



**RICHLAND COUNTY
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**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
March 15, 2016
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Rush

Invocation: Pearce

Pledge of Allegiance: Pearce

Presentation of Resolutions/Proclamations

- a. A Resolution honoring The Honorable Chief Justice Jean Hoefler Toal for her dedicated service to the State of South Carolina:** Councilmembers Rose, Jackson, Pearce, Jeter, Livingston and Manning presented a Resolution to Chief Justice Jean Hoefler Toal for her dedicated service to the State of South Carolina.
- b. Proclamation recognizing Coach Ronnie Robinson:** Mr. Rush presented a Proclamation to Ronnie Robinson, recognizing Mr. Robinson for his efforts and achievements as the head coach of the Lancaster High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team.
- c. End Racism Day Proclamation:** This Proclamation was not presented.
- d. Purchasing Professionals Month Proclamation:** Mr. Rush presented a Proclamation to the staff members of the County's Procurement Department, recognizing March 2016 as Purchasing Professionals Month.

Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Session: March 1, 2016:** Approved as amended. The minutes were amended to reflect that Council was not inclined to do any work on privately owned dams where the County would have current or future maintenance liability.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as amended. A Personnel Matter was added as an agenda item under the Report of the Chair.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Sessions Items:

- a. Department of Revenue Update**



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b. North Main Street Widening Project: Right of Way Acquisition

c. Personnel Matter

Citizen's Input: Three people spoke.

Report of the County Administrator: Nothing to report.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. 2nd Annual Distinguished Women's Luncheon, March 24th, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 4th Floor Conference Room:** Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming 2nd Annual Distinguished Women's Luncheon on March 24th from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Report of the Chair

- a. Personnel Matter:** Executive Session item.

1. Consent Items

- a. 15-47MA**
Keith Moore
GC to LI (2.58 Acres)
Leesburg Road and Pepper Street
16407-08-04 & 09: Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING
- b. 15-49MA**
David Powlen
PDD to PDD (amended PDD) (8.11 Acres)
Hardscrabble Rd. & Summit Parkway
20300-03-12: Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING
- c. 16-04MA**
Chuck Munn
RU to RS-LD (41.44 Acres)
Longtown Rd. & Rimer Pond Rd.
20500-04-01: Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING



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2. Third Reading Items

- a. **15-35MA**
Cynthia Weatherford
RS-HD to LI (1.27 Acres)
2610 Harlem St.
16204-08-01: Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL
- b. **16-03MA**
D. R. Horton-Crown, LLC
RU to RS-MD (25.34 Acres)
Hollingshed Rd. & Kennerly Rd.
05200-01-13 & 18: Council deferred this item to the April 5, 2016 Council meeting.
ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING
- c. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VII, General Development, Site and Performance Standards; Section 26-172, Density and Dimensional Standards; Subsection (B), Required Setbacks; Allowable Encroachment into Required Setbacks; Paragraph (5), Projections into Required Yards; Subparagraph C., Screening and Retaining Walls and Fences; so as to allow fences and walls not over seven (7) feet in height in side and rear yards:** Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING

3. Second Reading Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$10,000.00 of General Fund Unassigned Balance to be used for expenses generated for the 2016 Army Ball and the Official 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Event:** Council gave second reading approval to the budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate General Fund Balance to be used for Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department operation, equipment and staffing:** Council gave second reading approval to the budget amendment in the amount of \$229,208.90 to be used for the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department's maintenance & licensing fees and non-recurring capital expenses. This amount does not include reimbursements from



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municipal and statewide elections. Additionally, Council directed County staff to proceed with conducting a programmatic and financial audit of the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, ELECTIONS, ADMINISTRATION**

4. Report of the Administration & Finance Committee

- a. **Approve The Dock Donation From EZ Dock, Inc. For Use At The Richland County Rowing Center:** Council approved the request to accept the donation from EZ Dock, Inc. to supply and install a floating dock at the Richland County Rowing Center. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, SUPPORT SERVICES**

5. Report of the Economic Development Committee

- a. **A Second Supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Richland County, South Carolina, Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2015, or such other appropriate series designation, in the principal Richland County Council amount of not exceeding \$13,500,000; delegating authority to the County Administrator to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto:** Council deferred this item to a future Council meeting. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, CAPITAL PROJECTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

6. Report of Rules & Appointments Committee

a. Items for Action from Rules and Appointments Committee

- i. **Terms of Service:** This item was held in Committee.
- ii. **Determine if an act that amended Section 27-2-105, code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, approved in June 2014, is a violation of Home Rule.**

Background: The above amended bill gives the state the authority to change county boundaries with no input from the county/counties being affected. This could have a tremendous financial impact on a county by the transfer of millions of dollars of property from one county to another or even changing a county line to put property in a neighboring county to assist with economic incentives for a new business.



