

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 18, 2000  
6:00 P.M.**

**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:** Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Tony McDonald, Brad Farrar, Marsheika Martin, Monique Walters, Stephanie Thompson, Tonya Dunham

**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.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

Councilmember Susan Brill presented a Proclamation commending Eagle Scout Andrew D. Woodham, III.

**RICHLAND 101 GRADUATION**

The County Administrator commended graduates for participating in the Richland 101 classes and presented each graduate with a certificate of completion.

**Presentation of Palmetto Health Alliance**

Mr. Suddeth, Vice-Chairman of the Board, gave the Second Annual Report of the Alliance and status of COPA Report

Mr. Kester Freeman, CEO, gave a briefing of where the Alliance stands with COPA, commitments to Richland County Council and a brief update to serving the citizens in Richland County and their healthcare needs.

A question and answer session took place.

Ms. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to recess for three minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council recessed at approximately 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 7:05 p.m.**  
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**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Mr. Joe Arndt spoke in opposition of the Thomas Walker zoning issue. Dr. Nowa Omoigui spoke in reference to obtaining the COPA booklet.

The following people spoke in opposition of Council approving an ordinance amendment to the zoning code (deletion of special exception for commercial uses in rural zones): Ms. Lillie Bates spoke, Ms. Helen Taylor, Ms. Evelyn Bush, Ms. Hattie Fruster, Mr. Bill McClanahan, Ms. Mozelle Wilson

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Mr. Robert Fuller spoke in favor of the Robert Fuller zoning issue.  
Dr. Stewart Hamilton spoke in favor of the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center's request for Funding.  
Ms. Andy Suret and Mr. Yancey McLeod spoke in favor of the Edward Holcombe zoning issue.  
Mr. Robert Sturie spoke in favor the Thomas Walker zoning issue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Special Called Meeting: March 28, 2000**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Regular Session: April 4, 2000**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Scott requested to move item 1-D (Ordinance Amendment to the Zoning Code (deletion of special exception for commercial uses in rural zones) to the top of the agenda before the Report of the County Administrator. There was no objection.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to add the presentation of the Palmetto Health Alliance to agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

Mr. Brad Farrar, Deputy County Attorney, stated there were no items on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session.

**Ordinance Amendment to the Zoning Code (deletion of special exception for commercial uses in rural zones)**

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to refer this item to the Planning Committee and recommended a copy of the revised language.

Mr. McEachern requested all current drafted zoning ordinances be clarified before coming to Council. Ms. Scott incorporated this into her motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Status of Agreement with City of Columbia for Disposal of Solid Waste**

Mr. McSwain stated he has reviewed the contract with the City for disposal of C&D waste and has given a six-month notification of termination to the City due to the County's C&D landfill reaching capacity.

**Judge Womble's Office Space**

Mr. McSwain reported that the County is currently under negotiation with Forest Acres and will give a full report to Council.

**County Easter Egg Hunt**

Mr. McSwain reported that *From Richland With Love* coordinated donations from County employees to put on an Easter Egg Hunt for neighborhood children. He stated about 35 children participated. He thanked County employees for their generosity.

**New Finance Director**

Mr. McSwain recognized Tonya Dunham as the new Finance Director.

**Response to a Citizen's Letter**

Mr. Morris inquired about a response to Mr. Mark Taylor's letter in reference to the County trying to clean an area compiled with junk cars and trailers since 1948. Ms. Smith suggested receiving a full report regarding this issue at one of the Committee meetings.

**THIRD READING ITEMS**

**00-10MA, Edward Holcombe, From PDD to Amended PDD, Rauch Metz Road**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item for Third Reading.

Mr. Meetze thanked Mr. Holcombe for his help in addressing environmental issues.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**00-18MA, Todd Corley, From RG-2 to C-3, Broad River Road**

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, to approve this item for Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**00-22MA, Thomas Walker, From D-1 to PDD, 2000 Longstown Road**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to defer this item to the next Council agenda in one month. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**SECOND READING ITEMS**

**99-055MA, From RU to M-1, Wilson Blvd. (U.S. 21 at I-77, Business Park), Robert Fuller**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item for Second Reading.

Mr. McEachern made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to deny this item.

A discussion took place.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The vote for the main motion was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**Conveyance of Water Lines on Maingate Drive to the City of Columbia**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Second Reading approval of an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of water lines on Maingate Drive relocated by the County as part of the Spring Valley Drainage Project. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Land Acquisition for School District One**

Mr. McSwain stated the School District is requesting a deferral, as they are interested in buying the property if the County will not give it to them.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to sell the land without cost to the school district for \$1.00.00

A discussion took place.

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Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce/Ms. Tillis, to give Second Reading approval of exchanging four acres of County property adjacent to Horrell Hill Elementary School for free rent for two years at the Dutch Fork Magistrate's Office with a final decision as to how to dispose of this property resolved by Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center Request for Funding**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to authorize the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Richland Memorial Board of Trustees and implement such an agreement consisting with the terms agreed to and proposed by the Richland Memorial Hospital Board consistent with the accomplishments of each of the following terms:

- 1) The Hospital Board will fund the \$10,000.00 for the County to hire a facilitator;
- 2) The concept of the agreement must be approved by the Palmetto Health Alliance Board;
- 3) The County will hire, pay for the facilitator and oversee the process that results in a successful, cooperative immigration of Eau Claire of Richland that is supported by the governing boards of each of the Health Care Associations;

and further move that Second Reading approval is given to the appropriation of \$100,000.00 ; and furthermore, before Third Reading of the ordinance, the professional consultant will give a status report of the negotiations.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Morris offered an amendment to clarify that under no circumstances any funds would be forwarded until after a successful merger of the Lower Richland Health Care Association and Eau Claire Health Alliance organizations have both approved it and is blessed by the Palmetto Health Alliance.

Mr. Livingston did not accept the amendment. Mr. Morris's motion was made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Tuten.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Morris withdrew his substitute motion.

Mr. McEachern called for the questions, seconded by Ms. Scott. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote in favor of the main motion was unanimous.

**FIRST READING ITEM**

**Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes – Lamson & Sessions Company**

Mr. Livingston stated the Economic Development Committee recommended approval of an ordinance amending the 1999 lease agreement with Lamson

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& Sessions to include Quatro Mid-Atlantic Resources as an additional lessee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee –3**

Mr. Livingston stated there are three vacancies on this Committee. He stated this item would need to be re-advertised, as there were no applications received.

**Historic Columbia Foundation –1**

Mr. Livingston stated there is one vacancy to be filled on this Committee. He stated the committee received one application and recommended appointing Mr. Willie L. Harriford, Jr. to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2002. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

The following people spoke during Citizen's Input:

Ms. Kay McClanahan spoke in reference to the readings of an interim ordinance.

Mr. Bill McClanahan spoke "in opposition" of time limitations for citizen's input and facilitators.

Mr. Ted Yandle spoke "in opposition" of citizens in other areas telling people in his Olympia area how their community should be.

**00-22MA, Thomas Walker, From D-1 to PDD, 2000 Longstown Road**

Council had no objections to Mr. Thomas Walker speaking to item 1-C, Thomas Walker zoning item.

Mr. Thomas Walker stated he did not request a deferral and requested Third Reading approval.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to reconsider this item, and if any other developments occur, it would be corrected. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve this item for Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**MOTION PERIOD**

Ms. Smith moved to adopt a Proclamation recognizing Teen Pregnancy Awareness Month.

Mr. McEachern moved to adopt a Proclamation recognizing Viola Boatwright for her retirement from the Columbia Magistrate's Office

Ms. Scott made a motion for Council to take up consideration of the Olympia Redevelopment Project and the proposed access road for Tarmac. As part of

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the motion, she asked that these items be considered along with the proposal to create a Tax Increment Financing District for Olympia and the surrounding areas and that these items be considered at the April 25 Administration and Finance Committee. She also requested that staff make any preparations and continue whatever conversations that may be necessary with the City of Columbia, Tarmac, Diversified Development, Richland County School District One, and the community as may be needed to discuss such consideration.

Ms. Brill announced that the Appearance Commission is reviewing the billboard ordinance for recommendation to Planning Commission, who will then make a recommendation to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin