

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 1, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Mullen Taylor, Stephany Snowden, Darren Gore, Amelia Linder, Geo Price, Simon Jackson, Brad Farrar, Pat Bresnham, Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:40 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated there were no items to be discussed in Executive Session at this time.

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, informed Council if specifics are needed regarding the Planning Co-location with City of Columbia it would need to be discussed in Executive Session.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Smith stated there were no resolutions to be presented at this time.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Smith stated Council is implementing a new rule of Council. She stated citizens will be limited to speak to items for which no public hearing has been held or is scheduled. Ms. Smith stated this is to allow for ample input in a more efficient way.

The following persons spoke at this time:

- Mr. Robin White spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Cynthia Flynn spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Susan White spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Virginia Sanders in opposition of Burroughs and Chapin.
- Mr. Doug Sanders spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Mr. Bruce Rippeteau signed up in favor of the Curtiss Wright Hanger.
- Mr. C.W. Randall signed up in favor of the Curtiss Wright Hanger.
- Ms. Evelyn Bush opposed the Conservation Commission Ordinance.
- Ms. Joye Mullis spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Kay McClanahan spoke of concerns regarding the Conservation Commission Ordinance.
- Ms. Mary Lee spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Barbara Ball spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Jeanette Smith spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Mr. Van Kornegay spoke in support of a billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Sue Walker spoke of concerns concerning the Conservation Commission.

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- Mr. Bill McClanahan spoke of concerns regarding the Conservation Commission.
- Mr. John Rogers spoke in support of the billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Lillie Bates spoke of concerns regarding the Conservation Commission.
- Rev. Jordan D. Smith spoke of concerns regarding Riverside Forest & Broad River Heights Sewer Design.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Livingston stated the SYSCO Project needed to be added to the agenda under Report of Economic Development. The Report of Economic Development will be added to the agenda as item-8.

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

a. Planning Co-location with City of Columbia – Mr. McSwain reported that the County has identified a potential site for co-locating the City and County Planning Departments, and has identified other options besides this site for City/County consideration.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston recommended for the Co-Location Committee to bring a recommendation back to Council. (The Committee consists of Mr. Livingston, Mr. McEachern and Mr. Tuten).

Council requested for the Committee to meet with the City for recommendations of an option. Mr. McSwain stated the building might not be available after May and the committee would need to make a decision before then.

a. July meeting schedule – Mr. McSwain asked Council to decide upon a meeting schedule for July.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the following meeting schedule for July:

July 3 Council Meeting cancelled.
 July 10 Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
 July 23 Committee Meetings @ 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
 Council Meeting (to be scheduled)
 Zoning Public Hearing (to be scheduled)
 July 31 Special Called Meeting at Columbia High School if
 necessary.

The vote in favor was unanimous

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1-a. Easement for SCE&G Pressure Release Station

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak to the public hearing. She closed the public hearing.

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1.b Quit Claim Deed for Woodcreek Development and the Ridge

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak to the public hearing. She closed the public hearing.

1.c Appearance Commission: Voting Members

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak to the public hearing. She closed the public hearing.

1.d Detention Center: Pilot Project for House Arrest

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak to the public hearing. She closed the public hearing.

1.3 Airport Commission: Lease Agreement for Curtiss Wright Hanger

Ms. Smith stated one person signed up to speak to this item.

- Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke against this item stating there was not enough public input or notice to the public.

The public hearing for this item was closed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Council adopted the following Consent Items:

1.a Easement for SCE&G Pressure Release Station – Third reading approval of an ordinance authorizing the County to grant this easement for the installation of a gas regulation station on the Public Works Compound in Ballentine.

1.b Quitclaim Deeds for Woodcreek Development and the Ridge – Third reading approval given to an ordinance authorizing the execution of quit-claim deeds for a road right-of-way located on the east side of Spears Creek Road in return for payment of \$3,145.00.

1.c Appearance Commission: Voting Members – Third reading approval of this ordinance amendment that provides two additional voting members to the Appearance Commission.

1.d Detention Center: Pilot Project for House Arrest – Third reading approval given to an ordinance authorizing the Detention Center to offer electronic monitoring, or house arrest, for inmates, with participating defendants bearing all associated costs.

1.e Airport Commission: Lease Agreement for Curtiss Wright Hangar – Third reading approval given to an ordinance authorizing a lease agreement with the Curtiss-Wright Hangar Association, a division of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation, for \$1.00 a year for 20 years in order to raise private funds for renovation of the Hangar.

2.a Approval of an Ordinance confirming Council's policy on Multi-County Business Park Fee Distribution – Second reading approval of an ordinance confirming the County's distribution of fees derived from a Multi-County Business Park.

2.b 01-47MA, H.B. Mann, Landtech LLC, From PUD-2 to amended PUD-2, 23200-01-20(P), Hardscrabble Road – Second reading approval given to this rezoning request.

2.d SCE&G Easement for Blue Cross/Blue Shield – Second reading approval of an ordinance authorizing a right-of-way to SCE&G for gas lines.

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2.e Waterline Relocation for Blue Cross/Blue Shield – Second reading approval of an ordinance authorizing a deed to the City of Columbia for waterline relocation.

3.a Award of Contracts: Riverside Forest & Broad River Heights Sewer Design – Authorized the Procurement Department to negotiate a contract with the selected firms to design these sewer systems provided that the fees are within 15% of the estimated project costs of \$685,000.00 for Broad River Heights and \$1,415,000.00 for Riverside Forest.

