

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING**

March 21, 2006

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mizzell

INVOCATION: Hutchinson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Hutchinson

PRESENTATIONS: **Dr. Raj S. Aluri, Director, International Community:**
Dr. Aluri presented information on the international community and Columbia International Festival.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as amended. Item 4 (Approval of Appointment Letter: Voter Registration Board) was moved to Item 1, and the agenda was renumbered as such. A Resolution regarding the Road Maintenance Fee was also added to the agenda in conjunction with item 2 b (Road Maintenance Fee).

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Mizzell recognized that his wife and children were in the audience.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized that one of her church members was in the audience.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Pearce recognized that Mr. Mike Cox was given an award for column writing from the Press Association.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: March 7, 2006 – The minutes were approved as submitted.

Zoning Public Hearing: October 25, 2005 – The minutes were approved as submitted.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Larry Smith informed Council that the following items could be discussed in Executive Session if they chose to do so:

- a. **Columbia Venture vs. Richland County**
- b. **TIF Report to Council**
- c. **Contractual / Legal Update**

Executive Session was moved after Citizens' Input.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Riverbanks Zoo Capital Purchase Request** – Mr. Pope stated that Riverbanks Zoo has requested a one time capital purchase of a tram and trailers. (Action was taken on this item during the motion period.) **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
2. **Floodplain Ordinance** – Mr. Pope stated that there were some interpretive concerns regarding this matter and that staff would supply Council with information addressing these concerns, and reassured Council that this issue will be resolved in the most expedient manner possible. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, LEGAL**

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

1. **Firefighter Recruits Graduation**—Ms. Finch stated that the graduation will be held April 7th at 6:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Ms. Finch know.
2. **South Carolina Economic Developers' School**—Ms. Finch stated that the South Carolina Economic Developers' School will be held May 18 and 19th. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Ms. Finch know.
3. **International Downtown Association**—Ms. Finch stated she has the applications if anyone is interested in attending.
4. **Columbia Awards Gala** – Ms. Finch stated that the gala will be held March 30th at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.
5. **Richland Memorial Board of Trustees Reception** – Ms. Finch stated that the Richland Memorial Board of Trustees will hold a reception for recently appointed Board Members and to honor outgoing Board Members for their service on April 5th at 6:00 p.m.
6. **NACo Conference** – Ms. Finch stated that the conference will be in Cook County (Chicago), Illinois on August 4-8th.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

1. Mr. Mizzell stated that the Administrator Search RFQ will close on Thursday, March 30, and that this information would be brought to Council once received.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS – There were no public hearing items.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS – The following items were approved for the Consent Agenda and adopted by motion of the County Council: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 2a, 2c, 6a

1. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT LETTER

- a. **Voter Registration Board:** After a presentation from Senator Kay Patterson, Ms. Lillian McBride was approved. (Also at this time, Senator Patterson gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Two County appointments have been made, and one more appointment remains to be made. **ACTION: COUNCIL**

2. THIRD READING ITEMS

- a. **05-105MA; Robert Fuller; RS-MD to NC; Develop Small Office Park; 20200-01-18(p); Across from Killian Elementary School:** Council gave third reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RS-MD to NC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- b. **05-116MA; Preston Young; RU to RM-HD (43 acres); Residential Subdivision; 14500-02-08/25; Southwest Quadrant of Powell Road; Hardscrabble Road:** Council gave third reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to RM-HD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- c. **05-118MA; Don Lovett; PDD to GC (0.09 acres); General Commercial; 17414-01-17(p); Adjacent to Killian Green S/D:** Council gave third reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from PDD to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- d. **05-121MA; William Higgins; M-1 to GC (17 acres); General Commercial; 04910-01-09 & 04913-01/03/05; Northeast Quadrant of Fernandina Road & Piney Woods Road:** Council gave third reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from M-1 to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- e. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Zoning; Article VI, Supplemental Use Standards; Paragraphs (8), (9), and (10); So as to amend the required conditions for day cares (Adult Day Care, Family Day Cares, and Group Day Cares) regarding parking:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- f. **An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Zoning; Article V, Zoning Districts and District**

Standards; Section 26-96, GC General Commercial Districts; Subsection (c), Development Standards, Paragraph (5) height standards; so as to amend the maximum height of structures in the GC District from thirty five (35) to forty-five feet: Council gave third reading to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

- g. An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Zoning; Article IV, Amendments and Procedures; Section 26-52, Amendments; Subsection (H), Withdrawal or Reconsideration of Proposed Amendments; Paragraph (1), Withdrawal; So as to amend the time in which an applicant may withdraw an amendment application:** Council gave third reading to the ordinance amendment. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

3. SECOND READING ITEMS

- a. A budget amendment to increase funding to non-department special contract account for Local Option Sales Tax software:** Council gave second reading to the budget amendment. **ACTION: BUDGET, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- b. Road Maintenance Fee:** Council tabled the Road Maintenance Fee Ordinance and adopted in its place the Road Maintenance Fee Resolution. **ACTION: BUDGET, ADMINISTRATION**
- c. KPR Holdings, L.P. Transfer to Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc.:** Council gave second reading to this item. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

4. FIRST READING ITEMS

- a. Detention Center Medical Contract [Budget Amendment]:** Council gave first reading to the budget amendment in the amount of \$587,000. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, LEGAL**
- b. Sale of Property: 1610 Marion Street:** This item was forwarded to Executive Session.
- c. Ordinance to amend the Public Works Department under Chapter 2 in the Code of Ordinances:** This item was forwarded to Executive Session.
- d. Budget amendment regarding the Ordinance to amend the Finance Department under Chapter 2 in the Code of Ordinances:** This item was forwarded to Executive Session.

- e. **Budget amendment regarding the Ordinance to amend the Finance Department under Chapter 2 in the Code of Ordinances:** This item was forwarded to Executive Session.

5. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, and COMMITTEES

- a. **Building Codes Board of Adjustments and Appeals – 2** These vacancies are to be advertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Employee Grievance Committee – 1** This vacancy is to be advertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Internal Audit Committee – 1** This vacancy is to be advertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

II. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, and COMMITTEES

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee – 1** No applications were received. This vacancy is to be readvertised. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Employee Grievance Committee – 1** Nelda Smyrl was appointed to the Employee Grievance Committee. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. **Amending the ordinance requirements regarding residence for Board / Committee members:** Mr. McEachern stated that the committee recommended that there be Richland County residency requirements for the following: Richland County Planning Commission, Richland/Lexington Riverbanks Parks Commission, the Board of Trustees of the Richland Memorial Hospital, Richland County Conservation Commission, Internal Audit Committee, Employee Grievance Committee, Board of Assessment Appeals, Libraries and Board of Zoning and Appeals. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Point of Personal Privilege: Greg Pearce pointed out Howard West, attorney for Palmetto Health Alliance, was in the audience with his son, who is a scout.

6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

- a. A Resolution to appoint and commission Mike Warren Shaffer as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County:** The resolution was approved.

7. CITIZENS' INPUT: No one spoke

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. 1610 Marion Street: The County Administrator was directed to convene the Richland County Development Corporation in order to begin the process for the sale of 1610 Marion Street. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

b. Ordinance to amend the Public Works Department under Chapter 2 in the Code of Ordinances: This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**

c. Ordinance to amend the Finance Department under Chapter 2 in the Code of Ordinances: This item was tabled.

d. Budget Amendment regarding the Ordinance to amend the Finance Department under Chapter 2 in the Code of Ordinances: This item was given first reading approval. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, LEGAL**

e. Columbia Venture vs. Richland County: This item was received as information.

f. TIF Report to Council: This item was received as information.

g. Contractual / Legal Update: This item was received as information.

8. MOTION PERIOD

a. Hutchinson made a motion to place the Riverbanks tram issue on the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

b. Smith made a motion to give first reading approval to an ordinance amending the Land Development Code to remedy the flood ordinance issue, and referred this item to the Planning Commission for recommendation. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING**

c. Livingston requested a resolution for Inez Hicks from the Ridgewood Community. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- d. Pearce requested a resolution for Judy Nofsinger, Columbia Mental Health Center to be presented when the agency presents its budget in May. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - e. Jeter requested an update on the RFQ for the financial advisor. This item was forwarded to the A&F Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**
 - f. Dickerson requested a resolution for Round Top Elementary. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** Council adjourned at 9:20 p.m.