

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
DECEMBER 2, 2003  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bernice G. Scott, Chair; Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Joseph McEachern; Anthony Mizzell; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; Kit Smith; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten, Doris M. Corley

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Amelia Linder, Pam Davis, Ashley Bloom, Marsheika Martin, Stephany Snowden, Roxanne Matthews, Michael Criss, David Adams, Stacey Hamm, Kendra Dove

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

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Doris Meetze Corley.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION:**

Ms. Brill and Ms. Brady presented Ms. Leslie Wallace Skinner with a Resolution honoring her for Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. David Adams, County Treasurer, gave a brief report \_\_\_\_\_.

Ms. Karen Brosius, Executive Director of the Columbia Museum,

**CITIZEN'S INPUT** – No one signed up to speak at this time.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Smith stated items from the Special Called Meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee need to be added to the agenda.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – No items were on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Session Minutes – December 2, 2003**

Mr. Mizzell noted an error on Page 5 of the minutes. He stated under Motion Period, a request was

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

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## **PRESENTATION**

**Gadsden Elementary School  
Farm-City Week Resolution (Scott)**

**Chick-Fil-A Classics  
Mr. Gary Fulmer (Mizzell)**

**Proclamation recognizing Mr. Earl Brown, Dr. Bruce Rippetau and Mr. Dennis Dabney (former Airport Commissioners)**

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated no other items were on the agenda for discussion in Executive Session.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**November 18, 2003: Regular Session Meeting** – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**November 18, 2003: Special Called Zoning Public Hearing** – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**November 25, 2003 – Zoning Public Hearing** – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **Council of Governments**

Mr. McSwain stated Ms. Scott needs to sign an amendment regarding minority representation. He stated there needs to be six minority members representing each county.

### **Retreat Information**

Mr. McSwain presented Council with a calendar of possible dates for the Council Retreat.

**REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL** - No report was given at this time.

## **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- **Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Special Source Revenue Bonds for Project Jaguar**

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Ms. Scott opened the floor to the public hearing.

No one spoke at this time.

The floor was closed to the public hearing.

- **Ordinance amending Carolina Water Service Agreement**

Ms. Scott abstained from participating and passed the gavel to Ms. Brady.

Ms. Brady opened the floor to the public hearing.

No one spoke at this time.

The floor was closed to the public hearing.

- **Budget Amendment for CASA: Adding two FTE's**

Ms. Scott opened the floor to the public hearing.

No one spoke at this time.

The floor was closed to the public hearing.

- **Sandhills Tax Assessment District**

Ms. Scott opened the floor to the first public hearing for this item.

No one spoke at this time.

The floor was closed to the public hearing.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

The following consent items were approved:

- **Ordinance authorizing a Multi-County Park Agreement between Richland County and Westinghouse Electric Company [Third Reading]**
- **Ordinance authorizing a fee Agreement between Richland County and Westinghouse Electric Company (Project Green Apple) [Third Reading]**
- **Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Special Source Revenue Bonds for Project Jaguar [Third Reading]**
- **Ordinance amending Carolina Water Service Agreement [Third Reading]**

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- **Budget Amendment for CASA: Adding two FTE's [Third Reading]**
- **04-02MA, B&B Trucking, RU & PDD, Expand Existing Truck Repair Business, 35200-09-06, 11315 Garners Ferry Road [Second Reading]**
- **Ordinance to authorize Easement to SCE&G along with a portion of Pulaski Street, between Hampton & Lady Streets**
- **Pond Drive Water System, Aka Ralph's Mobile Home Park**
- **EMS: Ambulance Purchase**
- **EMS: Purchase of Land for Station**

**SECOND READING ITEMS**

**03-56MA, Richardson Construction, D-1 to PUD-1C, Mixed use Commercial & Industrial, 09402-03-01; 09407-01-05; 09408-01-03-09411-01-35; East Side of Monticello north of I-20**

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

**04-16MA, Richardson Group, Inc., D-1 to C-3, Neighborhood Commercial, 09405-08-02; 09405-08-01; 02-02/03; 1 mile North of I-20 on East Side of Monticello Road**

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

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Environmental Program Manager**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee's recommendation was for approval of this item.

Mr. Tuten offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this position upon eliminating and authorizing the position somewhere else in the county government.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith made a second substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Tillis, expressing Council's concern of growth of full time employees and that Council will attempt to hold the line except when it is cost effective or issues for the quality of life of the community and requests approval of the funding of the position because it is cost effective and will save money in the long run and obtain a complete job description submitted to Council for its review and consideration by the next Council meeting.

The discussion continued.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Pearce and Mr. Tuten opposed.

### **The Township and Hospitality Tax**

Mr. McSwain gave a brief report and information was distributed to Council.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to direct the County Administrator to work with the Township Board to present a revenue forecast on December 16<sup>th</sup> and request for the Township Board to make a recommendation on funding and present to Council what they need and to prepare a RFP to hire someone to drive the renovation project, making sure the market is met and to bring a proposal to Council to renovate the Township. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT** - No one spoke at this time.

### **MOTION PERIOD**

#### **Chick-Fil-A Classics**

Mr. Mizzell made a motion with unanimous consent, seconded by Ms. Scott, requesting funding of \$500,000.00 from Hospitality Tax towards the Chick-Fil-A Classic and referred the item to the next Council Meeting. The motion did not receive unanimous consent.

#### **Minimum Common Open Space**

Ms. Corley requested an amendment of the minimum common open space. She requested sending this amendment to the Development and Services Committee and the Planning Commission.

#### **December Schedule**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to cancel the December 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **Land use Ordinance**

Ms. Smith made without objection, seconded by Ms. Brady, to direct staff to present a work schedule for the land use ordinance and place it on the agenda for December 16<sup>th</sup>. There was opposition.

Ms. Smith stated that the work schedule can be presented to the Administration and Finance Committee during a Special Called Meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**Resolution for Mentally Illness Recovery Center Inc.**

Mr. Pearce requested a Resolution by unanimous consent recognizing the center transporting mentally ill persons.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Council adjourned at approximately 9:03 p.m.

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Bernice G. Scott, Chair

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Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair

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Susan Brill

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Doris M. Corley

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Paul Livingston

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Kit Smith

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Thelma M. Tillis

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James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin