

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
March 30, 2004  
6:00 p.m.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Stephany Snowden, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ashley Bloom, Carrie Neal, Michael Criss, Roxanne Matthews, Pam Davis, Jocelyn Jennings, John Hicks, Marsheika Martin

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:14 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Susan Brill

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1. SECOND READING ITEM - Land Development Code**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to make April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. the deadline date for amendments to the code to be submitted and discussed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to defer Second Reading of the Land Development Code until June 15, 2004. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith suggested for Council to have executive session for a legal issue on notification, take up the general policy issues outlined by Mr. Pearce on implementation, economic impact study and then take up amendments in order of Council's seniority.

**Council's Calendar**

A discussion took place regarding the Council's calendar.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to change the Audit meeting to 4:00 p.m. on April 6<sup>th</sup> and then proceed with the original plans to hold the Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **Policy Issues regarding the Land Development Code**

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, that Council adopts a work plan for next Tuesday that would include executive session to give a legal briefing on notification and other legal issues that was discussed; the pre-implementation process, the economic impact study, the resources available to implement the proposed code and then begin with the amendments that have already been submitted in order of seniority and then take up other amendments as they come in. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **2. Benedict College Request for Co-Sponsorship**

Mr. McEachern stated the Athletic Director from Benedict College, Mr. Washington, could brief Council on the request.

Mr. Washington briefed Council on the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Spring Sports Championships. He stated holding the conference in Richland County would cost approximately \$38,000.00 to 50,000.00. He requested \$15,000.00 from Richland County.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to refer the request to the County Administrator for a recommendation at the next Council Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO AGENDA**

Ms. Scott stated the Resolution for Fair Housing need to be approved by Council.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to amend the agenda to include the Resolution confirming Richland County's commitment to fair housing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **Fair Housing Resolution**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the resolution confirming Richland County's commitment to fair housing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Washington vs. Richland County**

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated this item need to be placed on the agenda as well and discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:32 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:51 p.m.**  
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Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis/Ms. Corley, to authorize Mr. Ellis to settle the issue to settle as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52 p.m.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to rescind the motion for adjournment. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Personnel Matter - Eastover Magistrate**

Judge Maurer reported that there were problems with funding for two staff persons in the Victim's Assistance Fund.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to refer this matter to the County Administrator for a quick recommendation back to Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin