

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2005 6:00 P.M.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair: Anthony G. Mizzell
Vice-Chair: L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member: Doris M. Corley
Member: Joyce Dickerson
Member: Valerie Hutchinson
Member: Damon Jeter
Member: Paul Livingston
Member: Joseph McEachern
Member: Mike Montgomery
Member: Bernice G. Scott
Member: Kit Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Tony McDonald, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Ashley Jacobs, Joe Cronin, Kendall Johnson, Roxanne Matthews, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Michael Criss, Anna Almeida, Dwight Hanna, Donny Phipps, Brad Farrar, Geo Price, Susan Britt, Daniel Driggers, Jennifer Dowden, Stephany Snowden, Brenda Carter, Harry Reed, Rodolfo Callwood

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Richard T. Laughridge, RMH Board Member – Ms. Dickerson presented Mr. Richard T. Laughridge with a resolution for his years of service on the RMH Board.

James H. Suddeth, Jr., RMH Board Member – Mr. Pearce presented Mr. James H. Suddeth, Jr., with a resolution for his years of service on the RMH Board.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to add a report from the administrator search panel. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to add the donation of Hopkins property for sewage contingent upon receipt of a hold harmless agreement from the present property owner. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to add the transfer of property interest at the Richland County landfill site. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: December 13, 2005 -- Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to move these items to after Citizen's Input. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- a. **Innovista Garage**
- b. **Condemnation Action for Burdell Fuller Road**

(Council chose not to take up the issues of the Recreation Commission Lawsuit, Project Fish Fry and Historic Columbia Foundation.)

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Council Retreat (Strategic Planning Session) – Mr. Pope advised Council that a draft agenda for the upcoming Council Retreat was distributed and asked Ms. Stephany Snowden to brief Council on the two possible dates and four proposed locations for the Council Retreat. A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to hold the Council Retreat at Wampee Conference Center on January 12-14, 2006. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Council Group Picture—January 3, 2005 @ 5:00 p.m. – Ms. Finch stated that the photographer will be here on January 3, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. to take the Council Group photo. Also, anyone desiring to take an individual picture can do so at that time.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Mizzell stated that it had been an honor and privilege serving as the Chair this past year and that he intends to run for Chair again.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- **Ordinance to Incorporate the “Southeast Richland Neighborhood Master Plan” into the Lower Richland Area Plan of the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan**

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke against this item. [Ms. Bush’s amended statement is on file.]

- **JEDA Bond Issue and Resolution**

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms Hutchinson moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to approve the following consent items:

- **Ordinance to Incorporate the “Southeast Richland Neighborhood Master Plan” into the Lower Richland Area Plan of the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan**
- **Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 Administration; Article VIII, Personnel Regulations; Division 8, Grievance Proceedings; Section 2-476, Definitions**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

Land Development Code Wholesale Trade Uses – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the code as distributed, by deleting item 11g of the ordinance. A discussion took place. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to reconsider this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item according to the outline which was distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

JEDA Bond Issue and Resolution – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Administrator Search Panel – A discussion took place. Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to direct staff to begin developing a RFQ. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hopkins Sewage Property – Ms. Jacobs briefed Council on this item.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. A discussion took place wherein Ms. Scott stated that the sewage line is not going to be placed on this property.

Ms. Scott withdrew her motion.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to defer this item to the January 3, 2006 meeting.

Point of Order – Mr. McEachern inquired as to whether this item needed to be forwarded to Committee before going to full Council.

The vote was in favor.

Transfer of Property Interest at the Richland County Landfill Site

1. **Ordinance Authorizing a Quit-Claim Deed to William P. Vinson** – Ms. Smith stated the committee's recommendation was to approve this item for First Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.
2. **Acceptance of Easement, Right-of-Way Deed, and Encroachment Permit (Effective Upon 3rd Reading Approval of Ordinance)** – Ms. Smith stated the committee's recommendation was to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to waive Council's rules regarding Citizen's Input and to allow Ms. Nancy Mason to speak regarding the Burdell Fuller condemnation issue. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mason spoke against this item.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to recess at 6:55 p.m. and reconvene after the Zoning Public Hearing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to reconvene at 7:11 p.m.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- a. **Innovista Garage**
- b. **Condemnation Action for Burdell Fuller Road**

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:12 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:31 p.m.
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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance Authorizing General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

Legal Settlement of Condemnation Action for Burdell Fuller Road – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to defer this item.

Ms. Scott withdrew her motion.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to table this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

There were no motions at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony G. Mizzell, Chair

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The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley