

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA



### DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 22, 2016  
5:00 PM  
County Council Chambers

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dixon called the meeting to order at approximately 5:02 PM

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Session: February 22, 2016** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ITEMS FOR ACTION

**Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between City of Columbia and Richland County for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project** – Mr. McDonald stated this item was before the Committee last month and was deferred for additional information from the CMCOG regarding the 208 Plan. The CMCOG feels the project is consistent with the 208 Plan and has recommended proceeding.

The project is being funded through the Community Development Office. The County will construct the sewer lines and sewer system. Once completed, the project will be turned over to the City of Columbia for operation and maintenance.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if this area is serviced by the City or the County.

Mr. McDonald stated this is a designated area for the City, although it is located within Richland County.

Mr. Malinowski inquired how close the nearest Richland County sewer service is located (i.e. Richland County and/or contracted Richland County service).

Mr. Harley stated Richland County does not have the ability to service this area at this time.

#### Council Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair  
District Nine

Bill Malinowski  
District One

Seth Rose  
District Five

#### Others Present:

Torrey Rush  
Greg Pearce  
Paul Livingston  
Tony McDonald  
Warren Harley  
Kevin Bronson  
Brandon Madden  
Michelle Onley  
Roxanne Ancheta  
Kim Roberts  
Larry Smith  
Tracy Hegler  
Ismail Ozbek  
Rudy Curtis  
Lillian McBride  
Samuel Selph  
Valeria Jackson

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Mr. Malinowski inquired if the community has been contacted regarding their thoughts on this project.

Mr. Harley stated there have been community meetings and the community is in support of the project.

Mr. Rush stated this project not only has been taken to the citizens, but is something they have been wanting for some time.

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council without a recommendation and to have staff provide a map of the current sewer lines, Exhibit A labeled and information regarding community input. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Amendment to FY 14-15 Annual Action Plan** – Ms. Jackson stated the request is amend the FY 14-15 Annual Action Plan to award \$200,000 to St. Lawrence Place to utilize the funds for acquisition for housing to assist families that are at-risk and/or homeless.

Mr. Malinowski stated it is his understanding this is from a project that was not completed.

Ms. Jackson stated the project was never started.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the \$200,000 is all inclusive or will they come back to Council for additional funding for rehabilitation of the properties.

Ms. Jackson stated if any additional funding is needed, St. Lawrence Place will utilize their funding.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to amend the FY 14-15 CDBG Action Plan to allow \$200,000 to be used by Trinity Housing/St. Lawrence Place to acquire up to 4 homes as noted above. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Motion Regarding Future Neighborhood Master Plans** – Mr. McDonald stated this item originated with a motion from Ms. Dixon to establish a more formalized set of criteria for reviewing and approving potential master plan projects throughout Richland County and to conduct a full analysis of District 9 for a potential master plan to be implemented.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the creation of a set of criteria for determining the necessity of future Neighborhood Master Plans in unincorporated Richland County, an analysis of District Nine [9] to be initiated by the Neighborhood Improvement Program prior to December 31, 2016 and to incorporate any additional master plans that were not listed in the agenda packet. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Electronics Recycling – Authorization to Increase Purchase Order Over \$100,000** – Mr. McDonald stated the request is to increase the purchasing authority for the electronics recycling contract to an amount above \$100,000. The increase in recycling activity and the recycling market for electronics has increased the costs and the amount will soon exceed the current contract.

Mr. Malinowski inquired what the company does with the recycled electronics they receive.

Mr. Curtis stated the company recycles everything they receive. In most cases, they sell the recyclables and other times they have to pay to get rid of the recyclables.

Mr. Curtis stated there is a schedule for payment similar to the one the County has with Sonoco.

Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to increase the purchase order from \$90,000 to \$130,000. This increase will allow the County to manage this State mandated program. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Petition to Close Hastings Alley in Olympia** – Mr. McDonald stated this request that came through the Legal Department. There was a petition filed through the court to close one of the Olympia Alleyways. The surrounding property has been purchased by a single property owner making the alleyway unnecessary. Staff is recommending approval of this item.

Mr. Rose inquired about the reason for the petition.

Mr. McDonald stated the properties surrounding the alleyways were all purchased by a single owner; therefore, the alleyway itself is in the middle of the property and of no use or value to the owner.

Mr. Malinowski would like to see a map with the parcels outlined and to also include the owners' name for each parcel.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the community had been notified of the property owner's desire to close the alleyway.

Mr. Smith stated the law requires the abutting property owners to be notified prior to the road/alleyway being closed.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to defer this item until the April committee meeting to receive additional information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Sonoco Recycling Agreement for Professional Services** – Mr. McDonald stated this item is a proposed amendment to the current recycling contract with Sonoco Recycling for materials collected curbside.

Mr. Curtis stated the County has had a contract with Sonoco since the mid 90's to handle all curbside recycling. The agreement has been amended a number of times over the years and was last updated approximately 5 or 6 years ago. The market for years had been trending upward, but recently has begun to trend downward. Sonoco has approached the County to modify the contract with a sliding scale that will protect them on the bad end and help the County on the good end.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to when the contract with Sonoco expire.

Mr. Curtis stated the current contract will expire mid-2017, but Sonoco would like to have the contract effective April 1st.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about how much this amended contract would cost the County annually.

Mr. Curtis stated it will cost approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 per month.

Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to defer this item until the April committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS**

**Request for Easement – Hiller Road** – This item was held in committee.

**Motion to Have a Subcommittee Examine the County's EMS Services** – This item was held in committee.

**Motion Related to the Development of a Diversity Statement and the Feasibility of Conducting a Workplace Diversity Study** – This item was held in committee.

**Comprehensive Youth Program** – This item was held in committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:42 PM.

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