



**RICHLAND COUNTY
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Office of the County Administrator

**Council Actions Report
Regular Session Council Meeting
April 5, 2016
6:00PM**

Call to Order: Rush

Invocation: Dixon

Pledge of Allegiance: Dixon

Approval of Minutes

- a. **Regular Session: March 15, 2016:** Approved as amended. The Clerk's Office will update page 11 of the agenda packet, relative to the March 15, 2016 Council meeting minutes, to clarify the Council vote on the amendment(s) to Section 26 – 172 of the County Code of Ordinances.
- b. **Special Called Meeting: March 22, 2016:** Approved as published.
- c. **Zoning Public Hearing: March 22, 2016:** Approved as published.

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as published.

Report of the Attorney for Executive Sessions Items:

- a. **Department of Revenue Update**
- b. **Pending Litigation: Jones vs. Richland County**
- c. **Personnel Matter**
- d. **Conservation Department: Purchase of Parcel**
- e. **Council Motion Regarding Adherence to County Policies**
- f. **An Agreement Authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement by and between Richland County and Arum Composites, LLC [f/k/a Project Oro], whereby Richland County will enter into a fee-in-lieu of tax arrangement with Arum Composites, LLC [f/k/a Project Oro], and providing for**



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payment by Arum Composites, LLC [f/k/a Project Oro] of certain fees-in lieu of ad valorem taxes; providing for the allocation of fees-in-lieu of taxes payable under the agreement for the establishment of a multi-county industrial/business park; and other matters relating thereto

Open/Close Public Hearings

- 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 Official 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Event:** No one spoke.
- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Eight Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$229,208.90) to increase funding to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department Plans to conduct scheduled elections, operating equipment and inc. staffing:** No one spoke.

Citizen's Input: No one spoke.

Report of the County Administrator:

- a. **Civil Rights: It Still Matters, April 8-9, 2016:** Jocelyn Jennings, Richland County Community Development Department, provided information to Council regarding the Civil Rights: It Still Matters event on April 8-9, 2016.
- b. **Staff Recognition:** Mr. McDonald announced Amelia Linder's retirement from her position with Richland County. Mr. McDonald commended Ms. Linder on her service to the County.

Mr. McDonald announced that City of the Columbia and Richland County Fire Service's ISO rating improved. The City's rating improved from a two (2) to a one (1) and the County's rating improved from a four (4) to a two (2).

Report of the Clerk of Council: No report provided.

Report of the Chair

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

1. Consent Items



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- a. **Amendment to FY 14-15 Annual Action Plan:** Council approved 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 four (4) houses to supply affordable rental housing units. **ACTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, GRANTS**

- b. **Motion Regarding Future Neighborhood Master Plans:** Council approved the creation of a set of criteria for determining the necessity of future Neighborhood Master Plans in unincorporated Richland County and an analysis of District Nine (9) to be initiated by the Neighborhood Improvement Program prior to December 31, 2016. **ACTION: PLANNING, FINANCE**

- c. **Electronics Recycling – Authorization to Increase Purchase Order Over \$100,000:** Council approved the request to increase the purchase order for eCycle Secure from \$90,000 to \$130,000 to handle the County’s waste stream until the end of FY16. **ACTION: FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, SOLID WASTE**

- d. **Council Motion Regarding Outside Agencies using a Fiscal Agent when Receiving Hospitality Grant Funds:** Council approved that beginning in FY18 all organizations that use a fiscal agent to administer grant funded projects through Hospitality Tax grant program can only do so for one fiscal year, after which they must have a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status to receive future Hospitality Tax grant funds from the County. **ACTION: FINANCE, GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION**

- e. [Removed from Consent] **Council Motion Regarding the Allocation of Funding to Organizations for Multiple Years:** Council approved that all contractual and statutory organizations that request one (1) year funding from the County will not receive funding from the County in subsequent years for the same purpose. **ACTION: FINANCE, GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION**

- f. **Department of Natural Resources – Letter of Support:** Council approved the request to provide a letter of support to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for the acquisition of approximately 131 acres in the County for the development of a public shooting range. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

- g. **Conservation Department: Transfer of Grant Funds:** Council approved the request to transfer \$20,000 from the FY16 grant funds awarded to the Gills Creek Watershed Association to Professional Services for use in funding trail and stormwater improvements at Owens Field in the Gills Creek watershed. **ACTION: GRANTS, FINANCE, CONSERVATION, PROCUREMENT**



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- h. [Removed from Consent] Bus Shelter Easement Request:** Council approved the request to grant an easement to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) for the purpose of installing a bus shelter at the County Library's St. Andrews location. The easement agreement will be amended to reflect that the easement will not automatically transfer if the CMRTA is purchased by another entity. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, RISK MANAGEMENT, SUPPORT SERVICES**
- i. Conservation Department: Purchase of Parcel:** Council directed Staff to move forward as discussed in Executive Session at the March 22, 2016 Administration & Finance Committee meeting. **ACTION: LEGAL, CONSERVATION, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, SUPPORT SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION**

