

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 20, 2000
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Tonya Dunham, Marsheika G. Martin, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Mullen Taylor, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Laura Pace, Jocelyn Jennings

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

The following people spoke regarding the Eau Claire Cooperative Center: Dr. Hop El; Ms. Minorca Saner; Dr. Stewart Hamilton; Mr. Ron Vogel; Ms. Rebecca Frank; Ms. Casino Osborne; Ms. Pam Slade.

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke "against" the TIF issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: June 6, 2000

Special Called Meeting: June 15, 2000

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Livingston stated Dr. Rudolph Wise needed to be added to the Richland Memorial Hospital appointments and it should be noted there are four applicants instead of three on Page 34 of the agenda.

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

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Meetze commented on an incorrect article in the State Newspaper regarding increased taxes. He wished for the Library and Recreation to come together and provide service to the Ballentine area. He stated citizens are paying taxes in these areas but are not obtaining the same service as other citizens in Richland County.

Mr. Livingston stated there was an additional item he needed to add to the agenda.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to reconsider the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Mr. Livingston stated the committee discussed having representatives from each school district to serve as ex-officio members on the Economic Development Committee. He wanted to add this item under the Rules Committee as item-F.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to add this item to the agenda under the Rules and Appointment Committee and adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

TIF Ordinance

Mr. McSwain stated a development agreement by the school board and the City of Columbia is pending a review and that is why the item is not on the agenda for Second Reading.

Mr. Meetze requested staff to call and request for DHEC to appear before the Council to discuss dust and noise in the Olympia area. He questioned why DHEC had not taken action two or three years ago.

Ms. Smith commented that DHEC is invited to meet with the Olympia Community as well.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to invite DHEC to the next Council meeting to make a report on the TARMAC operation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

00-030MA, Lee Rogers, From D-1 to C-3, TMS 05004-01-01 and 03, Broad River and Kennerly Roads

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

00-032MA, Joe Clark, From PDD to PDD, TMS 20300-02-05, From RU to PDD, TMS 20300-02-07 08, 09, Hardscrabble Road

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

00-033MA, R. Laine Ligon, From C-1 to C-3, TMS 16415-07-08, 1546, 1548 and 1550 Leesburg Road

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

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Extension of Billboard Moratorium

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

Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center

Dr. Sue Haddock gave a report on the merger. She stated the incentive to merge is coming from the Federal government and the community. Dr. Haddock reported financial deficits continue to occur. She stated that she met with representatives from both organizations and discussed plans for the future. They brought forth proposals and neither group accepted the other's proposal. She stated there is not a proposal for a merger at this time.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to appropriate for Third Reading \$130,000.00 to the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center to help with providing service to the community.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, to withhold \$100,000.00 until such time as an agreement on a merger of the two boards, not final, but the board structures are put in place and then issue the \$100,000.00.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Morris made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to defer action on this item until such time as a viable long-term business plan is presented that ensures stability of operations and adequate control that does not rely upon Richland County Government for ongoing funding; and at that time, the County will consider a minimum of \$100,000.00 or figures from the consultant in order to participate in stabilizing that operation.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his substitute motion.

The vote for deferment was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Ms. Smith reminded Council that at the time of appropriation, it would take seven votes to pass because it is a budget amendment.

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SECOND READING ITEM

Ordinance authorizing Lease Agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield

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

Budget Amendment: Broad River Wastewater Treatment Plant

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

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments to Accommodations Tax Committee-3

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended re-advertising because no applications were received. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended re-advertising because no applications were received. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Appointments to Community Relations Council-2

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended deferring this item and holding interviews prior to the next Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Appointment to East Richland Public Service District-1

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended deferring this item and holding interviews prior to the next Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

East Richland Public Service-1

Mr. Livingston stated two applications were received after the deadline and recommended re-advertising. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Appointment to Richland Memorial Hospital Board -2

Mr. Livingston stated there are three vacancies on this board with four applications received.

The applicants are Otha Dillihay, Stephen Ritter, Dennis A. Wilson and Dr. Rudolph Wise.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to elect the three incumbents: Otha Dillihay, Dennis A. Wilson and Dr. Rudolph Wise.

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Mr. Morris stated this item was not properly advertised for three vacancies, but for only two, and Dr. Rudolph Wise would have to re-apply because of an error by staff.

Ms. Smith stated it would be appropriate to elect two tonight and re-advertise for the last seat and appoint someone at the next meeting. Applicants eligible for appointment at this time are the following: Otha Dillihay, Stephen Ritter, Dennis A. Wilson.

Mr. Meetze withdrew his motion.

Mr. Pearce requested staff to expedite advertisements and appointments on the East Richland Public Service and the Richland Memorial Hospital Board.

Mr. Morris requested to expedite appointments to the Accommodations Tax Committee as well.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to elect the two incumbents, Otha Dillihay and Dennis Wilson; and re-advertise for one vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Economic Development

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to have representatives from each school district to serve on the committee as ex-officio member, non-voting persons; and direct the chairman of the school boards to designate someone. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Approval of Resolution: Bell Atlantic Mobile

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of a Resolution requesting the City of Forest Acres to participate in the designation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Cathy Motley-Watts, Richland County Employee, spoke concerning the County's Medical Insurance.

Ms. Scott recommended placing a report on the health insurance on the Administration and Finance Committee agenda.

MOTION PERIOD

County Stationary

Mr. Pearce recommended for the Rules and Appointment Committee to develop a policy on use of County stationary for partisan or political purposes.

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Health Insurance

Mr. McEachern reiterated what Ms. Scott said to receive a report on the County's Health Insurance.

Proclamations

Mr. McEachern recommended for forward to Council the approval of Proclamations for Dr. Andy Chisolm and Ms. Bernice Skinner and forward to Council.

Mr. Meetze recommended to forward to Council the approval of a proclamations for State Constables who pay for their uniform and training and ride Richland County Deputies and a proclamation to the Sheriff for utilizing these people.

Appearance Commission Meeting

Ms. Brill informed Council of the County and City Appearance Commission Meetings on tomorrow, June 21st, at 5:00 p.m.

Apology Letter

Mr. Morris requested for Ms. Smith to send a letter of apology to the list of people she sent letters to.

Reschedule of July Meeting

Ms. Smith stated Council needed to discuss the schedule for the month of July, as the first Tuesday is a holiday.

She recommended the following:

1. Regular Council Meeting on July 11th. (Mr. Livingston stated he would be out of the Country on this date).
2. Cancel Meeting on July 18th, as some Council members will be in Charlotte.
3. Committee Meetings on July 19th
4. Regular Session and Zoning Public Hearing on July 25th

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to accept the schedule change. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Local Option Sales Tax

Mr. Mizzell stated he would bring to information on the local option sales tax at the next Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

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