

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**Office of the County Administrator**

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

**December 6, 2005**

**6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER – Mizzell**

**INVOCATION -- McEachern**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – McEachern**

**PRESENTATIONS: a. Appearance Counts Program – Hutchinson**

**b. Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center and Visitors  
Bureau – Dave Zunker and Steve Camp**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA –** The agenda was adopted as amended. Item 6 c, Sale of property in Richland Northeast Industrial Park from Atlas Foods to Travis Motley, was added to the agenda. Also, item 4 c, Solid Waste Collector Rate Increase and extension of contracts was added to the Consent Agenda.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT –** No one spoke.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Regular Session: November 15, 2005**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Zoning Public Hearing: November 29, 2005**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- a. Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Township – Was received as information.
- b. Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Research Campus Parking Garage (Innovista) – Council requested that Milton Pope, Interim County Administrator, write the City of Columbia and the University of South Carolina regarding the County's position on financing the project with

revenue bonds, and insuring irrevocable funding up to \$7.5 million dollars.

**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- c. Columbia Venture Legal Briefing – This item was forwarded to the 12/20/05 D&S Committee to review and make recommendations pertaining to the court proceedings. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. East Central Consortium Funding Request – Legal is to draft a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Council’s funding direction (\$50,000 for 2 years; \$25,000 per year) for the East Central Consortium. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**

**REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. The Clerk informed Council that a tentative date (December 13, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. at the Clarion) had been set for the joint City / County meeting.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN –**

- a. Mizzell informed Council of the joint City / County meeting.
- b. He also stated that an Educational Summit (involving the Legislative Delegation, School Boards, City of Columbia, and Richland County) would be forthcoming once dates are suggested by involved parties.

**OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS** – Public hearings were opened and closed for the following items: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h, 1i, 1j, 1l, 5e. One person spoke regarding item 1e, and 2 people spoke regarding item 2j.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** – The following items were approved for the Consent Agenda and adopted by motion of the County Council: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1f, 1g, 1h, 1i, 2a, 2b, 2d, 2e, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 6a, 6b. Items 1d and 1e were removed from the Consent Agenda.

**1. THIRD READING ITEMS**

- a. **Budget Amendment for the Mental Health Court** – Council gave third reading approval to the budget amendment in the amount of \$23,699.00 for the Mental Health Court. **ACTION: BUDGET, PROBATE COURT, LEGAL**
- b. **Ordinance creating the Business Service Center** – Council gave third reading approval to an ordinance authorizing the creation of the Business Service Center. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
- c. **Budget Amendment to authorize seven full-time positions and reallocation of \$170,071 to provide funding for the Business Service Center** – Council gave third reading approval authorizing the reallocation

of \$170,071 General Fund dollars for the funding of the Business Service Center. **ACTION: BUDGET, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- d. **Budget Amendment establishing the Hopkins Utility Fund for the operation of Franklin and Albene Park Utility Systems** – Council gave third reading approval to the budget amendment in the amount of \$49,004 for the purpose of establishing the Hopkins Utility Fund for the operation of Franklin and Albene Park Utility Systems, contingent upon receiving DHEC’s approval regarding the rate structure. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, PUBLIC WORKS, LEGAL**
- e. **Ordinance prohibiting through traffic on Olympia Avenue** -- Council deferred this item to the December 13, 2005 Regular Session Council Agenda.
- f. **Ordinance granting an Easement to the City of Columbia to provide water service to the Heart Center Medical Office Building at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital** – Council gave third reading approval to an ordinance granting an easement to the City of Columbia to provide water service to the Palmetto Richland Heart Center Medical Office Building. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- g. **Ordinance granting a cable communication easement to Time Warner Cable at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital** – Council gave third reading approval to an ordinance granting an easement to Time Warner Cable to provide cable communication services to Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- h. **Ordinance authorizing Small Business Participation in the Residential Solid Waste Collection Program** – Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance which would allow small business participation in the Residential Solid Waste Collection Program. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PUBLIC WORKS**
- i. **An Ordinance authorizing Deed to Percy H. McNeill for a certain portion of an abandoned right-of-way known as Old Eisenhower Drive, Richland County** – Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance granting deed to Percy H. McNeill for a portion of an abandoned right-of-way known as Old Eisenhower Drive. **ACTION: LEGAL**
- j. **Ordinance approving warranty requirements for new roads** – Council approve Montgomery’s suggestion, Alternative 4. This ordinance becomes effective once inspection guidelines are approved. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS**

- k. **Sheriff's Request: Increase Victim's Assistance budget by \$250,471.00** – Council gave third reading approval to an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2005-2006 Victim's Assistance annual budget to add \$250,471.00 to this program. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
- l. **Sheriff's Request: A budget amendment to cover General Fund Shortfall Revenue in the amount of \$250,471.00** – Council gave third reading approval to an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2005-2006 general fund annual budget to appropriate \$250,471.00 to cover the general fund revenue shortfall. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

