

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Office of the County Administrator

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS REGULAR SESSION

January 8, 2002

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER -- Smith

INVOCATION -- Tuten

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Tuten

ELECTION OF CHAIR – Council Member McEachern was elected Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – Council Member Mizzell was elected Vice-Chair.

SELECTION OF SEATS – Council Members selected their seats.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION – Council Member Smith presented Dary Linder with a resolution commending her for her good behavior during council meetings.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as submitted.

CITIZEN' S INPUT – Three people spoke

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – no items were recommended

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes were approved as submitted.

December 18, 2001: Regular Session – Council approved the minutes, noting a motion to rescind Item 1d of the minutes.

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- a. **Board of Trustees for Richland Memorial Hospital** – Mr. McSwain reported a meeting would be held Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at 4:00 PM.
- b. **Midlands Region Convention Center Authority** – Mr. McSwain stated the Authority met that morning and is looking for a sales/marketing person. When chosen, this person will be presented to Council.
- c. **Chamber of Commerce** – Mr. McSwain reported the Chamber of Commerce has a revitalized Greater Columbia/Midlands Region Sport Council. The kick-off reception will be held January 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Seawell's on Rosewood.
- d. **Council Retreat** – Mr. McSwain stated that a copy of the agenda would be sent out no later than Wednesday afternoon.
- e. **Budget Recommendations** – Mr. McSwain stated he had concerns about the trends in the economy and about the State budget problems and how they impact the County. He stated he has worked with the Treasurer's Office, Finance and Budget to get projections of what the revenues were for the remainder of the year and how the County is being impacted. He stated a plan was put together and he presented it to Council.

Council voted in favor of Mr. McSwain's budget recommendations.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS – Items 1a and 1b were opened and closed for public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS – Council Member Smith moved to approve Items 1a and 1b as consent items.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

- a. **Lease Agreement: Columbia Owens/STARBASE** – Council gave third reading approval. *ACTION: ADMINISTRATION/LEGAL*
- b. **Ordinance: Closing of Valhalla Drive and Summit Parkway to Through Truck Traffic** – Council gave third reading approval. *ACTION: ADMINISTRATION/LEGAL/PUBLIC WORKS*
- c. **Zoning Amendment Regarding Landfill Requirements** – Companion to Ordinance Amendment: Landfills and Composting Facilities

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- d. **Ordinance Amendment: Landfills and Composting Facilities** – Council referred the two items to committee for a recommendation and voted in favor of bringing them back before Council as Third Reading items with a public hearing.
2. **REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE** – Council Member Livingston notified Council of the following vacancies:
 - a. Accommodation Tax Committee (1)
 - b. Building Board of Adjustment and Appeal (4)
 - c. Music Festival (1)

Council made the following appointments:

 - a. Employee Grievance Committee – Mike Spearman
 - b. Historic Columbia Foundation – Willie L. Harriford
 - c. Performing Arts Board – Anthony E. Morgan
 - d. Planning Commission – Norman St. Anthony Jackson, Sr.
Barbara D. Wyatt
 3. **FIRST READING ITEMS**
 - a. **An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 041-97 and authorizing the Recreation District of Richland County to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$12,000,000** – Council gave first reading approval.
ACTION: ADMINISTRATION/LEGAL
 4. **CITIZEN'S INPUT** – One person spoke
 5. **MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS** –
 - a. Council Vice-Chair Mizzell notified Council of the death of volunteer poll manager, Mr. Henry Allen.
 - b. Council Member Smith welcomed distinguished members of the General Assembly
 - c. Council Member Meetze welcomed Ms. Gwen Kennedy
 - d. Council Member Scott welcomed Pastor Williams.
 - e. Rescind Motion for Redistricting Map -- Council voted to give Second Reading by Title Only on a Reapportionment Ordinance on February 15 and hold a public hearing at Third Reading on February 29.
 6. **ADJOURNMENT**