

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MAY 23, 2000
Immediately Following Administration &
Finance Committee Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit Smith, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; 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: T. Cary McSwain, Tony McDonald, Tonya Dunham, Milton Pope, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Marsheika G. Martin, Larry Smith, Mullen Taylor, Pam Davis, Ash Miller

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:50 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as submitted.

Ms. Brill stated she needed to add one thing.

Mr. Morris withdrew his motion.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, to reconsider the vote. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Brill requested to add a legal briefing on Benchmark/Genesis Cable as item-4. Mr. Larry Smith stated this item needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

DISCUSSION

Consideration of Budget Work Session Dates

Ms. Smith stated the First Reading of the Budget would be held tonight. She announced the following dates for Budget Hearings and Worksessions:

Thursday, May 25th @ 3:00 p.m. – Millage Agencies
Thursday, June 1st - Capital Expenditures and Outside Agencies
Tuesday, June 6th – Budget Public Hearing and Second Reading of Budget
Thursday, June 15th - Third Reading of Budget

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to amend the budget calendar to reflect those changes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Project Harvey

**Accept Childress Klein Properties' check for \$32,233.63
Approval of contract with APAC, Inc.
Approval of procurement/construction management agreement**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve these items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

FIRST READING

Robert W. Mitchum, From RS-2 to C-3, TMS 19903-01-01 and 03, 19904-02-09 and 10, Rabon Road

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve this item for First Reading.

Mr. Randy Jorgenson, Planning Director, apologized to Mr. Mitchum for the delay in the reading of his zoning item.

Mr. Morris amended his motion to send this item to a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, May 25th at 3:00 for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Moratorium on Billboards

Mr. Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, stated the six-month moratorium ends on June 20th and action needed to be taken soon.

Ms. Smith stated this item could be placed on the Special Called Meeting for Thursday, May 25th, as this item was not on tonight's agenda for discussion.

FY 2000/2001 Richland County Budget and Millage Ordinances

Staff distributed ordinances, which reflected changes made during the Council Worksession.

Ms. Smith stated the Pay Plan has been revised along with other changes. She stated other changes in the ordinance reflects differences in updating the school district's request which had not been accurately reflected in the original ordinance because the numbers were not available at that time. She also stated the millage agencies are reflected at their requested amounts for First Reading.

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve this item for First Reading.

Mr. Morris stated this budget would require a tax increase, and requested before Second Reading, for the Administrator to make amendments and changes that would require the millage to remain the same as last year that would cause no tax increase on a house in Richland County unless the school district and/or the City has a tax increase.

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Mr. Morris made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to give this item First Reading with the understanding that there is a Second Reading Budget showing no tax increase at all and the millage totals equals the same as last year, except for debt service and schools.

Mr. Livingston requested for the Administrator to bring back a responsible budget based on the immediate needs of the County.

A discussion took place.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Morris	Livingston
Mizzell	Smith
Meetze	McEachern
Pearce	Scott
Brill	Tillis
Tuten	

The motion passed.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to recess the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. until after the Zoning Public Hearing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legal briefing on Benchmark/Genesis Cable

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:32 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:44 p.m.

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Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith stated a briefing was received on Genesis Cable and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

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