

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Amelia Linder, Pam Davis, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ashley Jacobs, Chris Eversmann

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by the Honorable Susan Brill.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATION** – Mr. McEachern

On behalf of Council, Mr. McEachern and Mr. Mizzell presented plaques to Ms. Smith and Mr. Pearce for serving as Chair and Vice-Chair of Richland County Council from January 2000 until December 2001.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Ms. Smith raised the point that citizens have signed up to speak to an item that requires a public hearing. She stated Council would need to waive the rules in order to permit them to speak.

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to waive the rules and permit citizens to speak to items that will require a public hearing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The following citizens spoke to item 3-b (Fire Station Ordinance):  
Mr. Matt McIlroy, Mr. Frank Yetman, Mr. Henry H. Burke, Representative Joel Lourie, Mr. Curt Rye.

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke of concerns regarding the Economic Development Items.

Mr. Ted Yandle spoke to item 4-a (Consideration of Multi-County Industrial Park for Olympia Project).

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

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated no items are on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Zoning Public Hearing:                    January 22, 2002**  
**Regular Session:                            February 5, 2002**

Mr. Mizzell requested for "John" to be changed to "Todd" Rutherford on Page 6 of the agenda.

Mr. Pearce requested for "instructs" to be changed to "instructions" on Page 9 of the agenda, under Purchase of Voting Machines.

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Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**ALD Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Luncheon** - Mr. McSwain reminded Council of a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow.

**USC Columbia Technology** – Mr. McSwain stated Council is invited to attend a luncheon in order to receive a status report. He stated the luncheon is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m., at the Capital City Club. Mr. McSwain stated this information will be placed on the Council's calendar.

**OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. McEachern opened the floor for the public hearings:

**Ordinance Amendment regarding Landfills; Chapter 12**

The following persons spoke to this item:

Mr. Mitch Hook, Ms. Carol Sloop, Mr. Greg Davis, Ms. Evelyn Bush and Ms. Cynthia Walters, Mr. Eldon Armstrong.

**Zoning Amendment regarding Landfills; Chapter 26**

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke to this item.

The floor was closed to the public hearings.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the following items for the Consent Agenda:

- 1-a. **An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 041-97 and authorizing the Recreation District of Richland County to issue General Obligation Bonds not exceeding \$12,000,000.00 and Approval of a Resolution – [Third Reading approval]**
- 1-b. **02-25MA, Charles Vaughn, From RS-2 to C-2, 17002-04-01, 2156 Cresthill Drive [Third Reading approval]**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**1. THIRD READING ITEMS**

**c. Ordinance Amendment regarding Landfills; Chapter 12**

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to approve this item for Third reading.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to defer this item to the next Council meeting.

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The vote was as follows:

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

The motion to defer passed.

**2. SECOND READING ITEMS**

**a. Zoning Amendment regarding Landfills; Chapter 26**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item to the next Council meeting.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**b. Bellsouth Easement**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**3. FIRST READING ITEMS**

**a. HVAC Ordinance – Judicial Center**

Mr. McSwain reported this is an ordinance to authorize issuance of the bonds.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give First reading approval to the HVAC Ordinance. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**b. Fire Station Ordinance**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the Fire Station Ordinance in the amount of \$1.00 for First reading and moved for the Chair to appoint an ADHOC Committee to bring recommendations for an agreed upon amount by Second Reading.

A discussion took place.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

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Mr. McEachern recommended for Ms. Tillis, Ms. Scott, Mr. Mizzell, Ms. Brill and Ms. Brady to serve on the ADHOC Committee. He requested for the committee to address a few issues with the City, one being an agreement with the City that expired two years ago.

**4. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**a. Consideration of Multi-County Industrial Park for Olympia Project**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee has asked the Administrator to look at the possibility of a Multi-County Industrial Park for the Olympia Road Project.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to direct the Administrator to look at the possibility of placing the quarry in a multi-county industrial park so the revenues generated by expansion could be used to repair the road. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**b. Columbia Convention Center**

Mr. Livingston informed the Council that the County Administrator was directed to get the group to give a presentation.

This item was received as information.

**c. County Ordinance to approve**

Mr. Livingston stated the County has entered into a fee-in-lieu agreement with Koyo and Koyo is in the process of refinancing its property. He stated the agreement would be transferred to the new lease of the property.

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended accepting the change as related to the leaseback financing with Koyo. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**5. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**a. Cooper Road**

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve this item.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to defer this item until revisions to the road paving criteria have been completed.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to call for the question.

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The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The discussion continued.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, to award the contract to pave Cooper Road along with staff's recommendation of the lowest alternate bid to Lanier Construction Company and that this be the last road the County paves until there is a policy adopted by the Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**6. REPORT OF ROAD PAVING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**a. Recommended revision to road paving criteria**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to incorporate the staffs' recommendation into a road policy and place it on the agenda for the next Council meeting, and any Council member who has amendments to the policy should make an effort to circulate it to Council prior to the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**7. CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one spoke at this time.

**8. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. McEachern – Proclamation: National Engineers Week, February 17-23, 2002**

**9. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.**

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Kit Smith

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Thelma M. Tillis

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James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin