

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 2, 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, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Roxanne Matthews, Ashley Bloom, Michael Chris, Monique Walters, Ralph Pearson, Pam Davis, Marsheika Martin

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

INVOCATION – At the request of The Honorable Kit Smith, Mr. Levon Stack led a special vocal presentation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Mr. Livingston moved, and it was seconded, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke of concerns to item 4.a. (Resolution for Project Wheat).

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the Evaluation of the County Administrator and Clerk of Council need to be discussed in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Called Meeting - July 22, 2003

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

Zoning Public hearing – July 22, 2003

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Palmetto Classics – Mr. McSwain gave an update on the funding issue for this particular event. He stated \$25,000.00 could be taken out of the Hospitality Tax and \$25,000.00 could be taken from Accommodations Tax.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to accept Mr. McSwain's recommendation.

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Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, that the \$25,000.00 could be taken from the Accommodations Tax at this time, but funds will no longer be taken out of Accommodations this year without the agency going through the proper procedures.

Mr. McEachern withdrew his main motion.

The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Work Session scheduled for September 9th at 5:00 p.m. – Mr. McSwain informed Council of the Work Session. He stated the following items will be discussed at that time:

- **Neighborhood Improvement Fund Program**
- **Conservation Commission**

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL – No items were reported at this time.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS – There were no public hearing items at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the following items for the consent agenda:

- **Ordinance establishing Internal Audit Committee [Second Reading]**
- **03-59MA, E. Richland Public Service District, D-1 & PDD to PDD, Expand wastewater plant, 13500-01-02/10, White Horse Road, 1000 ft, South of Bluff Road [Second Reading]**
- **Approval of a Resolution to appoint Leroy Cain as a Code Enforcement officer for the proper security, general welfare and convenience of Richland County**
- **Approval of a Resolution to appoint and commission Jan Ellen Fowler as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare and convenience of Richland County**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

FIRST READING ITEMS

03-49MA, Heath Manning & Don Boyd, M-1 & RS to PUD-1R, Residential Subdivision, 22806-01/11/10 & 22807-01-04/05/06/09, Wildewood Drive Leaning Tree Road

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to give this item First Reading approval.

Ms. Brill made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to deny First Reading.

A discussion took place

The motion for the substitute motion failed.

Ms. Smith requested for the Legal Department to review documents before Second Reading.

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to encourage staff and the developer to continue discussions regarding lighting off of Two Notch Road and Old Steel Road. The motion passed.

The motion passed as amended.

BID – City Center Partnership Funding (Item deferred from Special Called Meeting on July 22, 2003)

Mr. McSwain gave a briefing on this item.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item to a Special Called meeting following the Work Session on September 9th should it become necessary. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a. Resolution for Project Wheat

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of the Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Notification of Vacancies

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended advertising for the following vacancies:

**Accommodations Tax Committee-2
Board of Assessment Appeals -2
Employee Grievance Committee
Riverbanks Zoo Commission-1**

The committee's recommendation was accepted.

Notification of Appointments

Accommodations Tax Committee

Mr. McEachern stated there are two appointments to be made to this Committee. He stated one application was received from Mr. Lee Hubbard Lumpkin. The Committee recommended appointing Mr. Lumpkins. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Committee Relations Council-1

Mr. McEachern stated there is one appointment to be made to this Committee. He stated two applications were received. The Committee recommended re-appointing Ms. Andrea Rochelle Johnson. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Employee Grievance Committee

Mr. McEachern stated there are three vacancies on this committee. He stated two applications were received, but one applicant was a no show. The Committee recommended appointing Mr. William Gray and re-advertising the other vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Township Auditorium Board-1

Mr. McEachern stated there is one appointment to be made to this board. He stated two applications were received. The Committee recommended re-appointing Mr. Ronald A. Thompson to the board. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Adding Alternates to a Committee

Employee Grievance Committee

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended deferring this item to the next Rules and Appointments meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to take up the Motion Period/Announcements before Citizen's Input and Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by , to approve the following motions:

- Public Safety Month Resolutions
- Industry Appreciation Week Resolution
- Simon Jackson Retirement Resolution (Scott)
- Vernon Kirkpatrick Resolution (Scott)

- Spencer Martin (Eagle Scout) Resolution (Brill)
- Levon Stack Resolution (Smith)

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Anderson Street (Eastover Condemnation) – (Scott)

Ms. Brady moved, and it was seconded, to approve condemnation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

City Fee for Detainees at the Detention Center (McEachern)

Mr. McEachern requested a legal briefing in Executive Session on Tuesday, September 16th.

Fire Contract (McEachern)

Mr. McEachern requested action on the Fire Contract with the City of Columbia.

Arrival of Anthony G. Mizzell, Jr.

Mr. Mizzell officially announced the arrival of his baby son. Anthony G. Mizzell arrived on July 29th.

Airport Commission (Pearce)

Mr. Pearce requested that a status report on this issue. Staff stated it would be added to the agenda for the September 9th Work Session.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Jessica Nates gave Council a copy of a letter she had written to the Editor of the State Newspaper.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Evaluation of Clerk of Council and County Administrator

Ms. Brill moved, and it was seconded, to go into Executive Session to discussion personnel matters. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:59 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:47 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

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