

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 12, 2002  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Chris Eversman, Janet Claggett, Carrie Neal, Stephany Snowden, Monique Walters, Ashley Jacobs, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Chris Eversman, Marsheika Martin

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting started at approximately 6:14 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by the Honorable L. Gregory Pearce.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATION:** Carolina Ballet/Columbia Music Festival

Council was invited to attend the performance of the Nutcracker this upcoming weekend.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, made a correction to item 2-d (03-13MA, From M-1 to D-1) changing it to D-1 to M-1 and not M-1 to D-1. She also stated item 2-c (Bond Ordinance: Conservation Commission) is not a Consent Item.

Mr. Livingston stated Appointments to the City of Columbia Arts Task Force need to be added under the Report of Rules and Appointments.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the agenda as corrected with an addition of item 5-g (Appointments to the City of Columbia Arts Task Force). The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Mr. McEachern stated citizens signed up to speak to item 2-c (Bond Ordinance: Conservation Commission) which has already had a public hearing. He stated it would take a vote of Council to hold citizen's input regarding this issue. A motion was not made.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- a. **Palmetto Health Alliance** - Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated this is the only item on the agenda that need to be discussed in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**October 15, 2002: Special Called Meeting**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**October 15, 2002: Regular Session**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**October 22, 2002: Special Called Meeting**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**October 22, 2002: Zoning Public Hearing**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**October 29, 2002: Special Called Meeting**

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Committee Meeting Dates**

Mr. McSwain questioned if Council wanted to change the November 26<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting date being that it is scheduled a few days before Thanksgiving. The date remained the same.

**SCAC Steering Committee**

Mr. McSwain stated the SCAC has completed its Steering Committee work and met with the coalition. He stated there is a book that encompasses all of the positions of the Association of Counties. He inquired if Council wanted to hold a Work Session to discuss the Council's position in regards to this.

Mr. McEachern requested for Council to review the book and direct any questions to staff.

**City/County Joint Meeting** – A discussion took place about whether or not this meeting would take place on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Mr. McSwain stated he would confirm the meeting.

#### **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

Mr. McEachern opened the floor to the following public hearings:

- **Ordinance Amendment: Inclusion of an application to all sewer facilities in Richland County**
- **Ordinance Amendment: Sale of Pets**
- **Ordinance: Funding Agreement for the Conference Center**
- **Ordinance Amendment: Revised County Roads**

No one signed up to speak to any of the public hearings.

Mr. McEachern closed the floor to the public hearings.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the following consent items:

- **Plasti-Line Infrastructure Credit Agreement Ordinance [Third Reading]**
- **Ordinance Amendment: Inclusion of an application to all sewer facilities in Richland County [Third Reading]**
- **Ordinance Amendment: Sale of Pets [Third Reading]**
- **Ordinance: Funding Agreement for the Conference Center [Third Reading]**
- **Master Multi-County Park Agreement with Fairfield County [Second Reading]**
- **03-13MA, From D-1 to M-1, 2164 LeGrande Road, TMS #17108-01-07 [Second Reading]**
- **Deed of Sewer Lines for Haskell Heights Sanitary Sewer project-Phase II**
- **Fleet Fuel Card Services**
- **Resolution for National Farm-City Week**
- **Resolution for National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week**
- **Resolution for Broad River Heights Sewer Project**
- **Resolution for Support for Effective Records Management**
- **Detective Agency Business License Request**
- **Time Warner Franchise Renewal Month to Month**

The vote to approve the consent items was unanimous.

#### **SECOND READING ITEMS**

##### **Ordinance Amendment: Revised County Roads**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to defer this meeting until the first of the year.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to give this item Second Reading and see where the issue stands on Third Reading. The vote was in favor. Ms. Scott opposed.

**Bond Ordinance: Conservation Commission**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer Second Reading for a month in order to meet with the community for further discussion on the facts of this issue. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Agreement for the Exchange of Sewer Customers, Facilities and Sewer Service Areas between Carolina Water Service, Inc. and Richland County**

Mr. Smith recommended deferring this item. He stated staff is currently working on the document with Ms. Frannie Heizer. He stated the issues should be clear by next week.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to defer this item to the next Council Meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Request for Letter of Consistency for Composting Facility**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve this item. The vote was in favor. Mr. Tuten opposed.

**Contracts: Renewal of County's Recycling Contract (deferred from October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to direct staff to proceed with the contractual agreement with Paperstock which would include a \$15.00 per ton sorting fee for comingled recyclables which include plastics, aluminum and cardboard; and in addition, a \$15.00 per ton rebate on pre-sorted newsprint and recommend the County adjust its policy and after a year's time if it is found that the new policy is not effective or there are no benefits from it, Paperstock would honor their \$26.00 per ton sorting fee that has been negotiated with the County. She requested for the County to institute a county-wide policy change regarding policy for collection of recyclables and alternate weeks. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks would be for newsprint and the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks, would be for other recyclables such as plastics, aluminum and cardboard, effective February 1<sup>st</sup>. Any revenues generated from the rebate on the presorted newsprint would be used for education during this transition period such as stickers on the bins and such.

A discussion took place.

After discussion, Ms. Brady withdrew her motion.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to direct staff to bring back recommendations on a pilot program next week. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

#### **Notification of Vacancies on the Airport Commission-3**

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended postponing appointments for six months, starting in November when they expire. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **Notification of Vacancies on the Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals**

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended re-advertising the positions because applications were not received. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **Notification of Vacancies on the Employee Grievance Committee-2**

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended re-advertising the two positions. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **Notification of Appointments to the Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals – 3**

Mr. Livingston stated there were three appointments to be made to this board with no applications received. He stated the committee recommended re-advertising. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **Notification of Appointments to the Midlands Commission on the Homelessness-1**

Mr. Livingston stated there is one vacancy on this board with one application received. He stated the committee recommended appointing Ms. Helen Pridgen to this board. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **City of Columbia Arts Task Force**

Mr. Livingston stated it was recommended that six individuals be appointments to this task force, three Council members and three citizens.

A discussion took place. Ms. Brady, Mr. Livingston and Ms. Smith will serve on the task force.

Mr. Livingston informed Council to submit the name of citizens interested in serving Arts Task Force by November 19<sup>th</sup> to the Clerk of Council's Office. He stated a vote would be taken during the first meeting in December.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. McEachern and Council recognized the Treasurer-elect David Adams in the audience.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

The following persons spoke during this time:

On behalf of the board of directors and the staff of the Columbia Area Mental Health Center, Mr. Gene Green invited Council to a grand opening celebration of the new children and adolescent family services center and the new center administration building.

Mr. Jim McCaulley spoke of concerns regarding taxes in Richland County.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Palmetto Health Alliance**

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

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:20 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:50 p.m.**  
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Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to appoint five members of Council (Mr. Pearce, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Brady, Mr. McEachern and Ms. Scott) to represent Council and meet with the Palmetto Health Alliance and Richland Memorial Hospital Boards to discuss the status of negotiations. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ms. Brill** – requested a presentation by the Appearance Commission at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Mr. Mizzell** – made a motion for a resolution without reference recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Joe & Doris Arnell on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Ms. Smith** – reminded Council of the joint Planning and Council meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor back conference room.

**Mr. Livingston** – directed Administrator to look into complaints and concerns about the smoking area at the Judicial Center.

**Mr. Pearce, Ms. Scott and Mr. Meetze** - requested a resolution recognizing Jim Hamilton's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Richland County.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m.

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