

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2002
1:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: Anthony G. Mizzell

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Carey McSwain, Ashley Jacobs, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Marsheika Martin, Monique Walters, Larry Smith, Carrie Neal, Stephany Snowden

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:10 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION – Real Estate Options regarding Columbia Venture/Farmer’s Market

a. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Estate Option Contract

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 1:11 p.m. and came out at approximately 2:40 p.m.
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Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to recess the meeting until 5:00 p.m. in order to allow staff to negotiate with the parties to the contract between now and then and make a report back to Council at that time. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council recessed the meeting at approximately 2:41 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 5:07 p.m.
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Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to go into Executive Session to get a report from the County Administrator on negotiations on a contract. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 5:07 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:52 p.m.
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Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to direct the County Administrator to extend the agreement for 30 days to Columbia Venture as discussed in Executive Session.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to direct staff to seek an alternative site and to continue to work and fight to keep the State Farmer's Market in Richland County.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Ms. Scott wanted the record to reflect "that I am obedient to what was said. We went before the people and told them what we were going to do. Then we turn around and didn't do what we said we were going to do. Now we want staff to tie up all of the time again looking at another site when they have told us that they are not going to take any more sites from anybody else. That is a waste of time."

ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:64 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Anthony G. Mizzell, Vice-Chair

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin