RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Damon Jeter District 3 Greg Pearce, Chair District 6 Kelvin Washington District 10

Agenda

2020 Hampton Street January 19, 2010 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Industry Appreciation Week Resolution (Pages 2-3)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. City of Columbia / Mast General Store

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Industry Appreciation Week

In 2010, South Carolina will be holding its official Industry Appreciation Week activities in January instead of in the fall, as in past years.

According to Chuck Bundy, Manager of Business Services for the S.C. Department of Commerce, IAW activities are being moved to January and expanded to further raise the profile of local businesses in the state, make it easier for members of the S.C. General Assembly to participate, and better educate the public about the importance of our existing industry to all South Carolinians.

The next Industry Appreciation Week will be the week of January 25. While there will be no state-level Industry Appreciation Week events this fall, several county economic development offices have already made plans for local fall events.

"We have encouraged them to continue those plans," says Bundy. "The various local celebrations of industry are critical, and we will continue to support those efforts."

The Ambassadors for Economic Development Awards will continue, with the presentation ceremony taking place on the State House grounds on Tuesday, January 26. Related events hosted by organizations including SCEDA and the state Chamber of Commerce will be held later in the week.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) OR A RESOLUTION COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK
WHEREAS, Richland County Council recognizes the role of new and existing businesses and industry in that the fiscal health of the County is closely tied to the success of these business sectors in our community; and
WHEREAS, Industry is fundamental to the prosperity of Richland County, with companies providing over \$233,790,000 in new and expanding capital investments in Richland County in 2009; and
WHEREAS, Richland County's industry provides diverse employment opportunities for citizens in the greater Midlands community, adding over 252 new jobs in this sector in 2009; and
WHEREAS, over the past four years, companies have invested approximately \$422,040,000 in new and expanding capital investments, and have created approximately 2,546 new jobs; and
WHEREAS, Companies, through both their individual employees and corporate citizenship, contribute in leadership and volunteerism to make Richland County a better community.
NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Council that the week of January 25, 2010 shall be known as Industry Appreciation Week in Richland County, South Carolina, to coincide with the Governor's statewide proclamation of South Carolina Industry Appreciation Week.
SIGNED AND SEALED this 19 th day of January 2010, having been duly adopted by the Richland County Council.
Paul Livingston Richland County Council
ATTEST this day of, 2010

Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council