

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 10, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Darren Gore, Harry Reed, Milton Pope, Chief Harrell, Harry Reed, Jocelyn Jennings, Sherry Wright-Moore, Monique Walters, Rodolfo Callwood, Tony McDonald, Mullen Taylor, Pam Davis, Ash Miller, Stephany Snowden, Amelia Linder, Monique Walters, Marsheika Martin, Ralph Pearson, Gail Luckey, Jim Prater, Andy Metts

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated item 3-a (Consideration of Incentives for Project Cold) needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. McSwain stated a Contractual Matter: Acquisition of Easement for SYSCO also needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVLEDGE

Ms. Tillis recognized her sister, Ms. Doris Adams, and Mr. Jerome Smith.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Council adopted the agenda as published. 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: June 19, 2001

Ms. Smith stated with the consensus of Council it would be added to the agenda as item-9 and re-order the agenda.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to not approve the portion of the minutes concerning the Appointments to the Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority on Page 12 of the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston stated the item is on tonight's agenda.

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Ms. Smith stated Council would hold approval of the minutes until after each of these items are taken up.

Special Called Meeting: June 26, 2001

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to reconsider the General Fund budget.

Ms. Smith stated Council would hold approval of the minutes until after each of these items are taken up.

Zoning Public Hearing: June 26, 2001

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve these minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**PRESENTATIONS
DNR to Harry L. Reed, Flood Plain Manager**

Mr. Daryle Fontenot, Department of Natural Resources, presented Mr. Harry L. Reed a certificate for passing the certified flood plain manager exam. He stated Mr. Reed is one of 29 in the state of South Carolina that is registered and nationwide there is approximately 500.

Mr. Daryle Fontenot also presented a plaque recognizing that Richland County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. He stated the County has a Class 9 rating.

Andy Hallett – 3-A Baseball Coach of the Year

Coach Hallett received a certificate for being the Coach of the Year.

A.C. Flora High School 3-A State Baseball Champions

On behalf of Council, Mr. Pearce, Ms. Brady and Ms. Tillis presented certificates to the team, coach, principal and assistant principal for the state baseball champions.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

a. Presentation of Budget Award

Mr. McSwain presented the Certificate of Achievement Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 1999-2000 to the Finance Department. Ms. Gail Luckey, Budget Analyst, accepted this award.

**b. Contractual Matter: Acquisition of Easement for SYSCO –
Executive Session Item**

Ms. Smith stated without objection this item will be moved to the Executive Session Items, item-10.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following public hearings were opened, but no one had signed up to speak:

- Ordinance Amendment: International Building Code
- An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, administration; article v, county departments: division 4, Planning Management

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- Approval of budget amendment and letters of agreement for USC incubator
- Approval of budget amendment and letters of agreement for SC Technology Alliance
- An Ordinance authorizing an easement to South Carolina Electric and Gas Company across property located on Alpine Road
- Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001 (C)
- An Ordinance authorizing a Development Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina and Lake Carolina, Inc., and other matters related thereto

Ms. Smith closed the public hearings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The following items were on the consent agenda:

- 1-b Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, administration; article v, county departments: division 4, Planning Management – Third Reading approval
- 1-c Approval of budget amendment and letters of agreement for USC Incubator – Third Reading approval
- 1-d Approval of budget amendment and letters of agreement for SC Technology Alliance – Third Reading approval
- 1-e An Ordinance authorizing an easement to South Carolina Electric and Gas Company across property located on Alpine Road – Third Reading approval
- 2-b 01-41MA, Julius Trapp, From RS-3 to C-1, 09310-01-14, 5421 Knightner Street – Second Reading approval
- 4-a Ordinance: Closing of Bynum Road to through Truck Traffic – First Reading approval
- 5-a Procurement: Contract Renewals
- 5-b Detention Center: Engineering Design and Construction Contract
- 5-c Columbia Museum of Art: Budget Transfer
- 8-a Arthur B. Langley – Code Enforcement Officer Resolution
- 8-b Keith Malloy – Code Enforcement Officer Resolution
- 8-c Carol Williams – Code Enforcement Officer Resolution

Mr. Meetze requested item 5-a, Procurement: Contract Renewals, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Legal staff requested for item 1-a to be removed from the Consent Agenda, as Council needed to adopt the amended version.

