

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 3, 2013  
6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Washington

**Invocation:** Jeter

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jeter

**Presentations of Resolutions:**

- a. **Proclamation Honoring Elise Jones Martin [LIVINGSTON].** Mr. Livingston, on behalf of Council, presented the Proclamation to Elise Jones Martin.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a. **Regular Session: November 19, 2013.** Approved as published.
- b. **Zoning Public Hearing: November 26, 2013.** Approved as published.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted as published.

**Report of the Attorney for Executive Session Items:**

- a. **Purchase of Property**
- b. **Personnel Matter (Item #7a on the Agenda)**
- c. **Project Aquarius.** Outside counsel appeared on this item. Action was taken during the Report of the Economic Development Committee.
- d. **Project Flare.** Outside counsel appeared on this item. Action was taken during the approval of the Consent agenda.

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

**Report of the County Administrator:**

- a. **2014 Council Retreat Proposed Agenda.** Mr. McDonald provided Council a copy of the proposed Agenda which included items submitted by Council members.

### Report of the Clerk of Council:

- a. **Amending November 2014 Council Meeting Schedule [ACTION].** Ms. Onley stated the meeting schedule includes a Council meeting on November 11, 2014, which is Veterans' Day; she proposed moving the meeting up one week to November 4, 2014 as an alternative.

Council unanimously approved amending the November 2014 Council Meeting Schedule to have only one Council meeting during the month, which will be scheduled November 18, 2014. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- b. **National Guard Museum Tour.** Ms. Onley stated the tour is not available December 10-12, 2013 or December 24-25, 2013 and that lunch will be provided. Mr. Washington requested the clerk select the date and notify Council. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Richland Memorial Board's Annual Luncheon, Wednesday, December 4, 2013. 2:00-1:30 p.m., Palmetto Richland.** Ms. Onley reminded Council of the details of the luncheon.
- d. **The Midlands Workforce Development Board, Thursday, December 5, 2013, 12:00 p.m. Embassy Suites.** Ms. Onley reminded Council of the meeting.

### Report of the Chairman:

- a. **Personnel Matter.** This item was discussed in Executive Session.

#### 1. Open/Close Public Hearings:

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Ch. 6, Buildings & Building Regulations; Art. IX, Swimming Pool Code; Sec. 6-168, requirements; so as to reference the 2012 Edition of the International Building Code.** No one spoke.
- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Ch. 23, Taxation; Art. IV, Local Hospitality Tax; Sec. 23-69, Distribution of Funds so as to clarify and revise.** No one spoke.
- c. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$615, 622.56 of General Fund Unassigned Balance for Voting Machines and related equipment in the Board of Elections and Voters Registration Department.** No one spoke.
- d. **An Ordinance Authorizing Certain Economic Incentives, including payment of a fee in lieu of property taxes and other related matters, pursuant to a fee agreement between Richland County, South Carolina, and International**

Paper [Project Ruby], pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and other related matters. No one spoke.

**2. Consent Items:**

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article IX, Swimming Pool Code; Section 6-168, Requirements; so as to reference the 2012 Edition of the International Building Code [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the Ordinance. ACTION: BUILDING AND INSPECTIONS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Fairfield County, South Carolina, to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain real property located in Fairfield County; and other related matters [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the amendment. ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **13-31MA  
Ron Johnson  
RU to RS-LD (25.54 Acres)  
Longtown Road West  
17613-02-08(p) [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the map amendment. ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- d. **An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate \$615,622.56 of General Fund Unassigned Balance for voting machines and related equipment in the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Department [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the Ordinance Amendment. ACTION: ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- e. **An Ordinance Authorizing certain economic incentives, including payment of a fee in lieu of property taxes and other related matters, pursuant to a Fee Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina, and International Paper Company, pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and other related matters [THIRD READING]. Council unanimously gave third reading approval to the Ordinance. ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, LEGAL ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- f. **Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement Governing the I-77**

**Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Fairfield County, South Carolina, to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain real property located in Richland County; and other related matters [SECOND READING].** Council unanimously gave second reading approval to the amendment. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, LEGAL ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- g. **13-35MA**  
**Charles Marshall, Jr.**  
**RS-LD to TROS (4.23 Acres)**  
**9875 Windsor Lake Blvd.**  
**19907-06-01 & 08 [SECOND READING].** Council unanimously gave second reading approval to the map amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**
- h. **[REMOVED] Richland County Comprehensive Plan Update Vendor Selection.** Council unanimously approved deferring this item to the December 10, 2013 Council Meeting. Staff was directed to provide Council the scope of services that will be provided. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- i. **[REMOVED] Amending the January 2014 County Council Meeting Schedule**  
Councilman Malinowski requested the record reflect Council members Manning, Washington and Malinowski were all included in the motion pertaining to this item.  
  