2. Third Reading Items

- a. 16-03MA**
D. R. Horton-Crown, LLC
RU to RS-MD (25.34 Acres)
Hollingshed Rd. & Kennerly Rd.
05200-01-13 & 18: Council gave third reading approval to the rezoning amendment.
ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING
- b. 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 third reading approval to the budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, FINANCE, GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION**
- c. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Eight Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$229,208.90) to increase funding to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Department Plans to conduct scheduled elections, operating equipment and inc. staffing:** Council denied this request.
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valorem taxes; providing for the allocation of fees-in-lieu of taxes payable under the agreement for the establishment of a multi-county industrial/business park; and other matters relating thereto: Executive Session item.

3. Second Reading Items

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; so as to add cigar bars as a permitted use with special requirements in the NC, GC, M-1, and LI Zoning Districts:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, PLANNING**

4. Report of the Development & Services Committee

- a. **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between City of Columbia and Richland County for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project:** Council approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the City of Columbia for the Hollywood Hills Sewer Project. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION, UTILITIES**

5. Report of the Administration & Finance Committee

- a. **Council Motion Regarding the Utilization of a Special Tax District:** Council approved the concept of utilizing a Special Tax District for the purposes of providing funding for the repair and replacement of privately owned dams in Richland County. The vote to reconsider failed. **ACTION: LEGAL, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, ELECTIONS, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR**
- b. **Council Motion Regarding Adherence to County Policies:** Executive Session item.

6. 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 denied this request.

7. Report of Rules & Appointments Committee



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a. Notification of Vacancies

i. Community Relations – 3

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise these vacancies. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ii. Employee Grievance – 1

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise this vacancy. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iii. Board of Assessment Appeals – 1

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise this vacancy. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iv. Hospitality Tax – 1

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise this vacancy. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

v. Accommodations Tax – 1

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise this vacancy. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iii. Township Auditorium – 1

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise this vacancy. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iv. Board of Zoning Appeals – 2

Council voted to advertise or re-advertise these vacancies. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

b. Notification of Appointments

i. Transportation Penny Advisory Committee (TPAC) – 2



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This item was held in Committee.

ii. Board of Zoning Appeals – 1

Council voted to appoint LaTonya B. Derrick. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

iii. Music Festival Commission – 1

Council voted to appoint Derek Riley. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

8. Report of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

- a. 2016 Bikeway and Sidewalk Projects: PDT Project Development Recommendations:** Council approved altering the termini for eleven (11) of the bikeway and sidewalk projects from the 2012 referendum based on funding limitations, constructability, a change in existing conditions, safety, public input or right-of-way restrictions. **ACTION: FINANCE, LEGAL, TRANSPORTATION, PROCUREMENT**

9. Citizen's Input: Three people spoke.

10. Executive Session:

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- b. Pending Litigation: Jones vs. Richland County:** Received as information. No actions taken.
- c. Personnel Matter:** Received as information. No actions taken.
- d. Conservation Department: Purchase of Parcel:** This item was not discussed in Executive Session.
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Project Oro], whereby Richland County will enter into a fee-in-lieu of tax arrangement with Arum Composites, LLC [f/k/a Project Oro], and providing for payment by Arum Composites, LLC [f/k/a Project Oro] of certain fees-in lieu of ad valorem taxes; providing for the allocation of fees-in-lieu of taxes payable under the agreement for the establishment of a multi-county industrial/business park; and other matters relating thereto: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

11. Motion Period:

- a. **All motions must be posted a minimum of 24 hours before a scheduled Council meeting. Note: When Council made this change it was to eliminate any surprise or intent of secrecy. It eliminated Chairs of committees adding motions to an agenda before the meeting without notice. The change was for all motions not some [JACKSON]:** Council sent this item to the Rules & Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Based on Richland County guideline and grievance procedure I move that after all grievance committee hearings are held within the required timeline that the Administrator update and notify Council at the next available Council meeting. This also include any notices of lawsuits or legal matters. Note: Recently Council was notified of a ruling more than one year later. If there is a timeline for the employee, the chair of the grievance committee and the committee then there must be a timeline to notify Council. [JACKSON]:** Council sent this item to the Rules & Appointments Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **I move that Council approve the release of funds being held in the Stormwater fund balance previously allocated for the dredging of silt from Lake Katherine. The City of Columbia has agreed to fund the balance of this project. [PEARCE]:** Council sent this item to the Administration & Finance Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, FINANCE**

12. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 9:30PM.