

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA



## DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 23, 2015  
5:00 PM  
County Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dixon called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Session: May 26, 2015** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

### ITEMS FOR ACTION

**Creation of a new Chapter entitled “Vector Control” and creation of the Department of Vector Control** – Mr. McDonald stated this item was on the agenda for last month. At that meeting, there were questions raised by the committee. This item is primarily clean up language which will formally create the Department of Vector Control. The department was previously funded through a contract with DHEC. The County took over the function of the department two years ago through the budget process, but did not amend the ordinance at that time.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if DHEC is mandating the County have this department.

Mr. McDonald stated DHEC has not mandated the County continue the function. From a practical standpoint, the department provides a critical function to maintain. At this time it is a separate department that reports to Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Hammett.

Mr. Hammett stated there was a discussion in Mr. McDonald’s May 19, 2013 budget presentation regarding the formation of a department and indicated Vector Control operations were being transferred to County oversight. The County realized \$28,000 in savings when they took over Vector Control operations.

#### Council Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair  
District Nine

Bill Malinowski  
District One

Norman Jackson  
District Eleven

#### Others Present:

Tony McDonald  
Sparty Hammett  
Warren Harley  
Brandon Madden  
Michelle Onley  
Monique McDaniels  
Larry Smith  
Amelia Linder  
Geo Price  
Kim Roberts  
Roxanne Ancheta  
Tommy DeLage  
Holland Leger  
Chris Eversmann

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The existing staff was transitioned over to the County at a cost savings.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the impact on Vector Control's enforcement power with the repeal of State Nuisance Regulation 61-46.

Mr. Hammett stated, after meeting with the Legal Department, it was concluded that Vector Control have their own ordinances to enforce and issue County citations.

Mr. Malinowski requested a list of services of Vector Control.

Mr. Hammett stated currently the employees are responding to complaints and spraying.

Mr. McDonald stated Vector Control should have been codified a couple of years ago when the funding was approved through the budget process. Staff administratively considered the fact that when Vector Control was rolled into the budget as a County function that made it a department.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the ordinances to create Vector Control regulations and the Department of Vector Control.

Mr. Malinowski stated the proposed ordinance authorizes Vector Control to do whatever necessary to eliminate a problem. If a person fails to abate the problem immediately that person could be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item until the July Committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**SCE&G Utility Easement – Jim Hamilton Blvd** – Mr. McDonald stated this item is a request from SCE&G for a utility easement on Jim Hamilton Boulevard, which will allow them to upgrade the utility lines that serve portions of the Rosewood community and the Hamilton-Owens Airport.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the FAA Airspace Obstruction Study has been completed or a timeframe for when it will be done.

Mr. Eversmann stated the study has not been completed, but will be required prior to moving forward.

Mr. Malinowski requested the language of the easement be reviewed by Legal to insure that it is in the County's best interest.

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Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve, contingent upon legal review, the granting of the easement, which will provide an economical and low-impact means of upgrading the electrical distribution system to the neighborhood and airport. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Motion to Withhold County Funding From Any Neighborhood/Community/HOA Which Does not Allow Public Attendance and/or Denies Access to Anyone** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve withholding Richland County funding from any neighborhood/community/HOA which does not allow public attendance and/or deny access to anyone. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

**Fund and/or seek a partnership with SCE&G to plant indigenous flowers and plants along transmission line corridors in Richland County** – Held in committee.

**Comprehensive Youth Program** – Held in committee.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:34 PM.

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