Council unanimously approved amending the January 2014 County Council Meeting Schedule to include the following items on the January 7, 2014 agenda: Selection of Chair, Vice Chair and Seats, and to take up any time sensitive items. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- j. **County Council Mementos Recommendation.** Council approved tabling the item. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- k. **Richland County Water and Sewer Authority.** Council approved the addition of this item in the scope of services along with the neutral information regarding the costs and benefits of privatization and/or selling of the system. The consultant will evaluate the costs / benefits, and all associated items with regards to the establishment of a Water and Sewer Authority. These items will also be discussed at Council Retreat. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, UTILITIES**
- l. **Policy for Purchase of Property by Elected Officials.** Council unanimously approved the creation of a policy regarding the purchase of property by Elected Officials and to amend the title to read: "Policy for Purchase of Property by Elected and Appointed Officials." **ACTION: LEGAL, FINANCE, CLERK OF**

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- m. SC Equality’s “Through the Looking Glass of Equality” Funding Request.** Council unanimously denied the request.
- n. [REMOVED] Countywide Disparity Study.** Council unanimously approved forwarding this item to the Economic Development Committee. Staff was directed to research the possibility of creating partnerships with USC, the City of Columbia and the school districts, which have all conducted disparity studies. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL, HUMAN RESOURCES, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION**
- o. [REMOVED] The County will hire an expert in the field of hydrology to develop a plan and be responsible for implementation of drainage and ditch program.** Council unanimously approved forwarding this item to the 2014 Council Retreat. **ACTION: UTILITIES, ADMINISTRATION**
- p. Richland County Sheriff’s Department NRA Foundation Grant/No FTE/No Match.** Council unanimously approved an ‘Eddie Eagle’ safety mascot costume to be used in school and community education programs. **ACTION: SHERIFF, GRANTS, FINANCE**
- q. Request for Council’s Permission to Donate a Vehicle to Allen University.** Council unanimously approved donating a decommissioned / deadlined Sheriff’s Department vehicle to Allen University. **ACTION: SHERIFF, LEGAL, FINANCE, SUPPORT SERVICES / FLEET**

### **3. Second Reading Items:**

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; Section 23-69, Distribution of Funds, so as to clarify and revise the language therein.** Council gave second reading approval to the Ordinance. **ACTION: GRANTS, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

### **4. Report of Development and Services Committee:**

- a. Request for Fuel Cell Collaboration.** Council unanimously approved a request to consider a partnership with the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Center for Hydrogen Research to advance the efforts to commercialize fuel cell vehicles.

Staff was directed to research the possibility of partnering with USC on their Genesis 2012 Plan and the COMET (CMRTA) as they transition to small propane vehicles and consider a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station for their buses. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, SUSTAINABILITY, FINANCE**

### **5. Report of Administration and Finance Committee:**

- a. **Bible Way Church of Atlas Road Funding Request.** A motion to deny was approved.
- b. **Famously Hot New Year Celebration.** Council gave first reading approval to a Hospitality Tax Fund Balance Budget Amendment in the amount of \$50,000 for the event. **ACTION: GRANTS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **The Sustainers: Builders and Preservers of Civil Rights Sites in the US Funding Request.** A motion to deny was approved.
- d. **Benedict College Funding Request for High School Championship Events.** A motion to deny was approved.
- e. **Fiscal Reports for Entities Requesting County Funds.** A motion was unanimously approved to forward this item to the 2014 Council Retreat. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**

**6. Report of Economic Development Committee:**

- a. **Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a credit agreement to provide for special source revenue credits to [Project Warehouse]; and other related matters [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY].** Council unanimously gave first reading approval by title only to the agreement. **ACTION: PLANNING, FINANCE, LEGAL, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Authorizing the execution and delivery of an Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding by and between Richland County, South Carolina and a company known as Project Aquarius and other matters related thereto.** Council unanimously approved the Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. **ACTION: ASSESSOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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

**8. Executive Session:**

- a. **Purchase of Property.** A motion was unanimously approved to proceed with purchase of property not to exceed \$2.5 million. **ACTION: CORONER, FINANCE, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**

- b. **Personnel Matter.** No action was taken.
- c. **Project Aquarius.** Action was taken during the Report of the Economic Development Committee.
- d. **Project Flare.** Action was taken during the approval of the Consent agenda.

**9. Motion Period:**

- a. **Move to privatize ALL Public Work operations. The RFP process will be completed before the March 18, 2014 Council meeting [WASHINGTON].** This item was forwarded to the Consolidation/Privatization Ad Hoc Committee. [Please note this item is also a 2014 Retreat item.] **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- b. **With the upcoming meeting with City officials regarding the relocation of the Richland County Judicial Center, I move that the County Administrator arrange to have the building appraised as soon as possible [PEARCE].** This item was forwarded to the Courthouse Ad Hoc Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION**
- c. **Richland County Community Development and its staff where in keeping with others around the state to have the required staffing to be more effective [JACKSON].** This item was forwarded to the January 28, 2014 A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- d. **Richland County develop an office of Business Opportunities [JACKSON].** This item was forwarded to the January 28, 2014 A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- e. **All requests for Hospitality and/or Accommodations taxes after the budget process will be referred to the staff person who handles such requests. That staff person will provide a response to the requesting person/entity the Richland County process to request such funds and when the submission period is. The purpose of this motion is to eliminate the constant out of cycle requests for funds that have already been obligated. [MALINOWSKI].** This item was forwarded to the January 28, 2014 A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS**
- f. **On the Low Volume paving create another Low Volume category for roads with houses and no commercial zone and some connectivity and apply the additional 1/2 inch surface for a higher volume [DIXON].** This item was forwarded to the Dirt Road Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS**
- g. **Resolution for Visiting Guests at the SC HIV/AIDS Concert [DIXON].**

Council unanimously approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**10. Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.