

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 15, 2000
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Marsheika Martin, Milton Pope, Ash Miller, Tony McDonald, Mullen Taylor, Pam Davis, Stephanie Thompson; Larry Smith; Tonya Dunham; Judy Carter

ABSENT: Susan Brill

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.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

The following people spoke in favor of the Recreation Bond Issue:

Mr. Pat Connolly, Director of Richland County Recreation Commission; Mr. Bud Edens; Mr. Henry Burke; Cathy Connelly; Ms. Bernice Skinner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes of February 1, 2000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

EMPLOYEE SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated there were no certificates to be presented at this time.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated no items on the agenda needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Press Release Regarding Death of Detainee at the Richland County Detention Center

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Mr. McSwain reported that a detainee died at the Detention Center on February 15th. He stated that a press release was sent out regarding this information.

Press Release Regarding Citizen's Forum

Mr. McSwain reported that the first of five Citizens Forums is scheduled for February 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Columbia High School. He stated this format is open forum for citizens who reside in Districts One, Three and Four.

Women's Marathon Association

Mr. McSwain distributed a list of events related to the Women's Olympia Trials and stated that employee's involvement and participation are encouraged.

Rescheduling of Council Meetings

Mr. McSwain requested Council's guidance regarding the Council meeting on March 7th as most of the Council members would be attending the NACO Conference in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to cancel the March 7th meeting and reschedule the meeting for March 14th. The vote was in favor. Mr. McEachern opposed.

SECOND READING ITEMS

General Obligation Bonds for Midlands Technical College

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Second Reading approval to an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond anticipation note in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to defray a portion of the cost of the Northeast Technology Center. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Amendment to the Recreation Commission's Bond Ordinance and Resolution calling for Public Hearing

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to give Second Reading approval of an ordinance amending the Recreation Commission Bond Ordinance to transfer \$420,000.00 from funds to be used to purchase property to an adult activity center on Parklane Road. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conveyance of sewer lines to the City of Columbia for Phase I of the Haskell Heights Sewer project

It was moved and seconded to give Second Reading approval to an ordinance authorizing the execution of a deed to the City for sewer lines located along Robertson Street and Blakely Street in Haskell Heights. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Quit-Claim Deed to relinquish Richland County's interest in
Robertson Creek Road**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to give this item Second Reading approval.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to defer this item to the next meeting until more information is received.

Ms. Scott objected to the deferment. There was no objection for Ms. Scott to speak to the deferment.

A discussion took place.

After discussion, Ms. Scott withdrew her motion with the consent of Ms. Tillis.

The vote was in favor of the deferment. Mr. Pearce abstained.

**Ordinance amendment to the zoning code (deletion of special
exception for commercial uses in rural zones)**

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to give Second Reading approval to an ordinance deleting commercial uses with up to 5,000 square feet of floor area as a permitted special exception in rural zones. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Dr. W.L. Boyd expressed dissatisfaction with Genesis Cable Service.

Ms. Scott directed staff to look into this matter and bring a report back to Council.

MOTION PERIOD

Ms. Smith moved to refer the funding request from Eau Claire Health Center to the A&F Committee.

Ms. Smith made a motion to schedule the Salvation Army for a presentation to Council on March 14th.

Mr. Meetze requested Mr. McSwain to schedule a trip to Newberry County to look at the road construction performed there.

Mr. Pearce referred the citizen's complaints regarding Genesis Cable to the D&S Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:43 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce Jr., Vice-Chair

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin