

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
December 30, 2008
6:00 PM**

Call to Order: Hutchinson

Invocation: Jeter

Pledge of Allegiance: Jeter

Presentations

- a. **2008 Local Government Official of the Year: Richland County Recreation Commission:** Cynthia Robinson of the Richland County Recreation Commission presented the award to Ms. Bernice G. Scott.

Citizens' Input: One person spoke.

Approval of Minutes

- a. **Regular Session: December 16, 2008:** The portion of the minutes regarding the renaming of Owens Airport was reconsidered. The name shall be Jim Hamilton – L.B. Owens Airport. The Public Information Office is to design a visual display for the lobby in the terminal area and bring back a cost and rendering to Council for review in early 2009.
ACTION: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. **Personnel Matter**

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **Donation of Property – Brickyard / Longtown Road:** Mr. Pope stated that staff has received a deed and plat from Mungo, and that there are no

known environmental issues based on a Phase I Environmental from 1999. Council requested that the Administrator make a recommendation regarding the donation of the property, including further environmental research. He is also to consider the potential benefits of the property, and also the potential uses of the property. This item was forwarded to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

Report of the Clerk of Council: No report.

Report of the Chairman

- a. **Personnel Matter:** Mr. Pope's evaluation was an Executive Session item.

Public Hearings: 1a. Five people spoke.

1. Third Reading Item

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Business License Fee Schedule Providing a Business License Rate for Each Class of Business Subject to the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, in General, so as to Equally Reduce the Business License Rate for all Rate Classifications:** Council gave third reading approval to an amended ordinance granting a 20% across the board discount on the business license rates. Council made a motion to reconsider, which failed. The vote was clinched. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

2. First Reading Item

- a. **Business License Budget Amendment:** Council gave first reading approval to an amended budget amendments reflecting the 20% across the board discount on the business license rates. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

3. Report of the Hospitality Tax Ad Hoc Committee

- a. **Renaissance Foundation:** This item was referred back to the Hospitality Tax Ad Hoc Committee for more discussion and recommendations. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- b. **Restriction of the Hospitality Tax Fund Balance Funds:** This item was deferred.

4. **Citizens' Input:** No one spoke.
5. **Executive Session**
 - a. **Personnel Matter:** Council granted a contract extension through June 30, 2012, and requested a salary comparison of the five largest local government managers. Council granted a 5% increase to Mr. Pope's salary, bringing his compensation to \$157,500. **ACTION:**
ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE
6. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 7:30pm.