

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 18, 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, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Ashley Jacobs, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Monique Walters, Daniel Driggers, Stephany Snowden; Amelia Linder, Michael Byrd, Michael Criss, Chris Eversman, Janet Clagget

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Rev. Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holnes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Scott requested for item 1-b (02-42MA, Lilly Randolph) to be moved to the top of the agenda.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to move all consent items to the top of the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the following items on the consent agenda:

- 02-42MA, Lilly Randolph, D-1 to C-3, TMS 21800-01-08(P), Garners Ferry Road – [Third Reading]
- 02-43MA, G.L. Branham, RS-2 to C-3, TMS 19902-03-10, 105 Horseshoe Circle [Third Reading]
- 02-44MA, Ted McDaniel, RS-2 to C-3, 19902-03-09, 107 Horseshoe Circle, [Third Reading]
- 02-45MA, Lisa M. Ethier, RU/RS-1 to C-3, TMS 02600-04-44, 11210 Broad River Road [Third Reading]
- 02-46MA, Letts Associates, PUD Amendment – Villages @ Hilton, TMS 00513-01-03 & 00400-01-01, Wessinger Road South of US 76 [Third Reading]
- 02-47MA, Mungo Company, RU to PUD-1, TMS 17400-07-03, South Side of Clemson Road near Longtown Road [Third Reading]
- 02-29MA, Clay Hooker, RU to SA-1A, 03300-03-03-12-06(p), Dutch Fork Road and Broad River Road Intersection [Third Reading]
- Reconsideration of Road Maintenance for Cloaninger Road and repeal of Ordinance No. 2364-93HR [Second Reading]

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- Office: Budget Amendment for Taxes at Tax Sale [Second Reading]
- Ordinance: Register of Deeds: Data Access Service Ordinance Repeal [Second Treasurer's Reading]
- Ordinance and Resolution for Recreation Commission Bond Ordinance [Second Reading]
- Ordinance: Planning 2000 International Residential Code Adoption [Second Reading]

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council recessed at approximately 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Session: June 4, 2002

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – There were no items at this time.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

ADHOC Planning Group with City and County Council – Mr. McSwain stated the group met to discuss various issues. He stated the June 25th Joint City/Council meeting would be deferred to a future date.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

A. FY 2002-03 Budget Ordinance

Staff provided Council with new amendments, revised as of June 17th. The amendments are Second Reading motions from the June 4th meeting.

Ms. Smith moved to adopt the published motions numbered 1-8, which are Capital Replacement items and amend the General Fund Expenditures.

A discussion took place. The consensus was to divide the question.

General Fund

Probate Court

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt items 1 and 2 (General Fund, Administration, item 1220) adding \$2,605.00 to Probate Court for computer equipment and support. The vote in favor was unanimous

Business Improvement District

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded to Mr. Mizzell, to add funding of \$50,000.00 for City Center Partnership.

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A discussion took place.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to fund the Business Improvement District at \$25,000.00.

Mr. McSwain stated the mill would be .025.

The vote for the motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

2010- Sheriff

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to add one full-time Grants Coordinator position to the Sheriff's Department. The vote in favor was unanimous.

400-Revenue

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to increase filing fees by \$100,000.00 and Family Court \$5,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

1570- Clerk of Court

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to add \$30,000.00 to the salary line for Clerk of Court to fully fund the personnel line item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2010 – Sheriff

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to reduce amount of lease-purchase payment budgeted to comply with capital purchasing process. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Sheriff's Budget

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to increase the Sheriff's budget to \$612,183.00 to a total of \$19,077,268.00.

Mr. McSwain stated this is approximately .06 of a mill.

A discussion took place.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Ms. Tillis moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to add an additional \$50,000.00 to the Coroner's Budget for the purpose of an additional full-time employee (Deputy Coroner).

A discussion took place

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Cell Phone Usage

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to direct the County Administrator to come back in three months with a plan regarding cell phone usage in the County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Planning Department Proviso

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt a carry-forward proviso not to exceed \$40,000.00 to develop a Farmer's Market proposal and a request that the County Administrator identify these funds from current FY 01 Planning Department. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Accommodations Tax Funds Proviso

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to attach a proviso to the Accommodations Tax Funds that none of these funds shall be used to retire existing debt.

Ms. Brady requested an amendment that Council also look at the possibility of funding umbrella groups for next year.

Ms. Smith/Livingston accepted the amendment stating that Council considers the idea of targeting umbrella organizations in future years. The vote in favor was unanimous.

General Fund Budget Total

Mr. Daniel Driggers, Budget Director, stated the General Fund Budget is currently \$85,357,676.00.

B. SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the following:

- Victim's Assistance (attachment a-1)
- Victim's Assistance (addition of two full-time positions for the Sheriff's Department)
- Owens Field Airport Fund – fee structure
- Solid Waste Landfill – fee schedule and adjustments

Mr. Mizzell withdrew his second.

