

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 28, 2000
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF THE ZONING
PUBLIC HEARING**

PRESENT: Kit Smith, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Joseph McEachern; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; Anthony G. Mizzell; Stephen F. Morris; Bernice G. Scott; Thelma Tillis; James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherry Wright, T. Cary McSwain, Tonya Dunham, Tony McDonald, Larry Smith, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Marsheika G. Martin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Consideration of Discretionary Fund Grant Program

Ms. Evelyn Bush objected to Council discussing this issue without proper notification to the general public.

Overall Draft Program Changes

Ms. Smith requested to add under "Program Eligibility" that where it says Richland County "reserves the right no to".... She would say Richland County "will not" award grants to individuals, fraternity organizations, religious organizations... She also recommended on Page three under "Selection Process" to change to add "contingent upon budget approval".

Ms. Smith recommended funding for religious organizations that have 501C3 status.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott requested a list of religious organizations that have 501C3 status.

A discussion took place.

Program Requirements

Mr. Livingston had concerns about "organizations receiving accommodation tax funds will not be considered for funding".

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to add a waiver to the program requirement to state "unless waived by majority vote of Council." The vote in favor was unanimous.

Selection Process

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to add the language "contingent upon budget approval" to the Selection Process. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Morris moved to amend the goal amount from \$150,000.00 to \$140,000.00. The motion died for a lack of a second.

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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the Discretionary Grant Program as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Establishing a Priority Focus

Ms. Smith suggested daycare programs for single mothers who are in educational programs or employment as a priority.

Mr. McEachern suggested home repair assistance to the elderly.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve as written and not set any priorities this year. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Establish a Review Committee

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to request staff to recruit someone to serve on the committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Point of Personal Privilege

Mr. Pearce and Ms. Scott commented on the Governor's Growth Summit in Greenville. He stated that it was a true spirit of working together.

Performance Review Process of County Administrator (possible executive session item)

It was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:00 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:39 p.m.
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It was moved and seconded to come out of Executive Session.

The report was received as information.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

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