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I also question why the Richland County Lobbyist did not make Richland County aware of this bill as it proceeded at the state level?

Currently the Richland County/Lexington County line is being looked into for change and neither county has requested this change or disputed the lines. (See 10-4-15 Tim Flach article in The State for some details): This item was held in Committee.

- iii. **Membership Requirements for Business Service Center Appeals Board:** This item was held in Committee.
- iv. **Add to Council Rules - All Regular and Special Called Council meetings will be broadcast:** Council approved to broadcast all regular and special called Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, PUBLIC INFORMATION**

7. Report of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

- a. **Bluff Road Widening Phase I: Supplemental IGA with SCDOT:** Council approved the supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement with the SC Department of Transportation as it relates to the Bluff Road Widening Project (Phase I). The agreement provides \$1.0 million in federal funding towards the project. **ACTION: FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, TRANSPORTATION, PROCUREMENT**
- b. **North Main Street Widening Project**
 - i. **Four Party Railroad Agreement:** Council approved the Four Party Railroad Agreement as it relates to the North Main Street Widening Project. The agreement directs the County to deposit \$305,108 with CSXT for reimbursable expenses associated with constructing the project. **ACTION: FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, TRANSPORTATION, PROCUREMENT**
 - ii. **Supplemental IGA with SCDOT:** Council approved the supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement with the SC Department of Transportation as it relates to the North Main Street Widening Project. The agreement provides \$11.3 million in federal funding towards the project. **ACTION: FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, TRANSPORTATION, PROCUREMENT**
 - iii. **IGA with City of Columbia:** Council approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Columbia as it relates to the North Main Street Widening Project. The agreement provides up to \$11,270,593 from the City of



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Columbia for water and sewer improvements included in the project. It also allows the City of Columbia to relocate SCE&G overhead electric lines into an underground duct bank with such relocations reimbursed by the County.

ACTION: FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, TRANSPORTATION, PROCUREMENT

- iv. **Right of Way Acquisition:** Council directed staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. **ACTION: TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP):** Council approved the County Transportation Improvement Program. **ACTION: LEGAL, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL, GRANTS**
- d. **FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program: Potential Candidates:** Council approved the submittal of two (2) 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant applications for the Decker Boulevard Neighborhood Improvement Project and the Broad River Corridor Neighborhood Improvement Project. **ACTION: PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION, GRANTS**

8. Report of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee

- a. **A Resolution requesting the State of South Carolina to appropriate funding to Richland County in an amount that is commensurate with the level of damage Richland County incurred as a result of the 2015 Historic Flood Event:** Council unanimously approved the Resolution. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, EMERGENCY SERVICES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- b. **Blue Ribbon Recommendations from March 10th Meeting:** Council approved the following items:
 - The adoption of the Richland County Intermediate Recovery Implementation Plan and Plan Mission
 - The adoption of the ten (10) Action Plan goals as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee
 - The adoption of the Richland Restores housing rehabilitation program as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee



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- The adoption of the Public and Stakeholder Outreach Process as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee. Staff will add additional public meeting locations in the Northwestern portion of the County, if needed.

The vote to reconsider the abovementioned items failed. **ACTION: LEGAL, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL, EMERGENCY SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC INFORMATION**

9. Citizen's Input: 2 people spoke.

10. Executive Session:

- a. Department of Revenue Update:** No actions were taken.
- b. North Main Street Widening Project: Right of Way Acquisition:** No actions were taken in Executive Session. Council took action on this item during the Open Session under the Report of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee.
- c. Personnel Matter:** No actions were taken.

11. Motion Period: No motions were brought forth.

12. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 8:39PM.