3.b Award of Contract: County Resurfacing – Approved the award of 2000 resurfacing contract to Lanier Construction Company in the amount of \$1,122,117.60.

3.c Resolution: Fair Housing/Community Development Block Grant Funds – Approved this Resolution stating the County's efforts to further fair housing as required by the Community Development Block Grant Program.

4.a Authorization to Award Township Bid – Approved an award of contract to the lowest qualified bidder to refurbish the Township Auditorium's seats, in an amount to exceed \$600,000.00 and directed staff to notify Council before the contract is awarded.

4.b Soil and Water Stewardship Week Proclamation – Approved this proclamation designating April 29-May 5, 2001 as Soil & Water Stewardship Week.

6.a Appointment of Code Enforcements Officers: Ralph B. Pearson; Clark M. "Rocky" Archer; Gene R. Swygert; James Hill – Persons appointed as Code Enforcement Officers.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

f. Conservation Commission Ordinance

Ms. Smith reminded Council this item was deferred from the last Council meeting.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to reauthorize the appointments and amend the ordinance for Third Reading as follows:

7c. Add: Any purchase, lease, acceptance, acquisition, protection, development, or maintenance of land, as referenced in subsection b 1-8 above, shall only be received from a willing property owner who voluntarily consents to such participation.

7d. Add: Provided however, property owners may notify the Commission, in writing, that they do not want the Commission to consider their property for preservation and/or protection. The Commission shall maintain a file of such written notifications, and those properties shall not be considered for inclusion on the list of significant resources that is submitted to the County Council.

Ms. Scott made a substitute motion to defer this item. The motion to defer failed for a lack of a second.

Ms. Smith noted for the public that this is simply an effort to clean up the ordinances and to move it to the other section. The Conservation Commission is working on a plan; and when they bring the plan to Council for a formal adoption, there will be further amendments.

The vote in favor of the main motion was unanimous.

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2. SECOND READING ITEMS

a. 01-21TA, Floodways

Ms. Smith stated this is an amendment to the zoning text to accurately reflect the stormwater ordinance.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Second reading approval to this zoning text amendment as amended to substitute "regulatory floodways" in lieu of "special flood hazard area" as recommended by the legal staff. The vote was in favor. Ms. Scott opposed.

3. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

a. Report of County Council Work Session: Billboard Ordinance

Ms. Scott stated the Committee recommended the Meetze, Scott, Tillis Billboard Ordinance proposal.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to defer this item.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. REPORT OF SPECIAL CALLED ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Police Officer's Retirement

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee made changes to recommendations presented by staff and presented them to full Council. The changes included the following:

- Deletion of item 1 of the recommendations which stated "The employee making the request must be retiring".
- Requested for the administrator to make a recommendation regarding the deadline for submissions of requests from eligible employees.

Mr. McSwain recommended December 31, 2001 as the deadline for eligible employees to submit their requests.

A discussion took place.

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Ms. Scott directed staff to make sure eligible employees are fully informed. She requested for these employees to be notified by certified mail.

Mr. Meetze directed the administrator to inquire about the number of eligible employees who will potentially retire within the next five years and see how it affects them.

The Committee amended their motion to include December 31, 2001 as the deadline in item #6. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Bond for Detention Center Expansion and other projects

Mr. McSwain briefed Council on this issue. He stated there are several things in the budget that are capital items for which Council has been asked to consider. There is a five-year capital plan specifically for GIS and expenditures for the Assessor's Office. Midlands Technical College is asking to refund \$2 million dollars worth of bonds to save some money, which is part of discussion for the Northeast Campus. There is an additional \$400,000.00 for voting machines and completion of the telephone system at \$600,000.00 which brings the total to \$22,600,000.00.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee had serious questions regarding this issue and the consensus of the committee was this needed to be worked on.

The recommendation of the Committee was to move this item to a Council Work Session.

Mr. McSwain requested First Reading approval to get this process going, most particularly with the Detention Center and the Township. He stated the other items could be considered as it is moved along.

A discussion continued.

Mr. Darren Gore, Finance Director, briefed Council on what was included in the Bond:

- Detention Center - \$12 million dollars
- Township Auditorium - \$1,100,000.00 (probably bond only \$600,000.00 if agreement remain with the City of Columbia).

Mr. Gore stated it is imperative to keep the process going as Third Reading would need to be targeted sometime in June with bonds issued in August. He requested First Reading approval.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce requested to see all of the bonds the County has.

The Committee amended their motion to give this item First Reading approval and hold a Work Session prior to Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

a. Scheduling Public Hearings

b. Equipment/Materials for Presentation to be approved by Clerk of Council

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Mr. Livingston stated the Committee has not met to discuss these items; therefore, no report is available. He stated the Committee will discuss these items.

6. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Appropriation for SYSCO Water and Sewer Connections

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommends First Reading approval to a budget amendment appropriating \$120,000.00 from the Economic Development Designated Funds within the County General Fund to pay for the water and sewer construction to the SYSCO site on Garners Ferry Road. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. CITIZEN'S INPUT

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

8. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Pearce moved to refer to A&F the consideration of immediate issuance of revenue bonds for a new Columbia Owens Downtown Airport Terminal Building and 43 additional hangars.
- Mr. Mizzell moved to refer to A&F Committee consideration of pursuing placement of the Local Option Sales Tax for referendum this year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

J.D. "Buddy" Meetze

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin