

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 21, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph McEachern, Chair; Anthony Mizzell, Vice-Chair (arrived at approximately 7:00 p.m.); 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: Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Carrie Tolley, Larry Smith, Marsheika Martin, Roxanne Rhodes, Ashley Jacobs, Pam Davis, Chris Eversmann, Tony McDonald, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Michael Criss, Chief Harrell, Edith Caudle, Gary Watts, Stephany Snowden, Daniel Driggers, Mike Byrd, Harry Huntley and Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Reverend Samuel L. Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Smith asked for unanimous consent of Council to add the following items to the agenda and move the items before the Palmetto Health Alliance Presentation:

- Resolution honoring the Dreher High School 3AAA State Soccer Championship Women's Team
- Richland 101 Graduates
- Proclamation declaring May 20-24 National Public Work Week

No one opposed the amendment to the agenda.

RESOLUTION – Dreher High School 3AAA Soccer State Championship, Women's Team

On behalf of Council, Ms. Smith and Mr. Pearce, presented resolutions to the young women at Dreher High School for winning the State Championship in soccer.

RICHLAND 101 GRADUATES

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, presented certificates to the graduates of the Richland 101 class.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 19 – 25TH National Public Work Week

On behalf of Council, Ms. Tillis and Ms. Scott, presented a proclamation to the Public Work's Department.

PRESENTATION – Palmetto Health Alliance

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION – Patrick Connolly, Executive Director,
Richland County Parks and Recreation**

On behalf of Council, Ms. Brill presented a resolution to Mr. Connolly. Mr. Connolly retired as Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. McSwain requested for a Personnel Matter to be added to the agenda for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. McEachern stated this would be added as item 4-a on the agenda.

Mr. McSwain stated item 2-b (FY 2002-2003 Millage Ordinance) was advertised for a public hearing.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as amended. 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 the only item on the agenda requiring Executive Session would be the Personnel Matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Session: May 7, 2002

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – No report was given at this time.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance to repeal the Virtual Growth Ordinances

Mr. McEachern opened the floor to the public hearing.

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke against this item.

The public hearing was closed.

FY 2002-03 Budget Ordinance/Millage Ordinance

Mr. McEachern opened the floor to the public hearing.

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The following persons spoke to Midlands Technical College: Mr. Robert C. Lentz, Mr. Marc H. Johnson, Mr. Tino Musingarimi, Mr. Michael Watts.

The following persons signed up to speak to School District One: Ms. Betsy Easterby, Ms. Margaret Woddson, Mr. Larry L. Hamilton, Mr. Him Gilchrist, Ms. Betty Gregory, Mr. Rod Connell. Mr. William F. Halligan.

Mr. Bobby L. Blackwell spoke to School District Two.

The following persons signed up to speak to the Richland County Public Library: Ms. Whitney Rapoport, Mr. Kirby Shealy, Mr. Blake Thomas, Ms. Jane Brooks M. Mays.

The following persons signed up to speak to Columbia Music Festival: Ms. Martha Fonder, Mr. John Hudson, Mr. John Whitehead, Mr. James Morgan.

Mr. Joan Fail Hoffman spoke to Communities In Schools.

The following persons spoke to Edventure: Mr. Austin Boyd, Mr. Bill Smith, Mr. James Becker.

Ms. Deborah Bower spoke to Senior Resources.

Mr. Henry B. Martin and Ms. Evelyn Bush expressed their concerns.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze/Ms. Scott, to approve the following consent items:

- **02-035MA, Greg Lehman, From RU to PUD-1, Wise Road and Gates Road**
- **02-040MA, Jolene W. Smith, From RU to PDD, Wise Road and Bickley Road**
- **02-030MA, Treasha Ellington, From RU to C-3, 7556 Fairfield Road**
- **Ordinance to repeal the Virtual Growth Ordinances**
- **Richland Memorial Hospital Board Appointments Ordinance amendment**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. SECOND READING ITEMS

- **FY 2002-03 Budget Ordinance**
- **FY 2002-03 Millage Ordinance**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer Second Reading of these items to the June 4th Council meeting as new information was received.

Ms. Smith requested to see the debt service numbers.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

3. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

- a. To appoint and commission Dennis L. Law as a Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

4-a EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

- a. Personnel Matter**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:30 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:45 p.m.
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Ms. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern stated the personnel matter was received as information.

5. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carrie Tolley is getting married

Mr. McSwain announced that the Finance Director, Carrie Tolley, would be getting married on Saturday, May 22nd.

Ridgewood Neighborhood

Mr. Livingston requested for discussion regarding the Ridgewood Neighborhood to be placed on the next Development and Services Committee.

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Mr. Leroy Bolton

Ms. Smith requested for a resolution to be drawn up for Mr. Bolton for Volunteer of the Year Award. She stated this could be done in July after the budget was complete.

6. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

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