint and Commission Code Enforcement Officers**

a. **Hayward S. Thrower**

b. **Jennifer C. Stewart**

Council approved the resolutions. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

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

9. **Motion Period**

a. Council Retreat can be held January 11 – 13 or 18 – 20. Staff is to report if the 18 – 20 is available. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

b. McEachern and Dickerson sponsored a resolution for the Blythewood High Bengals winning the state football championship. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

c. McEachern sponsored a resolution congratulating the Honorable Jim Clyburn on his appointment as Majority Whip. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

d. Smith sent to D&S a proposition to engage a consultant to work with the Recreation Commission regarding a strategic plan and operating agreement. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

e. Pearce made a motion to move the January 2, 2007 meeting to January 9, 2007. The swearing in ceremony and reception will take place on this date. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

f. The Clerk needs Council list of invitees for the swearing in ceremony.

- g. The Clerk reminded Council of the farewell celebration for Council Chair Mizzell Wednesday night from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Capital City Club.

**10. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 10:00.