

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 5, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Darren Gore, Brady Farrar, Amelia Linder, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Mullen Taylor, Ash Miller, Monique Walters, Stephany Snowden, Cheryl Barrett, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Daniel Driggers, Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pearce called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Pearce recognized City Councilperson, Francenia Heizer, at the council meeting.

Ms. Scott recognized her Pastor, Reverend Wade, and his wife.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated items 1-a (SYSCO - Water and Sewer), 1-b (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) and 2-c (01-51MA, Marion Turbeville) are consent items. She also stated an ordinance amendment, Planning and Development Services, needed to be added on the consent agenda as item 4-d.

Mr. Meetze stated he does not want items 1-a and 1-b to be consent items as it is up for a public hearing at Third Reading.

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

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: May 15, 2001

Zoning Public Hearing: May 22, 2001

The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

RICHLAND 101 PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of Council, Mr. McSwain, Ms. Brady and Mr. Livingston presented certificates to citizens who have completed the Richland 101 class.

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REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. McSwain stated he did not have a report at this time.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Smith opened the floor to public hearings.

1-a. Sysco – Water and Sewer

No one signed up to speak at this time.

1-b. Blue Cross/Blue Shield

No one signed up to speak at this time.

2-a. Bond for Detention Center expansion and other projects

No one signed up to speak at this time.

3-a. Approval of JEDA Bonds for Heathwood Hall Episcopal School

No one signed up to speak at this time.

Ms. Smith closed the public hearings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The following items were published on the consent agenda:

4. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

- **4-a Lake Carolina Development Agreement** – First Reading approval to the Lake Carolina Development Agreement ordinance.
- **4-b Ordinance Amendment – International Building Code** – First Reading approval of the ordinance amendments that would replace the 1997 building codes with the 2000 International Building Codes.
- **4-c Issuance of Bonds and Study for the Airport** – Staff was directed to begin the process of selecting a consultant to conduct an airport study to be reported on in three months and completed at the end of the calendar year. The committee recommended that Council approve the necessary funding from the current airport revenues to conduct the study.
- **4-d Ordinance Amendment – Planning and Development Services** – Approval for First Reading of an ordinance to move addressing regulations from Chapter 6 to Chapter 2 and to amend Division 4 of Chapter 2 regarding the organization of the Department.

5. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **5-b Auditor's Office: Funds for mailing tax bills** – approval of the purchase of 534,000 pre-printed tax notices required for property tax billing from Data-Tec from in the amount of \$54,763.38.
- **5-c City Center Business Improvement District** – The Committee recommended to forward this item to Council; however, this issue shall be discussed further at a budget work session before that Council meeting. Staff was directed to provide more information at the work session about the properties in the proposed BID (Business Improvement District) which are already participating in the Vista TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District.

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- **5-d Emergency Services Purchase Orders** – approved the purchase orders/contracts.
 - Ambulance Chassis purchase** – approve the purchase of five ambulance chassis from Covenant Distributors, Inc. in the amount of \$137,500.00
 - Ambulance Remount Procurement** – approved the contract renewal to Professional Fabrication in the amount of \$53,808.00 for remounting ambulance vehicles.
- **5-e Information Technology project and contract** – authorized staff to negotiate and award a contract for Quality Assurance services to be performed during the upcoming parcel data conversion project in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 and recommended that Council approve the renewal of an existing contract in the amount of \$36,085.00.

Mr. Livingston requested to remove item 5-c (City Center Business Improvement District) from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

a. Sysco – Water and Sewer

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to give Third Reading approval to this budget amendment in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00 from the Economic Development Fund designated within the General Fund for the water and sewer connection to SYSCO. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Water Line Relocation for Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Third Reading approval of an ordinance authorizing a deed to the City of Columbia for water line relocation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. SECOND READING ITEMS

a. Bond for Detention Center expansion and other projects

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 principal amount not to exceed \$20,600,000.00 for the Detention Center expansion and other projects. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

a. Approval of JEDA Bonds for Heathwood Hall Episcopal School

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve a resolution in support of JEDA bonds for expansion of Heathwood Hall in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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5. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Local Option Sales Tax: Should we or shouldn't we?

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended forwarding this to Council for the Chairperson to appoint a four-member committee to provide Council with a recommendation and an action plan for proceeding.

Ms. Smith stated a task force has already been appointed. They are Ms. Brady, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mizzell and Mr. Meetze.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to accept this as information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. City Center Business Improvement District

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended forwarding this item to a Budget Work session prior to a Council meeting.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to send this to a Work session at 5:00 prior to Second Reading of the Budget. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

a. Notification of vacancies on Accommodations Tax Advisory Board-2

Mr. Livingston stated there are two appointments to be made to this board. He stated one person appointed to this board must represent the cultural industry.

This was received as information.

b. Notification of vacancies on Central Midlands COG-3

Mr. Livingston stated there are three appointments to be made to this board.

This was received as information.

c. Notification of vacancies on Community Relations Council-4

Mr. Livingston stated there are four appointments to be made to this board for four expired terms.

This was received as information.

d. Notification of a vacancies on the Employee Grievance Committee-4

Mr. Livingston stated there are four appointments to be made to this committee.

This was received as information.

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e. Notification of vacancies on the Library Board-5

Mr. Livingston stated there are five appointments to be made to this board.

This was received as information.

f. Notification of a vacancy on the Performing Arts Center Board-1

Mr. Livingston stated there is one vacancy to made to this board for one term expiring in July.

This was received as information.

g. Richland Memorial Hospital Board-1

Mr. Livingston stated there is one unexpired term ending July of 2002.

This was received as information.

h. Notification of appointments to be made on the Convention Center/Township Agreement Board-2

Mr. Livingston stated there were three applications received for this board. They were as follows:

- Kay Coleman
- Betty Easler
- Randy Fowler

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item to the next Council meeting, as he needed to have some questions answered. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a. Approval of budget amendment and letters of agreement for USC incubator

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of a Letter of Agreement and recommended First Reading approval to a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000.00 from this fiscal year's economic development fund to the Incubator. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Approval of Budget Amendment and Letter of Agreement for the SC Technology Alliance

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of a Letter of Agreement and also recommended First Reading approval to a budget amendment in the amount of \$125,000.00 from this fiscal year's economic development fund to the Technology Alliance. The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. Resolution Requesting the City of Forest Acres Support of the Verizon Wireless Expansion

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of a Resolution agreeing to absorb the cost to the Town of Forest Acres incurred through the Multi-County Business Park expansion to be given to Verizon. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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8. CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one spoke at this time.

9. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Mizzell moved to approve a Resolution commending Richland Northeast High School for winning the 4-A State Championship. Ms. Smith stated this item is to be placed on the agenda without reference.
- Mr. Mizzell moved to approve a Resolution commending Mr. Barry Mizzell for the award of 4-A Coach of the Year. Ms. Smith placed this item on the next Council agenda without reference.
- Ms. Smith gave notice that a list of amendments to the County budget will be distributed to Council this week.
- Mr. Smith introduced his newest Office Manager, Ms. Cheryl Barrett.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Susan Brill

Joan Brady

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

J.D. "Buddy" Meetze

Anthony G. Mizzell

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin