

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 18, 2000
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch; Milton Pope; Tony McDonald; Larry Smith; Marsheika Martin; Tonya Dunham; Stephanie Thompson; Mullen Taylor; Sherry Wright; Jocelyn Jennings; Pam Davis; Ash Miller; Rodolfo Caldwell; Sack Edge; Lisa Collins; Judy Carter

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

The following people spoke in opposition of a Community Care Home Facility in the Earlewood Community: Mr. Rhett Anders, Ms. Chris Bumgarner, Ms. Katherine Trimnal, Ms. Zanne House and Ms. Robin Scherer and Councilman Sam Davis

PRESENTATIONS

Richland County Public Library Presentation (Mr. John Baker)

Mr. John Baker, along with other representatives of the library, showed a video of promotional ads that will be used to launch a public marketing campaign.

Homeless and Hunger Week Poster Contest Winners

Ms. Smith presented certificates to the students who won first, second and third place in the contest.

Report of Community Care Home Committee

Ms. Mullen Taylor, Assistant to the County Administrator, presented to Committee's report dealing with its search for a comparable alternate site for a community care home. She stated that no selection of a comparable site was made; and consequently, the operator of the proposed facility, Ms. Rebecca Elliott, can move forward with the Park Street site without further proceedings.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 4, 2000: Regular Session

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated that the following changes would be made on Page Two of the minutes:

- Change Pearce's motion at the end of the page to state, "Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to elect Ms. Smith as Chairperson of Council by acclamation".
- Add "Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, for the nominations to come to a close. The vote in favor was unanimous."

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Livingston requested to add discussion of the Community Care Home issue to the agenda.

Ms. Smith stated that this item would be added as item-3 on the agenda.

Mr. Meetze informed Council that Citizens from his district were present to hear questions and answers to the issue regarding the Solid Waste Contractors.

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated that item-1 (Gerald Steele zoning issue) needed to be approved for Second Reading, not Third Reading.

Ms. Smith stated that the following would be discussed under the Report of the County Administrator in the following order:

FEMA
Olympia Update
Evaluation Forms from Council Retreat
Solid Waste Contractors

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous. (Mr. Morris was away during the vote).

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**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ITEMS**

Mr. Smith stated that a contractual matter pertaining to Cloud Sanitation needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Smith stated that Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, had a death in his family and that was the reason for his absence. She stated that thoughts and prayers would be with Mr. McSwain and his family.

FEMA

Mr. Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, reminded Council of a technical workshop to be held on January 24th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the South Carolina State Museum on the 2nd floor in the Vista Room.

Retreat Evaluations

Mr. Tony McDonald, Assistant County Administrator, reminded Council members to complete and return the evaluation forms pertaining to the Council Retreat. He stated that forms could be returned to either Tony McDonald or Michelle Cannon-Finch.

SECOND READING ITEM

**99-047ma, Gerald Steele, From RU to C-3, Dutch Fork Road, TMS
02500-09-01**

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

**Approval of policy for implementing and operating the proposed
Discretionary Grant Fund Program**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to refer this item to the Administration and Finance Committee for further review. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Community Care Home

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to refer this matter back to the Department of Health and Environmental Control to clarify the issue of any regulation it may have regarding density of community care homes.

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Ms. Smith stated that information was needed on the jurisdiction of the Park Street location.

Mr. Livingston amended his motion to add clarification with the City of Columbia on whether jurisdiction of the Park Street site belongs to the City or County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Point of Personal Privilege

Mr. Morris recognized two St. Joseph's Boys Scouts in the audience.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACTS

Mr. McDonald reported that the County has met with Cloud Sanitation to discuss service deficiencies and ways to resolve them. He stated Council could hear more details in Executive Session.

Mr. Meetze questioned the steps taken while processing the complaints received from Citizens. Ms. Judy Carter, Mr. Sack Edge, Ms. Marilyn Compton and Mr. Rodolfo Callwood responded to Mr. Meetze's questions.

A discussion took place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Contractual Matter: Cloud Sanitation

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter regarding Cloud Sanitation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:09 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:35 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to receive a plan of action as information and requested a status report in two weeks. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

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

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MOTION PERIOD

Ms. Smith distributed committee assignments for the Year 2000 to Council members.

Mr. Meetze requested to refer an ordinance concerning mobile homes to the Development and Services Committee.

Ms. Brill moved to give an ordinance concerning mobile homes First Reading approval and then refer to the Development and Services Committee.

Mr. McEachern requested to refer this issue to the Rules and Appointments Committee regarding giving First Reading approval to items during motion period and then forwarding to the Committees.

Ms. Brill withdrew her motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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