The vote was in favor to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

a. Ordinance Amendment: International Building Code

Ms. Smith stated the Legal Department had drafted amendments that are included in the packets.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the ordinance amendment as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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f. Outdoor Advertising: Billboard Ordinance

Mr. McEachern stated Ms. Brenda Carter, who is on vacation, was to obtain maps for Council at this time.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to defer this item to the next Council meeting with maps showing overlay districts.

Ms. Scott requested for staff to provide the maps to Council before Tuesday, July 17th.

A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor of the motion. Ms. Scott opposed.

2. SECOND READING ITEM

a. **Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001 (C)**

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

b. **An Ordinance authorizing a Development Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina and Lake Carolina Development, Inc., and other matters related thereto**

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

3. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

b. **Discussion of Business License Ordinance – Amendment for SYSCO**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval of this ordinance. The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. **Resolution requesting consent of Forest Acres to include Verizon Expansion into Multi-County Industrial Park**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of the Resolution with the only change being that Verizon did not want to pay the \$21.00 fee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

b. **Ordinance Amendment: Ordinance Amendment: Parking Tickets**

Ms. Scott stated the committee forwarded this item to Council without a recommendation.

Mr. McSwain reported to Council that there are approximately 15 one-hour meters in this particular area. He stated only about \$35.00 is collected a day.

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

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5. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Procurement: Contract Renewals

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended approval of contract renewals for various services in the 2001-2002 fiscal year. He stated the Committee also directed staff to specify what is included in the different contracts regarding "Engineering Services".

Council was provided with a list of contractors for engineering services.

A discussion took place regarding the list that was given to Council.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to defer this item to the July 17th meeting until an explanation is provided regarding the list. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

a. Notification of vacancy on Building Board of Adjustment and Appeal-6

Mr. Livingston reported there would be six vacancies to this board on July 31st.

This was received as information.

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

Mr. Livingston stated there is one vacancy on this board.

This was received as information.

**c. Appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee
-2**

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

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the two applications. The vote in favor was unanimous

Mr. Douglas O'Flaherty and Ms. Peggy W. Smith were appointed to this board.

d. Appointments to Central Midlands Council of Government-3

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

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to appoint the three applicants to this board. The vote in favor was unanimous

Mr. Larry C. Cooke, Mr. Ernest T. Evans and Mr. Michael Allan Letts were appointed to this board.

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e. Appointments to the Community Relations Council-4

Mr. Livingston stated there are four vacancies on this board. He stated there were quite a few applicants to be interviewed; therefore, the committee recommended forwarding this item to the July 17th meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

f. Appointments to the Employee Grievance Committee –4

Mr. Livingston stated there are four appointments to be made to this committee with three applications received.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to appoint the three applicants to the committee and re-advertise for the one vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Nancy L. Jeffcoat, Mr. William H. Johnson and Mr. Geonard H. Price were appointed to the committee.

g. Appointments to the Library Board –5

Mr. Livingston stated there are five appointments to be made to this board. He stated there were 12 applicants; however, one applicant, Ms. Corinne Ellison Dial, withdrew her application.

The vote was as follows:

<u>Anderson</u> 0	<u>Andrews</u> Meetze Smith	<u>Boyd</u> Brady Livingston Meetze Pearce McEachern Brill Tuten Scott Tillis	<u>Campbell</u> Brady Livingston Mizzell Meetze Pearce Smith McEachern Tuten Scott	<u>Dorn</u> Smith
<u>Heatley</u> Brady Livingston Mizzell Meetze Pearce McEachern Brill Tuten Scott Tillis	<u>L. Melton</u> Brady Mizzell Brill	<u>P. Melton</u> Brady Livingston Mizzell Meetze Pearce McEachern Brill Tuten Scott Tillis	<u>President</u> Livingston Mizzell Smith McEachern Scott Tillis	
<u>Small</u> Pearce Smith Brill Tillis	<u>Spradlin</u> 0			

Mr. Michael B. Boyd, Mr. David Campbell, Mr. Benjamin C. Heatley, Ms. Pamela Rogers Melton and Reverend Darrel S. President were appointed to the board.

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h. Appointment to the Richland Memorial Hospital Board –1

Mr. Livingston stated there was one appointment to be made to this board with three applications received.

The vote was as follows:

<u>Dickerson</u>	<u>Kerr</u>	<u>Bennett</u>
Livingston	Brady	McEachern
Mizzell	Tuten	
Meetze	Tillis	
Pearce		
Smith		
Brill		
Scott		

Mr. Charles H. Dickerson was appointed to the board.

i. Appointments to the Township Auditorium –2

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended deferring this item as they are trying to work something out with the City of Columbia since it was agreed to give them appointments. The vote in favor was unanimous.

j. Appointments to the Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority –2

Mr. Livingston stated two individuals were elected at the last Council meeting, but he stated one of the persons who serve on this board must represent the hotel/motel industry. He stated the Committee recommended appointing Mr. Randy Fowler to the board and re-open the floor to one of the other individuals that does not meet the requirement.

A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor the motion. Mr. McEachern opposed.

The vote for the other two applicants were as follows:

<u>Atria</u>	<u>Coleman</u>	<u>Easler</u>	<u>Johnson</u>
Meetze	Brady	0	Livingston
Pearce	McEachern		Mizzell
	Brill		Smith
			Scott
			Tillis
			Tuten

Mr. I.S. Leevy Johnson was appointed.

7. REPORT OF LOCAL OPTION TASK FORCE

Mr. Mizzell stated the Task Force forwarded this information to Council with no recommendation, but did request for Council to look over the draft ordinance.

Mr. Mizzell read the ordinance to Council.

A discussion took place.

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Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to forward to the Election Commission a notice of intent to put the Local Option Sales Tax on the ballot this November.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Meetze and Mr. Tuten stated they would not support anything other than 100% rollback, meaning that 100% of the revenues generated by the Local Option Sales Tax would be used for property tax relief.

Ms. Scott stated not everyone in Richland County owns a home. She stated 90-10% would be fair and would look after all of the citizens in Richland County.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to defer the amended draft Ordinance No 2025-90HR to the July 17th meeting.

A discussion took place.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

9. Reconsideration to the General Fund Budget

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to add an additional \$1.6 million dollars to the Sheriff's Budget, which is a 1.7 mill increase. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the Regular Session minutes of June 19, 2001. The vote in favor was unanimous.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to go into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter regarding SYSCO and Project Cold. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:55 p.m. and
came out at approximately 8:10 p.m.**
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Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Contractual Matter: Acquisition of Easement for SYSCO

Ms. Smith stated this was received as information.

Project Cold

Mr. Livingston moved, and it was seconded, to approve this item and direct the Administrator to move forward as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

11. CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke regarding Freedom of Information Act.

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12. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. McEachern directed the County Administrator to obtain a list of engineers and review the general policy and send to the Development and Services Committee.

Ms. Smith stated the following is a schedule for the remaining of the month:

July 17 – Regular Session Meeting
July 23 – 1:00, D&S Committee Meeting
 3:00, A&F Committee Meeting
 5:00, Special Called Meeting

She stated staff would verify the time the Zoning Public Hearing was advertised to start on the 23rd.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

J.D. "Buddy" Meetze

Anthony G. Mizzell

Bernice G. Scott

Thelma M. Tillis

James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin