

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 7, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph McEachern, Chair; Anthony 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: Ashley Jacobs, Stephany Snowden, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Michael Byrd, Monique Walters, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Tony McDonalds, Jocelyn Jennings, Daniel Driggers, Carrie Tolley, Lloyce Nelson, Amelia Linder, Michael Criss, Marsheika Martin

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

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Reverend Winford Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Eagle Scout Brock Laney** – On behalf of Council, Ms. Brill presented a resolution to Eagle Scout Brock Laney.
- b. **Dreher High School SAT Team** – On behalf of Council, Mr. Mizzell, Ms. Smith and Mr. Pearce presented a resolution to members of the SAT Team for a

PRESENTATION – Department of Mental Health

Mr. James Starnes with the Department of Mental Health presented a plaque to "From Richland With Love" for their excellent work in the community.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Livingston stated he is attending the Midlands Technical College Graduation Ceremonies and requested to move the public hearing for the Fire Bond Ordinance, Third Reading of the Fire Bond Ordinance and the County-Wide Bond Ordinance to the top of the agenda.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded Mr. Mizzell, to move the public hearing for the Fire Bond Ordinance, items 1-a and 1-b to the top of the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. McEachern stated there was one item on the agenda advertised for a public hearing. He opened the floor for the public hearing.

County-Wide Bond Ordinance – No one spoke at this time.

Mr. McEachern closed the public hearing.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

- a. **Fire Bond Ordinance**

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Mr. McSwain updated Council on the Fire Bond Ordinance in regards to the Gillscreek Fire Station.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve \$1,726,500.00 for the Gillscreek Fire Station, \$850,000.00 for pumpers and tankers and \$450,000.00 to purchase the land for a total amount of \$3,026,500.00.

The discussion continued.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to call for the question. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Livingston	Pearce
McEachern	Brady
Scott	Meetze
Tillis	Mizzell
	Brill
	Tuten

The motion failed.

The discussion continued. (Mr. Livingston stated he needed to leave to attend the Midlands Technical College Graduation Ceremonies.)

Ms. Brady made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, to fund Gillscreek Fire Station at \$1,726,500.00; pumpers and tankers at \$850,000.00; Two Notch Road at \$1,250,000.00 for a total of \$3,826,500.00, noting that this will be a county-wide operation center.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McSwain pointed out the amount need to be consistent with the bond ordinance document. He stated the bonds are sold in increments of \$5,000.00.

Ms. Scott amended Mr. Livingston's main motion, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve the fire bond for a total of \$3,025,000.00.

Ms. Brady amended her substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the bond in the amount of \$3,825,000.00.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	McEachern
Brady	Smith
Meetze	Scott
Mizzell	Tillis
Brill	
Tuten	

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The motion passed.

b. County-Wide Bond Ordinance

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve authorization of the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in the principal amount not exceeding \$4,025,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – There were no items on the agenda needing executive session at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: April 16, 2002 – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Public Hearing: April 23, 2002 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

National Correctional Supervisor of the Year

Mr. McSwain reported Lt. Genita Burroughs was awarded the National Correctional Supervisor of the Year on May 1st in Milwaukee.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mr. McSwain informed Council of an invitation received from Horry County for a ribbon cutting and dedication service at the Horry County Government Justice Center on May 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in Conway, S.C.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to approve the following consent items:

- **02-035MA, Greg Lehman, From RU to PUD-1, Wise Road and Gates Road [Second Reading]**
- **02-040MA, Jolene W. Smith, From RU to PDD, Wise Road and Bickley Road [Second Reading]**
- **02-030MA, Treasha Ellington, From RU to C-3, 7556 Fairfield Road [Second Reading]**
- **Ordinance to repeal the Virtual Growth Ordinances [Second Reading]** – An ordinance authorizing the repeal of ordinance numbers 077-01HR and 078-01HR adopted by the Richland County Council on November 20, 2001.
- **Chemical Supply Contract for Wastewater Treatment Plants** – D&S Committee recommended Council to award unit price contracts to JCI Jones Chemical, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 for the Broad River Regional WWTP and \$20,000.00 for the Lower Richland WWTP.

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- **National Public Works Week Proclamation** – D&S Committee recommended that Council approve a proclamation establishing the week of May 19th through May 25th as National Public Works Week.
- **School District planning coordinated with County Town & Country Plan** – D&S Committee recommended Council to authorize the County Administrator to plan a work session between the County Council and the Richland/Lexington School District 5 to develop mutually acceptable guidelines for siting new schools in conjunction with the goals of the Town & Country Plan.
- **Contract for Pathology** – A&F Committee recommended approval for the renewal of the contract with Richland Pathology Association and that funds be encumbered in the amount of \$240,000.00 for autopsy services contingent upon funds being approved for this purchase in the next fiscal year's budget.
- **Contract for Body Removal Services** – A&F Committee recommend Council approve the request for the renewal of the contract with Knight Systems, Inc. and that funds be encumbered in the amount of \$65,000.00 for removal services contingent upon funds being approved for this purpose in next fiscal year's budget.
- **Richland Memorial Board appointments: Ordinance Amendment**– A&F Committee recommend Council give first reading approval to this ordinance which will change the terms of appointments to the Richland Memorial Board from fiscal years to calendar years.
- **Fair Housing Resolution** – A&F Committee recommend Council adopt the fair housing resolution so that the County satisfies its duty to affirmatively further fair housing.
- **800MHz Radio Packages** – A&F Committee recommend that Council approve the request to purchase 49 800MHz radio packages in the amount of \$147,000.00 from Motorola.
- **Sheriff's Department: Light Bars** – A&F Committee recommended Council approve the request to purchase thirty (30) emergency signaling packages in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Palmetto Distributors with whom Richland County has a contract for Whallen Emergency Signal Lights.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

1. THIRD READING ITEM

c. Ordinance Amendment: Conflict of Interest for Boards and Commissions

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item for one month. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. FIRST READING ITEMS –By Title Only

a. Budget Presentation FY 2002-2003

Mr. McSwain presented the budget to full Council and the public. He recommended a base budget in a total amount of \$84,600,000.00 with no tax increases, as directed by Council, and is requesting for the budget not to be reduced any further.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve by title only an ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations and adopt a budget for Richland County, South Carolina for fiscal year ending June 30. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. FY 2002-2003 Millage Ordinances

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve by title only an ordinance authorizing the levying of ad valorem property taxes which, together with the prior year's carryover and other state levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2002, will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government during the period from July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES (Deferred from 4/9/02)

a. Curtis Wright Hangar Association: Plan for Hangar Development

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated that Mr. Prater informed him that the matter is not ready to go forward. He requested deferral.

Mr. Pearce requested not to place this item on the agenda again until it is ready.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to remove this item from the agenda until notification is received that it is ready to move forward. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Consolidated Plan for Entitlement Program

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

5. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. McEachern notified Council of the following vacancies:

- a. Notification of Vacancy of Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee- one vacancy.**
- b. Notification of Vacancy on Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals- four vacancies.**
- c. Notification of vacancy on the East Richland Public Service Commission- two vacancies.**
- d. Notification of Vacancy on the Employee Grievance Committee- one vacancy.**

This was received as information.

8. Application for locating a Community Care Home in an unincorporated area of Richland County at 513 Piney Woods Road

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

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

10. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENT

Positions Transfer

Mr. Tuten made a motion to direct the County Administrator to amend his FY 02/03 budget recommendation to include the transfer of five positions from the Planning Department to the Sheriff's Office. The positions and employees to be transferred are four Code Enforcement Officer positions and one Unsafe Housing position. Duties and responsibilities of these positions will follow the transfer to the Sheriff's office. This motion includes the transfer of sexually oriented business enforcement to the Sheriff. He directed the Administrator to instruct the Legal Department to prepare the appropriate ordinances that will transfer these duties and responsibilities to the Sheriff. Ordinances should be submitted to the County Council in a prompt manner so that the transfer of employees, duties and responsibilities can occur effective July 1, 2002. He stated the motion is intended to have a zero impact on the Administrator's recommended budget. The Sheriff is in a better position and has more resources to enforce these issues.

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to forward this issue to the Development and Services Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Washington Park Road

Ms. Scott requested a full status report on Washington Park Road in two weeks.

Airport Advisory Meeting

Ms. Smith stated she and Mr. Tuten attended the Airport Commission meeting and the Committee is recommending to Council for the issuance of bonds to construct a new terminal and with certain provisions issue bonds to construct 18 T-Hangers with some trigger mechanisms and 7 corporate Hangers. Ms. Smith recommended for this item to be forwarded to the Administration and Finance Committee for consideration.

11. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Anthony G. Mizzell, Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

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