## 2. SECOND READING ITEMS

- a. **05-55MA; Randy Mullis; RU to GC (2.2 acres); Office Building and Warehouse; 12003-03-01/03 & 12007-02-01; Fairfield Road and Highway 321** – Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- b. **05-87MA; Cliff Kinder; RU to RS-MD (42 acres); Single Family Detached Residences; 21800-01-05; Rabbit Run Road** – Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to RS-MD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- c. **05-92MA; Ramona Hatcher; RS-LD to NC; Boutique/Consignment Shop; 16415-07-04/03; 1526 & 1518 Leesburg Road** -- Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RS-LD to NC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- d. **05-95MA; Stadium Village Lofts [Phase 2]; HI to GC (2.4 acres); Condominiums Residences; 11206-04-01/02; Berea Road near Stadium** – Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from HI to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- e. **05-96MA; Kirkman Finlay; HI to GC (5.8 acres); Restaurant in existing structure; 11213-05-02; 1601 Shop Road (across from DMV)** – Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from HI to GC. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**
- f. **05-98MA; Development Services, Inc.; Greg Lehman; RU to RS-LD (206.0 acres); Single Family Residences; 24700-02-08 & 21800-04-04 / 09 / 10** – Council gave second reading approval to a zoning amendment that changes the property from RU to RS-LD. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL**

- g. **Redevelopment Plan for the Olympia, Whaley, Granby Tax Increment Financing District Ordinance** – Council deferred this item to the December 13, 2005 Regular Session Council Meeting. The School Board will be notified of the TIF plan itself and how the increment will impact school dollars. A Public Hearing on this issue will also be held on 12/13/05. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  - h. **Land Development Code (Wholesale Trade Uses)** – Council deferred this issue to the December 13, 2005 Regular Session Council Meeting.
  - i. **Ordinance to incorporate the “Southeast Richland Neighborhood Master Plan” into the Lower Richland Area Plan of the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan** – Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. A Public Hearing will be held on 12/20/05. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, PLANNING**
- 3. FIRST READING ITEM**
- a. **Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VIII, Personnel Regulations; Division 8, Grievance Proceedings; Section 2-476, Definitions** – Council gave first reading approval to an ordinance amendment clarifying verbiage relating to an employee’s pay for performance evaluation and the grievance process. McEachern’s friendly amendment was also included in first reading. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- 4. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**
- a. **Resolution endorsing the blueprint to address homelessness** – Council approved the resolution endorsing the Blueprint to Address Homelessness. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
  - b. **Acceptance of DHEC Used Oil and Waste Tire Grants** – Council accepted the two grants from DHEC. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, BUDGET**
  - c. **Solid Waste Collector Rate Increase & Extension of Contracts** – Council approved the rate increase for solid waste collection contracts for Service Areas 5A, 5B, and 7, and amended the collections budget accordingly. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, BUDGET**
- 5. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
- a. **Funding for the newly appointed Medical Examiner for Richland County** – Council approved a medical examiner position that would serve

within county government under the direction of the Coroner. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CORONER**

- b. **Richland County Neighborhood Council** – Council approved alternative five, which includes providing free meeting space, Neighborhood Leadership Training, and the hiring of one temporary employee. This program is to be evaluated after 12 months. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
  - c. **Resolution Stating the County’s Position on State Tax Reform Initiatives** – Council approved the resolution urging the General Assembly to maintain its commitment to Home Rule, and to be mindful of the potential consequences that a millage cap or elimination of property taxes may have on county government. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
  - d. **Reallocation of Funds for pay increases in the Sheriff’s Departments** – Council approved the reallocation of funds to be used for pay increases in the Sheriff’s Department. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET**
  - e. **Companion resolution to a public hearing to be held on December 6, 2005 regarding approval of bond issuance by the Capital Trust Agency for the Ashton Apartment Complex** – Council approved the resolution authorizing “host approval” of the bond issue, and conducted a public hearing on this issue at this meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
6. **REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
- a. **Sale of property in Richland Northeast Industrial Park to Midlands Fire Protection** – Council approved the sale of property in Richland Northeast Industrial Park to Midlands Fire Protection. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL**
  - b. **Sale of property in Richland Northeast Industrial Park to Forum Development II, LLC**– Council approved the sale of property in Richland Northeast Industrial Park to Forum Development II, LLC. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL**
  - c. **Sale of property in Richland Northeast Industrial Park from Atlas Foods to Travis Motley** – Council approved the sale of property in Richland Northeast Industrial Park from Atlas Foods to Travis Motley. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL**

7. **Ordinance authorizing General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage** – Council tabled this item until the contract is worked out.  
**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
8. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS**
  - a. **Resolution to appoint and commission Kenneth Brian Cook as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Proper Security, General Welfare, and Convenience of Richland County** – Council approved the resolution appointing and commissioning Mr. Cook as a Code Enforcement Officer.  
**ACTION: PLANNING DEPARTMENT**
  - b. **Resolution to appoint and commission Vincent P. Thomas as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Proper Security, General Welfare, and Convenience of Richland County** – Council approved the resolution appointing and commissioning Mr. Thomas as a Code Enforcement Officer.  
**ACTION: PLANNING DEPARTMENT**
9. **REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**
  - a. **Amendment to Council Rule #4.4** – Council approved the amendment to Council Rules pertaining to Committee Agendas.
10. **CITIZEN’S INPUT** – Ronald Scott spoke regarding Koban and the upcoming match funding request.
11. **MOTION PERIOD**
  - a. McEachern made a motion to send a budget amendment ordinance to the 12/20/05 A&F Committee allowing an exemption from the road maintenance fee in the cases of handicap and elderly. **ACTION: LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION**
  - b. Scott made a motion regarding the assessor’s inspection process. Mr. Cloyd’s (Richland County Assessor) presence is requested at the 12/20/05 D&S Committee meeting to explain this process. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, ASSESSOR**
  - c. McEachern made a motion to send the Classification and Compensation Study information pertaining to the Detention Center to the 12/20/05 A&F Committee **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**
  - d. Pearce informed Council that the new Chief Operating Officer for Palmetto Richland is John Singerman.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** – Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.