

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
DECEMBER 16, 2003  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Amelia Linder, Pam Davis, Ashley Bloom, Marsheika Martin, Stephany Snowden, Roxanne Matthews, Michael Criss, David Adams, Stacey Hamm, Kendra Dove

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

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Doris Meetze Corley.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION:**

Ms. Brill and Ms. Brady presented Ms. Leslie Wallace Skinner with a Resolution honoring her for receiving the Nation's Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year for 2003.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. David Adams, County Treasurer, gave a brief report on the department's part-time budget. He requested an additional \$12,500.00 which would be needed by March of 2004.

Ms. Karen Brosius, Executive Director of the Columbia Museum, gave a brief presentation.

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Smith stated items from the Special Called Meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee need to be added to the agenda.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – No items were on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Regular Session Minutes – December 2, 2003

Mr. Mizzell noted an error on Page 5 of the minutes. He stated under Motion Period, a request was made for \$5,000.00 instead of \$500,000.00 for the Chick-Fil-A Classics.

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

## **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **Fair Housing**

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated that Council should have a report on the analysis of Fair Housing Choice. He stated it is a requirement every five years that the entitlement communities have to do. He stated the report and analysis is underway and will be complete by May of 2004.

### **Convention Authority**

Mr. McSwain informed Council of the annual Holiday Party the Convention Authority is having. He stated it will be held until 8:30 p.m. at the Colonial Center.

**REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL** – No report given at this time.

Ms. Scott wanted the record to reflect that Michelle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, had been in a car accident over the weekend and this is the reason for her absence.

**OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – No public hearing items were on the agenda at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Tuten moved, and it was seconded, to approve the following consent items:

- **03-56MA, Richardson Construction, D-1 to PUD-1C, Mixed Use Commercial & Industrial, 09402-03-01; 09407-01-05; 09408-01-03; 09411-01-35, East Side of Monticello North of I-20 [Third Reading]**
- **04-16MA, Richardson Group, Inc., D-1 to C-3, Neighborhood Commercial, 09405-08-02; 09405-08-01; 02-02/03; 1 Mile North of I-20 on East Side of Monticello Road [Third Reading]**
- **04-02MA, B&B Trucking, RU & PDD, Expand Existing Truck Repair Business, 35200-09-06, 11315 Garners Ferry Road [Third Reading]**
- **Ordinance to authorize Easement of SCE&G along with a portion of Pulaski Street, between Hampton & Lady Streets [Second Reading]**
- **Resolution to Appoint and Commission Tammy Sue Kefauver as a Code Enforcement Officer (Animal Care)**
- **Resolution to Appoint and Commission Christian Michael Jones as a Code Enforcement Officer (Animal Care)**

**REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Resolution authorizing Memorandum of Understanding for Project Diesel**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approving this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for Project Jaguar**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approving this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Memorandum of Understanding to level FILOT payments for Project Diesel**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approving this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Memorandum of Understanding to establish a Research and Development Facility for Project Jaguar**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approving this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Abatement Policy**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approving this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Sale of Land at NE Industrial Park**

Mr. Livingston stated no action was taken on this item at this time.

**REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**Notifications**

Mr. McEachern notified Council of the following vacancies:

- Board of Assessment Appeals-1
- Employee Grievance Committee-3
- Internal Audit Committee-2

**Appointments**

**Accommodations Tax Committee-2**

Mr. McEachern stated one application was received. Ms. Sarah Watson was appointed to the board and staff was directed to re-advertise for the additional vacancy.

**Board of Assessment Appeals-1**

Mr. McEachern stated no applications were received and staff was directed to re-advertise for the additional vacancy.

**Internal Audit Committee-2**

Mr. McEachern stated no applications were received and staff was directed to re-advertise for the additional vacancy.

**Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council-2**

Mr. McEachern stated one application was received. He stated that the applicant applied for two boards and preferred to be appointed to the Midlands Commission on Homelessness. He directed staff to re-advertise for these vacancies.

**Midlands Commission on Homelessness-1**

Mr. McEachern stated one application was received. Ms. Reenea R. Harrison-Cook was appointed to this board.

**Richland Memorial Hospital Board-4**

Mr. McEachern stated five applications were received for this board. The vote was as follows:

<u>Elam</u>	<u>Fisher</u>	<u>Hudgins</u>	<u>Rogers</u>	<u>Williams</u>
Unanimous	Mizzell		unanimous	unanimous
	Brady			
	Scott			

The following persons were appointed: Mr. Calvin Elam, Mr. James L. Hudgins, Ms. Lynne W. Rogers, Ms. Lynn M. Williams.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Hospitality Tax Funding**

Ms. Smith stated the Committee approved staff's recommendation as submitted.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to allocate \$2,000.00 to the Decker Bizarre and deduct the \$2,000.00 from the Columbia Regional Sports Councils.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to take \$2,000.00 from Greater Columbia Chick-Fil-A Classics and add to the Decker Bizarre and approve the committee's recommendation as amended.

A discussion took place. Ms. Brady withdrew her motion.

The vote in favor of Mr. Mizzell's motion was unanimous.

**Land Use Planning Calendar**

Ms. Smith stated the Committee recommended adopting the following schedule:

January 7 & 8	Work Session Dates
January 22, 2004	Public Hearing
January 29, 2004	Council submits requested amendments
February 3, 2004	First Reading
February 9, 2004	Deadline for Second Reading amendments
February 12, 2004	Special Called Meeting; Second Reading
February 24, 2004	Third Reading

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to amend the Work Session dates to January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and adopt the schedule as amended. The vote was in favor. Ms. Scott opposed.

**Lease for Marion Street Building**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the Committee's recommendations. The vote was in favor. Mr. McEachern opposed.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT** – No one spoke at this time.

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**ADJOURNMENT** – Council adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin