

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 6, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Mizzell

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Pam Davis, Ashley Bloom, Stephany Snowden, Roxanne Matthews, Monique Walters, Chief Harrell, Carrie Neal

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Brady opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Livingston made a motion to nominate Ms. Scott as Chair of Richland County Council for 2004. It was seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Pearce made a motion to nominate Ms. Brady as Vice-Chair of Richland County Council for 2004. Mr. Tuten seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SELECTION OF SEATS - No changes were made in seating arrangements.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, requested to add the Village at Sandhills which creates the assessment district and an ordinance that authorizes issuance of bonds. He stated this need to be added for First Reading by Title Only.

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – No Executive Session items were on the agenda at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16, 2003: Regular Session

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – No report was given at this time.

- **Council Retreat** – Mr. McSwain stated a draft agenda for the retreat will go out on Friday for comments from Council.
- **SCAC** – A notice was received regarding pending Legislative Actions – Uniform Ballot Machine Bill. This bill will allow for multiple types of machines.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL - No report was given at this time.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Scott opened the floor to the following public hearing:

- **Ordinance to authorize Easement of SCE&G along with a portion of Pulaski Street, between Hampton & Lady Streets**

No one signed up to speak at this time.

- **Ordinance to create position of Environmental Program Manager**

The following persons signed up to speak to this item: Ms. Evelyn Bush, Mr. Doug Kendall, Mr. John Flowers, Ms. Teresa Greene and Mr. Lee Felder, Ms. Kay McClanahan, Mr. Bill McClanahan, Mr. William B. Depass, Jr., Ms. Betty Campbell, Ms. Hattie Fruester, Ms. Lillie Bates (requested an organizational chart).

The floor was closed to the public hearings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the following consent item:

- **Ordinance to authorize Easement of SCE&G along with a portion of Pulaski Street, between Hampton & Lady Streets**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

FIRST READING

Village at Sandhills – Ordinance to approve the special assessment district and issuance of bonds – First Reading by Title Only

Mr. McSwain stated this ordinance would create a special assessment district at the Village at Sandhills. The second ordinance would be to authorize the issuance of bonds related to the infrastructure of the development.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the ordinances for First Reading by Title Only. The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

Ordinance to authorize Easement of SCE&G along with a portion of Pulaski Street, between Hampton & Lady Streets

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

Ordinance to create position of Environmental Program Manager

Mr. McSwain gave a brief summary of the position.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to defer this item until the Land Use Plan is approved. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.

MOTION PERIOD

Resolution – Decker Mall Magnet School Center Project (Brady) – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the Resolution with a request to remove “partner” and replace it with “cooperate”. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Senate Bill

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to direct the County Administrator to write a letter regarding Council's position on the Senate Bill Council's and the financial impact the bill would have on the County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Resolution honoring Sgt. Joseph for Bravery - Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to create a Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Worksession Dates – Mr. McEachern requested clarification of the 14th and 15th Worksession dates.

Mr. McSwain stated the Work Session will be held on the 14th and only a follow-up will be held on the 15th if requested by Council.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

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Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair

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