

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2005  
6:45 P.M.**



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**Members Present:**

Chair	Anthony G. Mizzell
Vice-Chair	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Doris M. Corley
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Joseph McEachern
Member	Mike Montgomery
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Kit Smith

**Others Present** - Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Amelia Linder, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Ashley Bloom, Michael Criss, Stephany Snowden, Anna Almeida, Marsheika Martin, Janet Claggett

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:45 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Kit Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to adopt the agenda as submitted.  
The vote in favor was unanimous.

**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 there were no items on the agenda for Executive Session.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

No report given at this time.

**REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

No report given at this time.

**1. THIRD READING ITEMS**

**An Ordinance amending the FY 2004-2005 General Fund Budget to add one full-time Accounting II position to the Treasurer's Office [Public Hearing]**

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

The Clerk informed the Chair that the public hearing was not called.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, for reconsideration. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Mizzell opened the floor to the public hearing.

No one signed up to speak at this time.

The floor to the public hearing was closed.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION**

**Approval of a Resolution setting forth basic goals and expectations for the newly appointed Richland County Recreation Commission**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to approve the resolution for discussion.

A discussion took place

Ms. Smith moved to divide the question and take votes on each point.

Ms. Smith withdrew her motion.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to recess the meeting in order to hold the scheduled Zoning Public Hearing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**The meeting recessed at approximately 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 8:01 p.m.**  
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Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to reconvene the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The discussion continued.

1. **Recreation Commission members should merge as many County facilities and personnel as possible; for example, maintenance, payroll, procurement, and event planning**

Ms. Smith proposed an amendment stating, "*Recreation Commission should be open to merging as many County facilities and personnel as practicable*". Mr. Pearce seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. **Recreation Commission members should be open to the idea of contracting with the County to provide recreation services, even while retaining the policy-making role.**

After discussion, Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to strike the second bullet point. The vote was in favor.

3. **Recreation Commission members should spend the next year developing a sophisticated long range plan with concrete goals, such as; number of acres of park land per 10,000 people and the driving time needed for rural and suburban residents to access recreational services**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to place a *period (.)* after "goals" and strike the remainder of the sentence.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston offered a friendly amendment to add the word "*and standards*", making it *concrete goals and standards*. Mr. McEachern accepted the amendments. The vote in favor was unanimous. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**4. Recreation Commission members should conduct a statistically valid survey to ascertain Richland County residents' recreational needs and desires**

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**5. Recreation Commission members should be open to looking for housing in County-owned buildings in lieu of constructing a new headquarters building.**

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet point.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to strike #5.

The vote was as follows:

<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
McEachern	Montgomery
Corley	Smith
Dickerson	Pearce
Scott	Mizzell
Jeter	Livingston
	Hutchinson

The substitute motion failed.

The vote for the original motion was as follows:

<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Montgomery	McEachern
Smith	Corley
Pearce	Dickerson
Mizzell	Scott
Livingston	
Hutchinson	

The original motion passed.

**6. Recreation Commission members should investigate and make recommendations on ways County Council can amend its Land Development Code ordinance, effective July 1, 2005, to encourage the dedication of land for public parks**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to insert "*Planning Commission*", making it read "and make recommendations to the Planning Commission on ways the County Council can amend its Land Development Code ordinance, etc....". The vote was in favor.

**7. Recreation Commission members should work with the Richland County Conservation Commission and Neighborhood Improvement programs so as to coordinate the creation and preservation of open space and historic and special places with recreational opportunities**

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**8. Recreation Commission members should work with County Council as the latter develops a Hospitality Tax/Tourist Attraction Recreational Facility**

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**9. Recreation Commission members should hold a one-day retreat with County Council members in order to develop shared vision and goals**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to approve the resolution as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one spoke at this time.

**MOTION PERIOD**

Mr. Pearce stated that the Homeless Commission Meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon. He stated he would be on vacation and requested for a Council member to contact him if they would be able to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

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Anthony G. Mizzell, Chair

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