

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 19, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph McEachern, Chair; Anthony Mizzell, Vice-Chair; Joan B. Brady; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; Bernice G. Scott; Kit Smith; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten

ABSENT: Ms. Tillis was out with the flu.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Monique Walters, Pam Davis, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Stephany Snowden, Brad Farrar, Ashley Jacobs, Daniel Driggers, Carrie Tolley, Michael Criss, Chris Eversmann, Janet Claggett, Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:06 p.m.

INVOCATION – Dr. Preston Goodwin gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

a. Walter Huggins, Refuse Control Officer

On behalf of Council, Mr. McEachern and Mr. Meetze presented a Resolution to Mr. Walter Huggins for taking great pride in helping to keep Richland County beautiful. Mr. Meetze stated this resolution was presented to Mr. Huggins because he is doing his job well.

Point of Personal Privilege – Ms. Brill recognized the presence of Eagle Scouts from Saint John Neumann Church. She stated they are presently working on receiving a merit badge.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO COUNCILMEMBERS

a. Mr. Ed Judice, President N.E. President's Alliance

On behalf of the Northeast President's Alliance and the Springwood Lake Association, Mr. Judice presented awards to Ms. Scott, Ms. Smith, Mr. Mizzell and Mr. Pearce during this Council meeting because they were not able to attend the presentation last Fall of 2001.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated there were no items on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Session: March 5, 2002

Ms. Brill stated on Page Two of the minutes under Presentation – Time Warner, the minutes need to reflect Mr. Jeff "Hirsch" and not "Warner".

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated he did not have anything to report at this time.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. McEachern opened the floor to the following public hearings:

BellSouth Easement – No one signed up to speak at this time.

Ordinance to approve sale/leaseback financing of Koyo

Ms. Bush spoke to this item and then Mr. McEachern closed the public hearings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Pearce requested to move item 1-b (BellSouth Easement) from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the following items for the Consent Agenda:

- **Ordinance to approve sale/leaseback financing for Koyo [Third Reading]**
- **Coroner's Office Budget Amendment [Second Reading]**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

- a. Ordinance Amendment regarding Landfills Chapter 12 (Deferred from meeting of 3/5/02)**

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion to the pending ordinance, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to adopt Version II with two amendments.

Version II with the two amendments are as follows:

- A restriction on the size of material going in to a beneficial fill, restricted to 4 feet x 4 feet.
- Amends the definition of beneficial fill to include clean cement paving, no asphalt.
- Reasonable enforcement.
- Anybody who wants to do a beneficial fill has to notify the County and comply with all of the other regulations (except if it is on their property), and the owner is not paid to receive the fill, the owner does not have to pay the \$100.00.
- If any adjacent County adopts a stricter definition of beneficial fill, the County would consider amending its definition.

A discussion took place.

The vote was as follows:

In favor
Pearce
Livingston
Brill
Brady
Meetze
Mizzell
Smith
Tuten

Oppose
McEachern
Scott

The motion passed.

b. BellSouth Easement

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item to the next Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. SECOND READING ITEMS

**a. Zoning Amendment regarding Landfills Chapter 26
(Deferred from meeting of 3/5/02)**

Ms. Smith stated staff had taken out "permitting". She stated this is an amendment to the main motion striking the word "permitting" throughout the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Meetze made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the amended ordinance for Second Reading.

The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	McEachern
Livingston	Scott
Brady	
Meetze	
Mizzell	
Smith	
Brill	
Tuten	

The motion passed.

3. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

a. Rules Changes

Mr. Livingston stated this item was not ready and recommended sending this item back to the Rules Committee.

Ms. Smith moved, and it was seconded, to recommit this item to the Rules Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

1. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee-1

Mr. Livingston reported notification of one vacancy to this board.

2. Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals-4

Mr. Livingston reported notification of four vacancies to this board.

3. Planning Commission-1

Mr. Livingston reported notification of one vacancy to this board.

C. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

1. Accommodations Tax Committee-4

Mr. Livingston stated there are four appointments to be made to this committee with three applications received. He recommended appointing all three applicants.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to appoint Ms. Cheryl Had, Mr. John Masters and Ms. Diane Sumpter to this committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. Building Board Adjustments and Appeals-4

Mr. Livingston reported there were no applications received. He stated staff would re-advertise.

3. Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council-2

Mr. Livingston stated there are two vacancies on this board with two applications received. He recommended appointing the two applicants.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to appoint Mr. Thomas Funderburk and Mr. Harry Cushman Ward to this board. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Olympia Project

Mr. Livingston stated no action is needed at this time. He stated he would notify Council when it is ready to come back.

5. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Referred from Council meeting held on 3/5/02)

a. Report of Airport Commission

Mr. Pearce moved, and it was seconded, to accept the Airport Commission's recommendation to appoint an ADHOC Committee to report on construction projects for the Owen's Airport Facility and to approve the timeline for the terminal.

Mr. McEachern stated the Airport Commission ADHOC Committee includes Ms. Scott, Ms. Smith and Mr. Pearce.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. CITIZEN'S INPUT

Mr. Ted Yandle spoke of concerns of Olympia Road Project.

7. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENT

- Ms. Brady requested a map of the new council districts.
- On behalf of Council, Mr. Pearce requested for a resolution to be presented without reference to Officer Genita Burroughs for receiving the national award of Corrections Officer of the Year. Mr. Pope requested for the resolution to be presented after she receives the.
- Mr. McSwain notified Council that Richland 101 Spring Session begins April 8th.

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- Ms. Brill requested for the Resolution to be presented to Brock Laney at the April 9th Council meeting.
- Mr. McEachern stated the Council Meeting for April 2nd has been cancelled and rescheduled for April 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- Ms. Smith requested a resolution declaring March as Colorectal Month.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Anthony G. Mizzell, Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

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