

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 5, 2003
5:00 P.M.**

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

OTHER MEMBERS: T. Cary McSwain, Michael Byrd, Harry Huntley, Larry Smith, Daniel Driggers, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Tony McDonald, Marsheika Martin, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Ashley Bloom, Carrie Neal, Stephany Snowden, Chief Harrell, Michael Chris, George Rice

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:05 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Honorable James Tuten.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated a status report on a pending litigation need to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to add this item to the agenda as item 3-B.

1. Richland County Non-Attainment Boundary Designation Resolution

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated there are amendments to the Resolution. Ms. Smith briefed Council on the changes.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the Resolution as amended.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston requested deferring the item to the end of the agenda.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to accept the request to defer. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. FIRST READING ITEM (by title only)

a. Business License Ordinance

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve this item for First Reading by Title Only. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. THIRD READING ITEM

a. FY 2003-04 Budget Ordinance

Building Permit Fee

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to increase building fees, not residential but other and general revenue of \$186,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Emergency Medical Services-Reduction in Expenditures

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to reduce expenditures by \$243,867.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Revenue- Per Diem Fee

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to amend the motion passed at Second Reading regarding the per diem to municipalities and Detention Center as follows:

Regarding municipalities or agencies, when Richland County Sheriff's Department is the arresting authority of a crime committee in a municipality town, it would not be charged to the municipality; in addition, the per diem charges will not be assessed to any municipality or agency in Richland County on individuals that are charged with general session offenses.

A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

Building Inspector to the Planning Department

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve \$46,000.00 plus the associated number to add a residential building inspector, vehicle and associated operating cost to the Planning Department. The vote was in favor. Mr. Mizzell opposed.

Hopkins Water/Sewer

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve for discussion.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$455,000.00; and if City of Columbia does not fund, bring issue back to Council.

Mr. Mizzell/Ms. Scott withdrew their motion.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Base Closure Consulting Fees

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, not to fund out of the General Fund budget.

Mr. Tuten made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$50,000.00 for consulting fee.

A discussion took place.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Stand for Children

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to provide funding of \$100,000.00.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, to table the issue.

The vote to table was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Business Improvement District

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to add B.I.D. funding of \$89,200.00 back into Third Reading for the FY 2004 budget.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to fund at \$50,000.00 which is to be taken out of hospitality tax, not property tax money.

Ms. Smith made a second substitute motion to forward the motion to the Hospitality Tax Committee to establish criteria, particularly because Hospitality Tax money is collected from restaurants outside of the City. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Mizzell offered an amendment, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to take \$89,200.00 out of Hospitality Tax.

After discussion, Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to fund B.I.D. at \$50,000.00 from the General Fund.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to defer this item and refer it to the Administration and Finance Committee to look for funding.

Ms. Smith held her motion for further discussion.

After discussions, Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, to defer this and refer it to the Administration and Finance Committee.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Corley	Pearce
Brady	Livingston
Tuten	Mizzell

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Brill	Scott
McEachern	Tillis
Smith	

The motion passed.

Economic Development – Regional Technology Leadership Council

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to fund at \$25,000.00.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to refer to the Economic Development Committee while regulations are being formulated and then the item is to come back before Council.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

Mr. Livingston distributed a proposal regarding the Accommodations Tax.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the proposal as distributed.

Mr. McEachern requested an additional \$10,000.00 for Historic Columbia.

The vote was as follows:

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

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The motion failed.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to keep Mr. Livingston's list, but make a few adjustments: reduce \$2,000.00 from Celebrate Freedom, reduce Historic Columbia by \$5,000.00, Columbia International Festival at \$1,500.00.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Brady made a second substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the original request list and to reduce Celebrate Freedom by \$5,000.00 and fund Columbia City Ballet for \$5,000.00.

Mr. Mizzell/Mr. Livingston withdrew their motion.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt Livingston's request that is before Council, maintaining the \$15,000 for Historic Columbia.

The vote for the second substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The vote in favor of the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

Ms. Brill made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to accept the recommendations as made by the Accommodations Tax Committee.

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The vote was follows:

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

The motion passed.

Victim's Assistance

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to fund this item at \$50,000.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Mizzell opposed.

Recreation Commission

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to increase funding to \$73,200.00 for the JUMPS Program, Fighting Back, and Tutorial.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith offered a proviso that the funds will be spent on the specific programs.

The vote was in favor.

Fire Budget

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to reduce the fire budget by \$1,000,000.00.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to delete \$1,200,000.00 from the fire budget.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

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The motion passed.

Recreation Commission

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to fund at 8.1 mills which is a 1 mill increase over last year's funding which would add \$130,000.00 to the Recreation Commission budget.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

Briefing on the Millage

Mr. Harry Huntley, County Auditor, gave a brief report on the millage.

Third Reading of the Amended Budget Ordinance

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to give Third Reading to the Budget Ordinance as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. Richland County Non-Attainment Boundary Designation Resolution

The discussion continued regarding the resolution.

The vote in favor of the Resolution was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pending Litigation

It was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:14 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:21 p.m.
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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Scott stated the report was received as information.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m.

Bernice G. Scott, Chair

Joan. B. Brady, Vice-Chair

Susan Brill

Doris M. Corley

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

Anthony G. Mizzell

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

Kit Smith

Thelma M. Tillis

James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin