

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 15, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Ronaldo Myers, Joseph Bochenek, Judy Carter, Tracy Price, Deborah White, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Monique Walters, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Stephany Snowden, Darren Gore, Amelia Linder, Larry Smith, Randy Jorgenson, Rodolfo Calwood, Leese Benggio, Dwight Hanna, David Chambers, Geo Price, Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:06 p.m.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

A. Contractual Matter: Garbage Service

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated there were no other items on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session at this time.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Livingston stated item 4-a, Consideration of Revised MOU for an Unannounced Company Expansion, needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

a. Mrs. Marie Frierson – Foster Parent Award

On behalf of Richland County Council, Ms. Tillis presented Ms. Frierson with a resolution.

b. Dreher High School – 3A State Champions

On behalf of Richland County Council, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Mizzell presented this resolution.

c. Ms. Jeanne Stiglebauer –

On behalf of Richland County Council, Mr. Pearce presented this resolution.

d. Ms. Traci Young Cooper – State Teacher of the Year

Ms. Smith announced that Ms. Cooper was not able to attend due to the delivery of her baby.

e. March of Dimes – Presentation of Check

On behalf of the From Richland With Love Committee, Mr. McSwain presented the March of Dimes with a check in the amount of \$500.00.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

- Ms. Evelyn Bush requested for Council not to approve the May 1st minutes.
- Mr. Heath Manning spoke in favor of a billboard moratorium.
- Ms. Suzanne Allen spoke in favor of a billboard moratorium.
- Mr. Kenneth Corley spoke in favor of a billboard moratorium.
- Mr. Joseph B. Rosen spoke of concerns of the billboard issue.
- Mr. ED Harper spoke in favor of billboards.
- Mr. Patrick Palmer spoke in favor of billboards.
- Mr. Hal Stevenson spoke in favor of billboards.

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- Ms. Sonya Dawkins spoke in favor of the cap and replace ordinance regarding billboards.
- Mr. Larry Bates spoke in favor of billboards.
- Mr. Scott Shockley spoke in favor of billboards.
- Ms. Tanya Brown spoke regarding the billboard issue.
- Mr. Bill Wolfson spoke of concerns regarding the billboard issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Session: April 17, 2001
Zoning Public Hearing: April 24, 2001
Regular Session: May 1, 2001**

Ms. Marsheika Martin, Assistant Clerk of Council, presented Council with a memorandum concerning revisions within the minutes.

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Broad River Heights – Mr. McSwain announced he is meeting with Mr. Livingston on Thursday, May 17th to discuss a possible acquisition/donation of land adjacent to Broad River Heights as part of the County's community development efforts.

Levee Field Trip – Mr. McSwain announced that a tentative date of May 24th from 2-5p.m. has been scheduled for the field trip to Augusta, Georgia see levees.

Ms. Smith stated for the trip to be postponed until after the budget has been adopted and referred the issue to the Green Diamond Task Force.

Planning Co-Location – Mr. McSwain announced that the Planning Co-Location Task Force will meet on May 18th at 11:30 a.m. in the Mayor's office to review the current options and make a recommendation.

Budget Work Sessions – Mr. McSwain distributed the work session calendar.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The vote to approve the consent items as submitted were unanimous. Those items included the following:

1.a. 01-47A, H.B. Mann, Landtech LLC, From PUD-2 to amended PUD-2, 23200-01-20(P), Hardscrabble Road [Third Reading] - Third reading approval given to this rezoning request.

1.c. Approval of Ordinance confirming Council's policy on multi-county business park fee distribution [Third Reading] – Third reading approval of an ordinance confirming the County's distribution of fees derived from a multi-county business park.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

B. 01-21ta Floodways

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve this item for Third Reading.

The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Brady	Meetze
Livingston	
Mizzell	
Pearce	
Smith	
McEachern	
Brill	

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The motion passed.

2. SECOND READING ITEMS

a. Bond for Detention Center expansion and other projects

It was moved and seconded to defer this item until after the budget work sessions. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. SYSCO – Water and Sewer

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Second Reading approval as amended given to this budget amendment in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00 from the Economic Development Fund designated within the General Fund for the water and sewer connection to SYSCO. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. FIRST READING ITEM

a. FY 2001-02 Budget Ordinance

Mr. McSwain gave a brief overview of the budget ordinance.

Ms. Michelle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, informed Council that the tape had not been recording.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to recess the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss the Revised MOU for an Unannounced Company.

The meeting recessed at approximately 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 7:30 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to recess Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Economic Development Matter: Revised MOU for an Unannounced Company

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of the revised MOU. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REQUEST FOR PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Tuten thanked the Council and staff for their expressions of kindness as a result of his mother-in-law's death.

3.a. FY 2001-02 Budget Ordinance

Mr. McSwain thanked Mr. Darren Gore, Finance Director, and other staff personnel for their help this fiscal year with the budget.

Ms. Smith put Council and the public on notice that it has been the practice of Council for the last few years to give First Reading approval to the budget as presented by the Administrator with current year numbers plugged in to the millage agencies in order to advance the budget forward for public hearing and public comment. She stated all Council members reserve the right to bring amendments and vote against various parts of the budget.

Ms. Smith stated the budget and millage ordinances will be taken up separately.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the budget ordinances for First Reading as presented by the Administrator.

Ms. Smith stated the General Fund budget and the millage agencies are at the current year's level with no increases.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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3.b. FY 2001-02 Millage Ordinance

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the millage ordinances for First Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3.c. Billboard Ordinance

Ms. Smith stated the Committee recommended the approval of the Scott, Tillis, Meetze Ordinance.

Ms. Scott made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to defer this item for approximately two weeks.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

Ms. Brill made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve an ordinance which would call for an indefinite moratorium and have the Second Reading and Public Hearing deferred until the June 19th Council meeting.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the Appearance Commission's recommendation to an ordinance that establishes a Cap and replace with no incentives.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce requested an addition of a sunset clause to the ordinance that would require the County to come back in approximately two years and re-evaluate the appearance of billboards in Richland County.

Mr. McEachern requested an amendment to the substitute motion which allows for one-for-one cap and replace with no incentives. Mr. Livingston/Ms. Scott accepted the amendment.

The discussion continued.

The vote was as follows for the substitute motion:

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

The motion carries.

3. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

a. Notification of appointments to the Building Board of Adjustment and Appeal-7

Mr. Livingston informed Council that there are seven appointments to be made to this board and requested for staff to advertise.

This was received as information.

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b. Notification of appointments to the Richland Memorial Hospital Board-3

Mr. Livingston informed Council that there are three appointments to be made to this board and requested for staff to advertise.

Mr. Pearce stated Mr. Alexander G. Donald is not eligible for re-appointment and requested for staff to verify records. Mr. Richard Laughridge is eligible for re-appointment.

This was received as information.

c. Notification of appointments to the Township Auditorium-2

Mr. Livingston stated there are two vacancies on this board and requested for staff to advertise.

This was received as information.

d. Appointments to the Greater Columbia Convention Authority-2

Mr. Livingston stated these positions have been advertised and the deadline is May 29, 2001.

d. RTA Appointments-4

Mr. Livingston stated there are four appointments to be made to this board with four applications received.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve the appointments of the applicants as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The following persons were appointed:

- J.W. "Jake" Clamp
- William J. Hines
- Jenny L. Screen
- Bernice Skinner

f. Rules Amendments

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of the amendments to the Council's Rules. The vote in favor was unanimous. (Please see attachments).

4. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

b. Progress Report/Draft MOU's for Technology Alliance and USC Incubator

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended deferment. The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. Issue Concerning Verizon Expansion

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of absorbing the cost to the Town of Forest Acres incurred through the Multi-County Business Park expansions to be given to Verizon. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. REPORT OF BUDGET WORK SESSION

a. Group Health Dental Life Insurance

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the Administrator's recommendations. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Property and Casualty Insurance

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adopt the Administrator's recommendations. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to defer this item until after the budget work sessions. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak at this time.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to reconvene Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:36 p.m. and came out at approximately 9:11 p.m.

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

Contractual Matter: Garbage Contract

Ms. Smith stated Council received a briefing from staff and the County Attorney and was advised that a cure letter has been issued to one of the contractors which outlines problems and requests a remedy within 30 days. She stated a report will be received from staff at that time.

8. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Scott requested to change the task force meeting on May 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ms. Smith stated this would be contingent upon the agreement of other members and outside agencies invited.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:12 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

J.D. "Buddy" Meetze

Anthony G. Mizzell

Bernice G. Scott

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin