

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**Office of the County Administrator**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS  
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING  
May 6, 2008  
6:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** McEachern

**Invocation:** McEachern

**Pledge of Allegiance:** McEachern

**Point of Personal Privilege (Pearce):** Chief Harrell was recognized for his appointment to lead the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

**Presentation: Richland 101 Spring Graduation:** Graduates were honored and thanked for their participation in the program.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as amended. A Resolution honoring the Reverend Gwendolyn Taylor was added to the motion period. Mr. Malinowski had clarification points for the Clerk's Office. A Proclamation for Public Works Week was added to the agenda.

**Citizens' Input:** No one spoke.

**Approval of Minutes**

<b>Regular Session</b>	<b>April 15, 2008:</b> Approved as submitted.
<b>Zoning Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 22, 2008:</b> Approved as submitted.
<b>Special Called</b>	<b>April 22, 2008:</b> Approved as submitted.
<b>Special Called</b>	<b>April 29, 2008:</b> Approved as submitted.

**Report of the County Administrator**

- a. **Pending Litigation:** Mr. Pope stated that this item would be discussed during Executive Session.

- b. Recreation Commission Work Session (Oversight, Bonding Authority, etc.):** Mr. Pope requested a work session to follow up on the Recreation Commission issues that weren't discussed thoroughly at the March 25, 2008 work session (which was cut to 30 minutes, versus the originally intended hour). Pending issues remaining include the following: Legal Issues / Oversight; Policy / Governance Issues; Bond / Construction Issues. This item was discussed in the Motion Period.
- c. Transportation Study Commission Work Session:** Mr. Pope stated that the TSC has requested a work session. This information is listed under the Motion Period.
- d. Eastover Sewer:** Mr. Pope stated that this issue would be discussed during the budget process.

#### **Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items**

- a. Project CAGE:** Deferred
- b. Splash Inc. vs. Richland County:** Deferred
- c. Pending Litigation**
- d. Personnel Matter:** Deferred

#### **Report of the Clerk of Council**

- a. HR / Personnel Work Session:** Ms. Finch stated that a work session needed to be scheduled to discuss these issues.
- b. On-Premises Digital Display Work Session:** Ms. Finch stated that a work session needed to be scheduled to discuss this issue.
- c. SC Association of University Women:** The organization is honoring Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson on May 17, 2008 at noon at the New Orleans Restaurant.

#### **Report of the Chairman**

- a. Personnel Matter:** Deferred
- b. State of Richland County:** Mr. McEachern discussed this item. Follow up information was discussed during the Motion Period.
- c. Bond Review Committee:** Council Approved the Committee's recommendations regarding the Midlands Technical College \$2,000,000 request

for the Northeast Campus. In 2010, the County will be able to issue a BAN, which is interest only until 2012.

**Open / Close Public Hearing Item: 4e:** No one spoke.

**Approval of Consent Items:** ~~1a, 1b~~, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 4e, 4d, 4e, 4f. Stricken items were removed from the consent agenda.

**1. Third Reading Items**

- a. **Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, in General, so as to Amend Requirements Pertaining to Sexually Oriented Businesses, and Make Clarifications Pertaining to All Businesses [CONSENT]:** This item was deferred. **PENDING ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, PLANNING, ZONING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VI, Supplemental Use Standards; Section 26-151, Permitted Uses with Special Requirements; Subsection (c), Standards; Paragraph (66), Sexually Oriented Businesses; So as to Amend Requirements Pertaining to Sexually Oriented Businesses [CONSENT]:** This item was deferred. **PENDING ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, PLANNING, ZONING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **08-04MA; David Armstrong, Jr.; RU to GC (1.15 acres); Wash Shed; TMS #20200-01-02; 600 Longtown Road; Deferred from 4/15/08 Meeting:** Council gave third reading approval to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from RU to GC. Planning is to follow up with Mrs. Dickerson. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

**2. Second Reading Items**

- a. **08-08MA; SC Research Authority; M-1 to GC (26.86 acres); High Density Multi-Use Development; 17200-02-11; Powell Road & Technology Circle [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to the zoning map amendment changing the zoning designation from M-1 to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **An Ordinance Ratifying the Business License Fee Schedule Adopted by Council on October 16, 2007 [CONSENT]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

- c. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 16, Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article 1, Business Licenses; Section 16 – 5; Classification and Rates; So as to Incorporate the Business License Fee Schedule by Reference:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

**3. Report of the Development and Services Committee**

- a. **Request to approve a construction contract for the Bonbon Lane capital improvement project [CONSENT]:** Council approved a contract with Cherokee, Inc. in the amount of \$120,599.04, plus a fifteen percent contingency of approximately \$18,000. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE, BUDGET, LEGAL**
- b. **Request to approve a construction contract for Phases I & II of the Stoops Creek capital improvement project [CONSENT]:** Council approved the awarding of a construction contract to C&W Construction for the amount of \$140,037, plus a fifteen percent contingency of approximately \$21,000. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE, BUDGET, LEGAL**
- c. **Request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Richland County and Clemson University Co-operative Extension Service for the Partnership in Environmental Program (Carolina Clear) [CONSENT]:** Council approved the memorandum of understanding with Clemson University Co-operative Extension. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS / STORMWATER, BUDGET, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT**
- d. **Request to approve the purchase of an existing office building to house the Utilities Department Administration and Engineering Divisions [CONSENT]:** Council approved the purchase of an existing office building for the purpose of housing the Administration and Engineering Divisions of the Utilities Department. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, UTILITIES, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- e. **An ordinance to amend the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; by adding a new section therein for the purpose of establishing regulations and requirements relating to smoking of tobacco products in the unincorporated areas of Richland County:** Council gave first reading to the ordinance. Mr. McEachern stated that changes will be made at second reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**4. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee**

- a. Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the purchase of land and construction of a new alcohol and drug abuse facility for LRADAC [CONSENT]:** Council gave first reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,000,000 general obligation bonds for the purchase of vehicles for use by the Sheriff's Department for fiscal year 2008-2009 [CONSENT]:** Council gave first reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS / FLEET SERVICES, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. Request to award a contract for financial auditing services [CONSENT]:** Council asked staff to research the past County (Richland County) experience with the recommended firm for the next scheduled meeting. The item was deferred. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, BUDGET**
- d. An ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII, Boards, Commissions and Committees; Section 2-326, Boards and Commissions created and recognized; So as to clarify language regarding members' terms for the Business Service Center Appeals Board [CONSENT]:** Council gave first reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. A resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its not exceeding \$430,000,000 Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended [CONSENT] [PUBLIC HEARING]:** Council held a public hearing, and approved the resolution. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**
- f. A resolution of commitment to amend the county's comprehensive plan to be compatible with the City of Columbia's comprehensive plan [CONSENT]:** Council approved the resolution as amended, including Mr. Malinowski's amendments stating that the plans are to be mutually beneficial to both parties. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING**

**g. Financial Review: Funding Review: Funds Requiring Action for FY 08 – 08**

- 1. Human Resources Budget Amendment:** Council gave first reading to the budget ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- 2. Solid Waste Budget Amendment:** Council gave first reading to the budget ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS / SOLID WASTE**

**5. Report of the Rules and Appointments Committee**

**a. Notification of Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

- 1. Building Codes Board of Adjustments and Appeals [1]:** The vacancy is to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 2. Business Service Center Appeals Board [2]:** William West III was appointed to the Board. The remaining vacancy is to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 3. Employee Grievance Committee [1]:** The vacancy is to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 4. Internal Audit Committee [1]:** The vacancy is to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**b. Items for Discussion**

- 1. Motion Period – Rule Amendment:** This item is to be discussed at the next meeting. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 2. Business Service Center Appeals Board – Ordinance Amendment:** This item is no longer necessary since the Board now has a quorum.

**6. Citizens' Input:** No one spoke.

**7. Executive Session**

- a. Pending Litigation:** Received as information.

**8. Motion Period**

- a. Transportation Study Commission Work Session:** Scheduled for May 27, 2008 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, pending Executive Committee and Consultant scheduling. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Recreation Commission Work Session:** Scheduled for May 22, 2008 at 4:00 pm. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. Resolution:** Hutchinson requested a resolution honoring the Reverend Gwendolyn Taylor. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. Proclamation:** Mr. McEachern, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mr. Pope presented a proclamation to the Department of Public Works representatives in honor of Public Works Week.
- e. State of the County:** After discussion, Council voted to hold the State of the County on July 1, 2008 with a press conference at 10:00 am, followed by a presentation at 5:00 pm. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**9. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 8:02 pm.