

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 22, 2003
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Amelia Linder, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ashley Bloom, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Marsheika Martin, Stephany Snowden, Chief Harrell, Carrie Neal, Andy Metts

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

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Doris Corley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to add items from the Development and Services and the Administration and Finance Committees to the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, 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 Township Auditorium Report is a possible Executive Session item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Township Board

Mr. Haire and Mr. Thompson, members of the Township Board, were introduced. They introduced Mrs. Sally Roach as the Interim Director for the Township Auditorium for a period of six months. Ms. Roach addressed the Council.

Holopack

Mr. McSwain informed Council of an explosion at the plant earlier in the day. He reported that several people were injured.

Representative Bill Cotty

Mr. McEachern stated that the representative sent a letter to Council regarding the cigarette tax.

Trane

Mr. McSwain informed Council that SCE&G has agreed to fund \$50,000.00 towards a grant for the sewer line for the new company.

Midlands Regional Convention Authority

Council was advised that this organization has changed its name to Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL

USC TRIO Program – Educational Opportunity Center

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated Council is invited to an Academic Awards and Appreciation Breakfast scheduled for Friday, August 1st, 8:00 a.m. at Seawell's Restaurant.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – There were no items on the agenda needing a public hearing.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS – There were no items on the consent agenda at this time.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Sheriff's Department Storage Building – Ms. Brill stated the committee recommended the approval of a contract to Crider Construction in the amount of \$194,750.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plan Design – Ms. Brill stated the committee authorized the additional engineering design work to be provided by Power Engineering Company, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$324,885.00 and also required an assessment report of the chronology of the cost increases and reasons for the increase. The vote in favor was unanimous.

HVAC Service Contract Award – Ms. Brill stated the committee recommended approval of a request for a preventive maintenance agreement in the amount of \$50,076.00 to York International, Inc. for the HVAC chillers and air conditioning equipment in the Judicial Center, the Administration/Health Building, and the Township Auditorium. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Procurement of Articulated Truck – Ms. Brill stated the committee recommended approval of the purchase of an A30D Articulated Hauler in the amount of \$268,553.25 for use at the County's C&D Landfill. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Selection of Internal Auditor – On behalf of the committee, Ms. Smith recommended authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate with and award a contract to the internal auditor selected by the Internal Auditor Selection Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance Establishing Internal Audit Committee – On behalf of the committee, Ms. Smith recommended First Reading approval to an ordinance establishing an Internal Audit Committee and authorized its members to oversee the operations of the Internal Auditor reporting to this Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Palmetto State Clean Fuel Coalition – On behalf of the committee, Ms. Smith recommended approval of a request for the County to be a stakeholder in the Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Business Improvement District – On behalf of the committee, Ms. Smith requested the County Administrator to draft and negotiate a contract with the B.I.D. for security, safety, cleaning and other services for the Judicial Center and the Library, not exceeding \$50,000.00, be presented to Council at the first meeting in September. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palmetto Classics

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to recommend Richland County to sponsor the Palmetto Classic in the amount of \$50,000.00.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to sponsor the Palmetto Classic in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the hospitality tax fund, request a proposal from staff as to how to evaluate this request in the future by September and requested for the County Administrator to bring back a recommendation as to how to fund an additional \$25,000.00.

The discussion continued.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Criteria for County Contractors

Mr. McEachern requested the Legal Department to draft criteria for contractors.

Ms. Nenie Pasky

Mr. Pearce made a motion without reference for a Resolution to be drafted commending Ms. Nenie Pasky for her years of service to the County.

1st African Americans admitted into USC

Mr. McEachern made a motion without reference for a Resolution recognizing three persons as the first African-American to be admitted to the University of South Carolina.

Richland County Early Education Council

Ms. Scott stated a request has been made for County Council to endorse a letter for the Richland County Early Education Council to apply for a grant.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the request without reference. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m.

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