

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 2, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernice G. Scott, Chair; Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Doris Corley; Joseph McEachern; Anthony Mizzell; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; Kit Smith (arrived 6:21 p.m.), Thelma M. Tillis, James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Carrie Neal, Amelia Linder, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Ashley Jacobs, Roxanne Matthews, Pam Davis, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Marsheika Martin, Joseph Bochenek

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION:

Richland Memorial Hospital – Dr. Wilson and Mr. Kester Freeman updated Council on issues regarding Palmetto Health Alliance Lease Agreement.

Resolution for Sgt. Curtis L. Bufford – Detention Center Employee – On behalf of Council, Ms. Brady, Mr. McEachern, Milton Pope and T. Cary McSwain, presented a resolution to Sgt. Bufford for performing CPR on an inmate when it was needed.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one spoke at this time.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA –

Ms. Smith requested for item 4-b (East Richland County Public Service District: contribution) to be removed from the consent agenda.

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Called Meeting – February 10, 2004: Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Public Hearing – February 19, 2004: Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Public Hearing – February 24, 2004: Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, gave the following report:

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – A brief overview was given.

Military Affairs – There will be a reception at 7:30 a.m. on March 3 welcoming Brigadier General Abraham Turner at the Chamber of Commerce.

Unified Service Agreement – The agreement was received from the City of Columbia.

SCDOT – A bridge between South Ott and Kilbourne Streets will be closed from March 15 – April 22.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL – No report was given at this time.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Ms. Scott opened the floor to the following public hearings:

- **Budget Ordinance – CASA: Grant and New FTE**
- **Budget Ordinance – Animal Care**
- **SCDOT Easement: Farrow Road**
- **Budget Ordinance – Neighborhood Planner Position** – Ms. Bush spoke to this item.

The floor was closed to the public hearings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the following consent items:

- **Ordinance creating Village at Sandhill Improvement District [Third Reading]**
- **Bond Ordinance regarding Village at Sandhill [Third Reading]**
- **Budget Ordinance – CASA: Grant and New FTE [Third Reading]**
- **Budget Ordinance – Neighborhood Planner Position [Third Reading]**
- **Budget Ordinance – Animal Care [Third Reading]**
- **SCDOT Easement: Farrow Road [Third Reading]**
- **04-22MA, Faye Davis, RU to C-2, Grocery Store, 24400-02-07/08, Martin Luther King & Cabin Creek Roads [Second Reading]**

- **04-19MA, Don Lovett, RU to C-1 (2.0 acres), Establish an office in an existing residence, 17400-06-09, North Side Clemson Road, west of Killian Green [Second Reading]**
- **04-23MA, Brickyard 44, LLC, RU to RS-2 (44.0 acres), Cluster Single Family Residential, 20100-02-29, Brickyard Road east of Hardscrabble Road [Second Reading]**
- **04-26MA, Irene Phillips, RU to PDD, Restaurant, 35200-09-10/38, 11447 Garners Ferry Road [Second Reading]**
- **04-27MA, John E. Davis, RU to RS-1, Single Family Residences, 01312-03-09, Rucker Road and Johnson Marina Road [Second Reading]**
- **04-30MA, Rehobeth Baptist Church, RU to C-1, Office & Institutional, 20300-02-27, Hardscrabble Road next to Rice Creek Elementary School [Second Reading]**
- **Palmetto Health Alliance: Lease Agreement, draft**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE - There were no items to report at this time.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ordinance Amendment: Solicitation

Ms. Smith stated the Committee recommended that Council give First Reading approval to this item as amended. The amendments are as follows:

- Eliminate "or eleemosynary" from item-a.
- Add "apply for and" acquire a permit to item-b.
- Add "the organization shall complete the permit application form, including the specific date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the desired solicitation.
- Add as item-d: No more than two (2) permits shall be issued to an organization in any one calendar year, and each permit shall be valid for no longer than seven (7) consecutive days.

Mr. Mizzell offered the following amendment, seconded by Ms. Smith:

- (D) No more than four (4) permits shall be issued in a calendar year.

A discussion took place.

The vote for the amendment failed.

The vote for the Committee's recommendation passed.

EAST RICHLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT: Contribution

Ms. Smith stated that staff informed her of a contract which Council needed to approve.

Mr. McSwain stated this item would need three readings and a public hearing.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the contract and approve the spending of the grant money and recommend First Reading to a budget amendment of \$150,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Proposal from Plex – Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of this item and a Resolution.

Mr. McSwain stated this item will be sent to the next Planning Commission meeting for their consideration of a zoning change from M-1 to C-2.

The vote was in favor. Mr. McEachern opposed.

Ordinance authorizing lease agreement between Richland County and Siemens Automotive, VDO – Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval by Title Only. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Extension for Siemens Diesel Systems Technology, LLC
Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval by Title Only. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

- Sam Trogdon spoke of concerns with an Animal Care staff person.
- James Whitemire spoke of concerns regarding the parking of vehicles on front lawns in his community.

MOTION PERIOD

Mr. Pearce informed Council that he would be unable to attend tonight's Work Session.

Mr. Mizzell stated that the Volunteer Fire Chief Service Meeting needs to be held at 5:00 p.m. and the Local Government Advisory Meeting will follow promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. McEachern requested to send the 2004 SIAC Spring Sports Championships Benedict College to the Administration and Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

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