

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 23, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit Smith, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair; Joan B. Brady; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Joseph McEachern; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; Bernice G. Scott; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten

ABSENT: Anthony G. Mizzell

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Darren Gore, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, John Hicks, Stephany Snowden, Edith Caudle, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Brad Farrar, Lisa Stewart

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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the minutes.

A discussion took place regarding reconsideration of the minutes.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed. The minutes were not approved.

A discussion took place regarding reconsideration and rescinding a vote.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Introduction of newly transferred Public Information Officer -** Ms. Stephany Snowden, Senior Public Information Officer, introduced Ms. Edith Caudle as a new staff person in the Office of Public Information.
- b. **Point of Personal Privilege** – Mr. Livingston informed Council that he had received a certificate of appreciation from the Columbia Urban League on behalf of County Council.
- c. **SYSCO Sewer Line Condemnation** – Mr. McSwain stated staff would bring forward a request for authorization for condemnation for the sewer line to the SYSCO project. He stated Mr. Smith had sent information to Council

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Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with condemnation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. **Pinebrook Subdivision Update** – Mr. McSwain informed Council that a letter was received from DHEC stating they had rescinded the moratorium on digging in the Pinebrook Subdivision because no hazardous materials were found.

1. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

- a. **Ordinance Amendment: Extension of Interim Zoning & Land Development**

Ms. Scott stated the Committee forwarded this item to Council without any recommendation.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to give First Reading approval to an ordinance amendment extending the interim zoning and land development ordinance for an additional two years.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Meetze requested to hold a workshop with Mr. Jim Sansbury before decisions are made on the ordinance.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Meetze and Ms. Scott opposed.

- b. **Award of Contract: Entrance Road for SYSCO**

Ms. Scott stated the Committee gave approval to an award of contract in the amount of \$262,273.00 to Lanier Construction for the construction of an entrance road for SYSCO. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. **Letter of Support: Cedarwood Apartments Rehabilitation**

Ms. Scott stated the Committee gave approval to a letter of support to Regency Development for the rehabilitation of Cedarwood Apartments. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. **Compensation for Relinquished Easements**

Ms. Scott stated the Committee deferred this item to the September 25th Committee Meeting.

2. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. **Library Promissory Note**

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended approval to the issuance of a promissory note to Richland County Public Library in the amount of \$1,200,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Ordinance Amendment: Contractor Exemption**

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval to an amendment to the business license ordinance deleting the exemption of contractors. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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c. Benedict College Bonds

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval to the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$32,000,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. SECOND READING ITEM

a. Local Options Sales Tax Ordinance

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item to the next full meeting of Council since the actual maker of the motion was not present. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Livingston stated he intended to bring forward a motion to rescind the vote on the billboard moratorium. Ms. Smith stated this would have to be referred to the Planning Commission. Mr. Livingston requested a ruling from the County Attorney regarding this issue.

5. CITIZEN'S INPUT

- Ms. Kay McClanahan spoke regarding Extension of Interim Zoning & Land Development

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

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