

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2008
6:00 PM**

Call to Order: McEachern

Invocation: Dickerson

Pledge of Allegiance: Dickerson

Election of Chairperson: McEachern was re-elected Chairperson.

Election of Vice-Chairperson: Hutchinson was re-elected Vice-Chairperson.

Selection of Seats: Remained the same.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted as published.

Citizens' Input: No one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session: December 18, 2007

The minutes were approved as submitted, with the exception of the Farmers' Market Resolution. The Farmers' Market Resolution was reconsidered later in the agenda. Mrs. Dickerson reiterated the need for the trees to remain as buffers in Ashley Oaks.

Report of the County Attorney for Executive Session Items

- a. **HBA vs. Richland County (Pending Litigation)**
- b. **Offer to Purchase Property (Contractual Matter)**
- c. ~~Riverside Property Funding Recommendation(s) (Contractual Matter)~~—Removed from the agenda.
- d. **Farmers' Market (Contractual Matter)**

e. **Potential Claim / Court (Legal Advice)**

Report of the County Administrator

- a. **2008 Council Retreat:** Staff continues to plan the 2008 Council Retreat. Council is to forward comments about the agenda to Mr. Pope.
- b. **City of Cayce Annexation:** Mr. Pope and Mr. Smith met with the Cayce City Manager and Attorney to discuss the potential provision of services by Richland County for the newly annexed property. Mr. Pope has recommended a formal request from Cayce regarding these services. This request will be forthcoming to Council. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- c. **Employee Grievances (2):** Council accepted the Administrator's recommendations. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- d. **Farmers' Market:** Discussed in Executive Session.
- e. **Incorporation Work Session:** Mr. Pope reminded Council of the work session, to occur on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm in Council Chambers. Howard Duvall of the Municipal Association and Mike Cone of the SC Association of Counties will be in attendance. (*Note: In the Motion Period, the work session date was changed to Tuesday, January 22, 2008.) **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- f. **Potential Claim / Court:** Discussed in Executive Session.
- g. **Update on Lower Richland Sewer:** Mr. Pope is to make a second request to the City of Columbia regarding escrowed funds and a timeline. This information will be brought back to the January 22, 2008 Council meeting. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
- h. **January D&S Meeting:** Mr. Pope requested an additional hour for the D&S Committee meeting to discuss pending analysis / discussion items. The meeting will occur Tuesday, January 29, 2008 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- i. **Deceased Employee:** Mr. Pope informed Council that Mr. Paul Moses, Sheriff's Department employee, passed away. Information regarding funeral arrangements is forthcoming.

Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. **Council Retreat – Transportation:** Ms. Finch stated that a van will be available to transport Council members to Retreat.
- b. **SCAC Institute of Government:** The conference will be held February 13, 2008, with the classes occurring on February 14, 2008 at the Embassy Suites.
- c. **City of Columbia Legislative Reception:** The event will occur 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at EdVenture Museum. Shuttle service is available to and from the State House.
- d. **Update on Agenda Software:** The project is in the testing phase, with a potential test run date in March. Training is ongoing.
- e. **2008 Wall Calendars:** Any council members requesting a calendar can pick one up.
- f. **“Together We Can” Partnership:** Richland School District One and the City of Columbia have invited Council to travel to Mobile, AL for the A+ Schools Program on January 15 – 17, 2008. Interested Council members are to inform the Clerk.

Report of the Chairman

- a. **“Together We Can” Partnership:** Mr. McEachern reiterated the importance of this trip.
- b. **Tribute to Senator Patterson:** A tribute to retiring Senator Patterson will be held January 16, 2008 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Logan Elementary School.

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

Approval of Consent Item: The following consent item was approved: 2a.

1. Third Reading Item

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Taxation; Article VI, Local Hospitality Tax; Section 23-69, Distribution of Funds; and Section 23-71, Oversight and Accountability:** Council gave third reading to the staff’s recommended ordinance revisions, making the ordinance consistent with the previously-approved guidelines. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE**

2. Second Reading Items

- a. **Sheriff's Department: Request to Approve the Rollover and Expenditure of \$184,909.60 of Special Duty Administrative Fees Billed in FY 2006-2007 and Collected After July 1, 2007 for the Purpose of Purchasing Non-Lethal Taser Equipment and Training:** Council gave second reading to the ordinance. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, BUDGET, FINANCE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
3. **Ballentine Park Property Lease Agreement:** Council gave first reading approval to the extension of the lease agreement. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
4. **South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Waste Management of South Carolina, Inc. Project) [PUBLIC HEARING]:** Council held the public hearing. No one spoke. Council also re-approved the resolution. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
5. **Farmers' Market Resolution:** The item was reconsidered. "...or at the currently selected Shop Road site" was stricken from the Resolution. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**
6. **Citizens' Input:** No one spoke.
7. **Executive Session**
 - a. **HBA vs. Richland County (Pending Litigation):** Received as information.
 - b. **Offer to Purchase Property (Contractual Matter):** Received as information.
 - c. ~~**Riverside Property Funding Recommendation(s) (Contractual Matter)**~~
 - d. **Farmers' Market (Contractual Matter):** Council requested the Chair work with the Legislative Delegation to form a committee of 2 – 3 Council members and 2 – 3 Legislative Delegation members to work on this issue. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
 - e. **Potential Claim / Court (Legal Advice):** Received as information.

8. Motion Period

- a. Resolution for EMS Paramedics:** Mr. Pearce requested a resolution honoring the paramedics who used the updated defibrillator at the USC – Clemson game, along with a hearty thanks to all paramedics for their dedication to the safety of Richland County residents. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. No Smoking in County Facilities:** Ms. Scott requested there be no smoking in all Richland County facilities. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL**
- c. Approval of a Resolution in Support of Establishing a Post Office for the Pontiac Area:** Hutchinson requested the resolution regarding the new post office. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- d. Eastover Meeting with SCANA:** Ms. Scott stated that a meeting will be held Monday, January 14, 2008 at 6:30pm at Eastover Park to discuss SCANA's Wateree Substation smokestack and landfill.
- e. Meeting Dates:** Mr. Malinowski requested clarification on the January meeting dates. The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2008. D&S and A&F will be held Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

9. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 7:21 pm.