

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**Office of the County Administrator**

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

**July 28, 2009  
10:00 AM**

**Call to Order:** Livingston

**Invocation:** Malinowski

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Malinowski

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Session: July 21, 2009:** Approved as presented.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Approved as presented.

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

- a. **Farmers' Market Settlement**

**Report of the County Administrator**

- a. **Farmers' Market Settlement:** No additional information was presented.
- b. **Richland 101 for Kids:** The Public Information Office gave a recap of the event, which was a tremendous success.
- c. **City Manager Forum (August 3, Council Chambers):** Reminder of the event, to be held at 6:00 p.m.
- d. **August Recess:** Mr. Pope stated that during Council's recess, he would be contacting each one individually to arrange one-on-one meetings.  
**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- e. **Employee Resignation:** Mr. Pope stated that Joe Cronin, Research Manager, is leaving to assume a new position, and stated that we are grateful for Mr. Cronin's service to the County.

### Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **Jim Hamilton Retirement Event:** Wednesday, August 5 at Seawell's, beginning at 6:00 pm, Tickets \$30

### Report of the Chairman

- a. **Absence:** Ms. Smith is out for a family matter.
- b. **Wrap Up Meeting:** Mr. Livingston stated that because this was the wrap-up meeting before the recess, that the items would be reconsidered so that staff would be able to proceed with acting upon the items as directed while Council was away for the month.

### 1. Public Hearing Items

- a. **An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; Authorizing the bonds to be issued as Build America Bonds, if appropriate; Fixing the form and details of the bonds; Delegating 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:** No one spoke.
- b. **An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement between Richland County and Unum Group-, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and Unum Life Insurance Company of America, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine concerning a new project; authorizing and providing with respect to an existing project for the conversion of an arrangement for fee-in-lieu of tax payments between Richland County and the companies under Title 4, Chapter 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to an arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended; and matters relating thereto:** No one spoke.
- c. **An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement to provide for the modification and termination of certain incentive**

arrangements between Richland County and Project Olive and one or more affiliated entities; and related matters: No one spoke.

**2. Approval of Consent Items**

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- b. An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement between Richland County and Unum Group-, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and Unum Life Insurance Company of America, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine concerning a new project; authorizing and providing with respect to an existing project for the conversion of an arrangement for fee-in-lieu of tax payments between Richland County and the companies under Title 4, Chapter 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to an arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended; and matters relating thereto [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER**
- c. An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement to provide for the modification and termination of certain incentive arrangements between Richland County and Project Olive and one or more affiliated entities; and related matters [THIRD READING]:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance and associated agreements. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER**

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

- a. **Request to endorse the FY 2009 – 10 Community Development Annual Action Plan:** Council approved the FY 09-10 Budgets for CDBG and HOME to be found in the FY 09-10 Action Plan. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- b. **Request to approve the acceptance of the “Adopt an Interchange” funding from SCDOT in the amount of \$157,000 and to authorize the county to proceed with the Fort Jackson Gateway Beautification Project at Exit 12 of I-77 (Forest Drive):** Council approved the request and directed staff to move forward with the implementation of the Fort Jackson Gateway Beautification project. Further, \$40,000 was appropriated from FY 10 Hospitality Tax Funds for this project. \$33,000 is to be appropriated for the actual project itself, while the remaining \$7,000 will be appropriated for maintenance of the project. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, SPECIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS**
- c. **Request to award a contract to Armstrong Contractors in the amount of \$163,198.00 for the Lake Elizabeth Crane Creek IIA – Providence Plantation Capital Improvement Project:** Council approved the award of construction services for Lake Elizabeth Crane Creek IIA – Providence Plantation Capital Improvement Project to Armstrong Contractors, LLC. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, STORMWATER, BUDGET, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL**
- d. **An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses, so as to clarify requirements pertaining to the smoking of tobacco products in the unincorporated area of Richland County:** Council forwarded this item to the September 1, 2009 Council Meeting, and recommended a work session be held. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. **A resolution to enter into a collaborative partnership with Palmetto Health for the implementation of the 2009 Palmetto Health Women at Heart Forum and Exhibition:** Council approved the Resolution and collaboration with Palmetto Health for the Women at Heart Forum and Exhibition. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

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

- a. **Request to provide \$100,000 in mass transit fee funds to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) for the purpose of providing local matching funds (20%) for the undertaking of three studies required under the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement:** Council voted to provide a portion of the funding prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> (as authorized under Section 3.5 of the Intergovernmental Agreement), and to allow the CMRTA to procure the necessary services in order to begin the three studies as required under the agreement. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- b. **Council Motion (Pearce): Request to reverse the action proposed by the county regarding the termination of payroll deductions for county employees wishing to have their policies with Colonial Life Insurance remain in force, and to continue collecting these payments on behalf of Colonial Life:** Council reversed the actions proposed by the County regarding the termination of payroll deductions for county employees wishing to have their policies with Colonial Life Insurance remain in force, and voted to continue collecting these payments on behalf of Colonial Life. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, LEGAL, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- c. **Request to approve the renewal of a contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC to perform autopsies and postmortem examination for the Coroner's Office for FY 2009 – 10:** Council approved the contract renewal with Professional Pathology Services, PC, and directed that funds be encumbered in the amount of \$270,000 for autopsy services. Council voted to not reconsider the item. Council's questions for the Coroner are to be forwarded to him for a response. Those questions include the following: Can no other firms provide these services? How much more is this year's contract versus last year's? What criteria is used to determine if an autopsy is required? Why are so many autopsies being performed? **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CORONER, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- d. **Request to approve the acceptance of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) in the amount of \$2,116,800 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contingent upon approval by the DOE (One Full-Time Personnel, No Match Required):** Council approved the request to accept the \$2,116,800 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- e. **Request to approve the purchase of a Microsoft “Software Assurance” from the vendor DELL / ASAP SOFTWARE on the South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$120,811:** Council approved the purchase of Microsoft Software Assurance from vendor DELL/ASAP SOFTWARE on the South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$120,811. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BUDGET, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL**
- f. **Request to approve the recommendation of the Neighborhood Matching Grant committee for funding to eligible projects under the Neighborhood Matching Grant program:** Council approved the request to award 21 grants, and directed the Neighborhood Improvement Program to work with the other applicants to help them develop more relevant and effective projects so they can compete for the remaining grant funds later in the year. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, PLANNING, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- g. **Request to approve the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$19,000 from the South Carolina Project Safe Neighborhoods Program for a Part-Time Firearms Technician at the Richland County Sheriff’s Department (Part-Time Personnel, No Match Required):** Council approved the request for the grant for the Firearms Technician. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, BUDGET, FINANCE**
5. **911 Communications Center Consolidation Agreement Extension:** Council approved the agreement extension. Council voted to not reconsider the item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, EMERGENCY SERVICES, LEGAL**
6. **Citizens’ Input:** One person spoke.
7. **Executive Session:** No items.
8. **Motion Period:** No items.
9. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 10:40 a.m.