

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 5, 2000
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS 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: T. Cary McSwain, Darren Gore, John Hicks, Janet Claggett, Pam Davis, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Monique Walters, Joseph Bochenek, Ash Miller, Mullen Taylor, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Marsheika Martin, Rodolfo Callwood, John Hicks, Joan Brady, Joseph Bochenek

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Plaques – Airport Commissioner, Earl Brown

On behalf of Council, the Chairman of the Airport Commission, Mr. Earl Brown, presented plaques to Carl Brazel, F.D. Fagan, Clarence Smith and Thomas J. Porcari for years of service on the Airport Commission.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Livingston recommended deleting Project Spider from the agenda under the Report of Economic and Development Item.

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

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke of concerns of the Council's agenda and the number of minutes on the agenda for approval.

RESOLUTION

Revised Resolution approving Sale-Leaseback Financing of Certain Schmalbach-Lubeca Property subject to 1999 Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes ("FILOT") Transaction

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: November 14, 2000

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Regular Session: November 21, 2000

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

Zoning Public Hearing: November 28, 2000

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated there were no items to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Meetze requested the County Attorney to update Council on the pending lawsuits, Sloan and McClanahan. He stated this could be discussed in open session. Ms. Smith stated this would be placed on the agenda as item-6 and then re-number thereafter if there were no objections.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated he did not have anything to report at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS-Ms. Smith read the following items that were on the Consent Agenda:

Third Reading Items

- SpiralWeld Pipe Company LLC – Ordinance
- Extension of Billboard Moratorium

Second Reading Items

- 01-12MA, Thomas Milliken, From D-1 to M-1, TMS 19100-01-01, Garners Ferry Road
- 01-13MA, Shelia Barnette, From D-1 to C-3, TMS 05000-04-04 & 27, 1033 & 1037 Kinley Road

Report of Development & Services Committee

- Purchase of Vehicles for Special Services
- Purchase of Road Maintenance Equipment for Public Works
- Award of Contract for Sewer Relocation at US 176 & I-26
- Award of Contract for Haskell Heights Sewer Project
- Contract Change Order for Atlas Road Sanitary Sewer Project, Phase I

Report of Administration and Finance Committee

- Sheriff's Department: Vehicle Purchases
- Circuit Court: Alternative Method for Selecting Grand Jurors
- Wheels – Harbison Area Transit: Recognition for Grant Application
- Detention Center: Privatization of Medical Services
- CASA: Full-time Grant Position Staff Attorney

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Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the Consent Items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

(THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE NON-CONSENT ITEMS)

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Award of Contract for Miles Road & North Donar/Clemson Connector

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Legal: Paid Absence for Voting

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve this item for First Reading.

Mr. McSwain stated this is not necessarily a paid additional leave except that it allows persons the opportunity to vote during the day when there is a General Election. He stated the absence should not exceed two hours. Mr. McSwain stated it is not additional time, money or pay.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Project East Coast

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to defer this item until the December 12th Council Meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

STATUS ON PENDING LAWSUITS

Sloan vs. Richland County

Mr. Smith stated that an order has been submitted to the court to dismiss this case. He further explained that a previous order is still pending.

McClanahan vs. Richland County

Mr. Smith stated depositions are scheduled for Friday, December 8th involving a few of the County's staff. He stated on December 12th the court would be asked to dismiss this lawsuit as well. He stated a portion of the lawsuit has already been dismissed.

Mr. Meetze requested for the County Attorney to inform Council of the time of the hearing on December 12th as he would like to attend.

Ms. Scott stated that everyone has a right to sue, but she is going to make it her life-long job to make sure harassment does not happen again in the manner that it went in.

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Mr. Meetze also requested for the Legal Department to obtain all of the costs incurred on the lawsuits. He requested a total of time, all of the resources put into it and wait for further instructions.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Pearce recognized two Boys' Scout Troops in the audience from Mr. Pearce's and Mr. Mizzell's district.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

There was no one signed up to speak at this time.

MOTION PERIOD

Reception at Hampton Preston Mansion

Mr. Pearce stated Mr. Patrick Brenham has him on behalf of the Historic Columbia Foundation to remind Council of the reception on December 8th from 5:30 until 7:30 at the Hampton Preston Mansion.

Kahn Presentation

Ms. Brill invited Council to a meeting in the northeast on December 7th at 7:00 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church. He stated Mr. Kahn would be presenting his plans for Clemson Road to the neighbors.

Letter Commending EMS Department

Ms. Smith stated she received a letter from DHEC commending the EMS staff for their community involvement. She requested for a resolution to be drawn up. She stated for this item to go to committee.

Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Smith stated the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce is asking for \$7,500.00 to support a coalition effort to lobby for a high-speed rail. She stated they wanted to do a study to make that case for the County. She requested for this to go to the Administration and Finance Committee, as it would require a budget amendment.

Airport Commission

Ms. Smith stated there is a request from the Airport Commission requesting the upfitting or rebuilding of the terminal building and some new hangers. She requested for staff to begin work on that and take it to the Administration and Finance Committee.

December 19th Meeting

Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated Council needed a motion to reinstate the December 19th meeting.

Ms. Smith stated a meeting would be needed on the 19th because of public hearings that have already been advertised.

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Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze to hold a regular session meeting on December 19th at 6:00 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:41 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

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