Mr. McSwain requested for the items to be taken up separately.

Victim's Assistance

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to adopt the Victim's Assistance budget amendment, amendments 9 and 10 on the schedule and attachment a-1. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Owens Field Airport Fund

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to adopt a change in fee structure for Owens Field. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Solid Waste Landfill

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the changes in revenue for Solid Waste, Expenditure adjustments and the policy that they reflect.

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A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell stated he opposed increasing the collection fee from \$120.00 to \$136.00.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion to take out the \$893,000.00 leaving the fee at \$120.00 and directed staff to make up the difference somewhere else in the budget. The motion died for a lack of a second.

The discussion continued.

Ms. Smith restated her motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the solid waste management revenues and expenditures with a proviso that the bill to commercial haulers allocates the charge between tipping and hauling.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

MILLAGE AGENCY

School District Two

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Brady, to fund School District Two in the amount of \$56,791,839.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Meetze opposed.

Midlands Technical College

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the Administrator's recommendation to add \$206,336.00, which is needed for the Technology Center operation. The vote was in favor. Mr. Livingston abstained.

Library

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Scott, to amend the amount of \$12,626,642.00 approved at Second Reading to \$12,782,642.00.

Mr. Pearce stated there would not be an increase in the millage.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

School District I

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve an amount of \$126,975,919.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Meetze opposed.

Mr. Pearce requested a break. Ms. Smith stated for Council to move the agenda, take a recess and then continue with the budget. There were no objections.

2. FIRST READING ITEM

a. Ordinance involving the transfer of Code Enforcement Officers

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item for First Reading by title only.

A discussion took place regarding approving this item without the ordinance before Council.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to forward this item to a work session for discussion.

After discussion, Ms. Smith/Ms. Brady withdrew their motions.

Mr. Tuten amended his motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item for First Reading by title only and hold a Work Session prior to Second Reading for further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. SECOND READING ITEM

a. Ordinance: Legal Solicitation Permits

Mr. McSwain stated one word need to be inserted.

Ms. Amelia Linder, Staff Attorney, stated regarding the definition of panhandling the following should be stated: *Panhandle or panhandling means to go door-to-door or on the streets asking for monetary contributions...*

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to insert the word "monetary" in the definition of panhandle or panhandling and to amend the ordinance to comply with that. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Livingston reported on the following vacancies to boards:

- Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – three vacancies
- Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals – three vacancies
- Board of Assessment Control – two vacancies
- Central Midlands Council on Governments – two vacancies
- Community Relations Council – four vacancies
- Employee Grievance Committee – three vacancies

- Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees – four vacancies (Mr. Livingston reminded Council that appointments will be delayed until the first of the new year to meet with their normal annual cycle.)

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Council recessed at approximately 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 8:21 p.m.
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5. CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak.

6. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENT

a. Request from Center for Child Abuse for Letter Qualifying Center for Grant

Ms. Brady stated this is a request for a letter designating the Prevent Child Abuse as an “umbrella group” for several other funded agencies. She stated it would make the center eligible for \$700,000.00 in grants. Ms. Brady reported there is no monetary requirement from the County.

There were no objections.

Mr. McEachern stated this would go without reference.

b. Ordinance: Sale of Animals

Ms. Scott requested for staff to look into creating an ordinance forbidding the sale of animals at flea markets.

c. USC Women's Track Team

Mr. Mizzell requested a resolution congratulating the Women's Track Team on their first national championship.

d. Successful Campaign

On behalf of Council, Ms. Scott congratulated Ms. Smith and Mr. Mizzell for a successful campaign.

BUDGET (Continued)

Recreation

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve funding at \$5,319,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fire Service

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve funding \$8,529,034.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Livingston opposed.

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Midlands Technical College

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve funding at \$3,233,499.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Livingston abstained.

Midlands Technical College, Capital

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve funding at \$1,020,000.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Livingston abstained.

General Fund

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve funding at \$42,319,679. The vote was in favor. Mr. Pearce opposed.

Landfill

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve funding at \$3,505,907.00. The vote was in favor. Ms. Scott and Mr. Mizzell opposed.

Capital Replacement

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve funding at \$2,885,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mental Health

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve funding at \$1,174,500.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Stormwater Management

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve in the amount of \$1,575,000.00.

A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Riverbanks Zoo

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve funding in the amount of \$1,381,424.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

BUDGET ORDINANCE

Ms. Scott moved, and it was seconded, to approve the Budget Ordinance with the amendments and provisos made to the General Fund.

A discussion took place.

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The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Point of Personal Privilege – Mr. Mizzell thanked Mr. McEachern for an excellent job of guiding Council through the process.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Joseph McEachern, Chair

Anthony G. Mizzell, Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

J.D. "Buddy" Meetze

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

Bernice G. Scott

Kit Smith

Thelma M. Tillis

James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin