

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
JUNE 3, 2003  
6:00 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 Chris, Edith Caudle, Stephany Snowden, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Monique Walters, Carrie Neal, Larry Smith, Pam Davis, Ashley Jacobs, Roxanne Matthews, Beth McLean, Chris Eversman, Chief Harrell, Brenda Carter, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Rodolfo Callwood

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

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, informed Council that Councilwoman Doris Corley will be unable to attend the meeting at this time.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**RICHLAND 101 GRADUATION** – Richland 101 graduates were presented with certificates.

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

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the only item on the agenda that may need to be discussed in Executive Session is item 4-b (Finance: Contract Award for Auditors).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**May 20, 2003:**           **Special Called Meeting** - Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**May 20, 2003:**           **Regular Session** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**May 27, 2003: Zoning Public Hearing** – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. **Animal Report regarding Lower Richland** – Mr. Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, briefed Council and the public regarding the status of dangerous dogs running around in the Lower Richland Community.
- b. **Facing Facts** – Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, encouraged Council to read pamphlet distributed.
- c. **Budget Changes** – Mr. McSwain notified Council that the Auditor would have a change in the mill value and debt service available on tomorrow, Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Hospitality Tax** – Mr. McSwain gave a status report on the issue. He informed Council that area restaurants were sent letters regarding the issue.

#### **REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. **NACA 2003** – Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, informed Council that the conference will be in Milwaukee from July 11<sup>th</sup> until July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. **Community Council Annual Meeting** – Ms. Finch informed the Council that the annual meeting will take place on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m.

#### **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- **Ordinance authorizing right-of-way to SCE&G regarding Skateboard Road on Jim Hamilton Blvd**
- **Ordinance to amend Section 17-10 of Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic**
- **Amendments to the Animal Care Ordinance**
- **Planning: 2002 National Electrical Code and 2000 International Property Maintenance Code**
- **Sheriff's Department: Budget Amendment for Shortfall**
- **Magistrates: Budget Amendment for Temporary, Full-Time Employees**
- **Ordinance authorizing the sale of Sewer System General Obligation Bonds**

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the following items for the Consent Agenda:

- **Powers of the Board of Zoning Appeals: Zoning Text Amendment** [Third Reading]
- **Ordinance authorizing right-of-way to SCE&G regarding Skateboard Road on Jim Hamilton Blvd.** [Third Reading]
- **Ordinance to amend Section 17-10 of Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic** [Third Reading]
- **Amendments to the Animal Care Ordinance** [Third Reading]
- **Planning: 2002 National Electrical Code and the 200 International Property Maintenance Code** [Third Reading]
- **Sheriff's Department: Budget Amendment for Shortfall** [Third Reading]
- **Magistrates: Budget Amendment for Temporary, Full-Time Employees** [Third Reading]
- **Ordinance authorizing the sale of Sewer System General Obligation Bonds** [Third Reading]
- **03-40MA, Mize Landscaping, RU to PDD, Landscape Material and Storage, 04100-04-39, Western Lane & Owenswood Drive** [Second Reading]
- **Contract Award: Water Quality and Water Quantity Model Development**
- **Information Technology: Contract Award for Parcel data Conversion**
- **Finance: Contract Award for Auditors**
- **Waste Management: Resolution for JEDA Bond Issuance**
- **Grants & Community Development: Homeownership Month**
- **Medicaid Funding Resolution**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

## SECOND READING ITEMS

**03-46MA, Douglas Weber, RU to M-1, General Commercial or Storage, 02600-06-15, 11132 Broad River Road**

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote was in favor. Mr. Livingston and Ms. Smith opposed.

**Proposed Amendment for Chapter 22, Article XI to specify that all fees are established in the Annual Budget Ordinance**

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

**REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**a. Contract Award: Hauling Services at Lower Richland Drop Off Center**

This item was forwarded to Council without a recommendation.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to award the contract to the lowest bidder (Southland Sanitation) in the amount of \$245,400.00.

A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

After further discussion, Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to reconsider this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The discussion continued.

Ms. Tillis moved and it was seconded to defer this item. The motion to defer failed.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the award of contract.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern offered an amendment stating specifically that the bids are based on a single cost per pull/per rental. Ms. Smith/Mr. Pearce accepted the amendment.

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

**b. Internal Auditor Audit Committee: Models and Information**

Ms. Smith stated the Committee recommended that Council approve a blended model for the Audit Committee, consisting of three members of Council, two citizens and one employee chosen by the County Administrator.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to accept this item as information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Mr. McEachern notified Council of the following vacancies and the request for advertisement:

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee-2 vacancies**
- b. **Board of Assessment Appeals – 3 vacancies**
- c. **Community Relations Council – 2 vacancies**
- d. **East Richland Public Service Commission – 1 vacancy**

The vote in favor was unanimous to advertise the vacancies.

**Suspension of Council Rules: Library Board of Trustees, Term Extension**

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee received a request to suspend the rules regarding term extension. He stated the Committee has received no compelling evidence to suspend the rules.

Ms. Brill made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to suspend the rules and allow persons to serve an additional six months.

A discussion took place.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The vote was in favor of the Committee's recommendation.

**Notification of vacancies to the Library Board of Trustees-4**

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended advertising of the four vacancies. The vote was in favor. Ms. Brill opposed.

**Notification of appointments to be made to the Employee Grievance Committee-2**

Mr. McEachern stated no applications were received and the committee

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

**MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to bring to Council a request for approval of a Resolution in support of a smaller non-attainment boundary designation for the 8-hour ozone standard. The vote in favor was unanimous.

This item will come before Council at the Special Called Meeting on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Mr. Pearce requested a resolution without reference to support the Mental Illness Recovery Center and its efforts of building an additional group home for mentally ill people. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve a resolution commending the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Commission for being selected as the best managed agency of the year by the South Carolina Association of Non-profit Organization and also won their annual accreditation from the Council of Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities and the new Executive Director was singled out to receive an outstanding director award. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Ms. Scott requested a resolution for the Weathers Family Reunion coming up in July.
- Mr. McSwain notified Council that Senate Bill 280 (billboard bill) will be proposed on tomorrow, Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Meeting. This meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the 209 Gressette Building. He gave a brief description of the Bill. He stated representation from Council would be good.
- Mr. McSwain informed Council that the resolution passed unanimously on Medicaid funding. He stated this will be delivered to the Joint Legislative Senate and House.
- Ms. Smith stated amendments to the budget need to be circulated to Council members tomorrow (Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>).

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin