

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
JULY 23, 2002  
(Immediately following  
Zoning Public Hearing)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph McEachern, Chairman; 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:** T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Michael Criss, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Carrie Neal, Marsheika Martin, Ashley Jacob, Roxanne Rhodes, Pam Davis

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:35 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Susan Brill.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to give unanimous consent to adding the Nunamaker Drive property to the agenda for Third Reading. There were two objections. The motion failed.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the only potential item for Executive Session is the employee grievance under the Administrator's Report.

Mr. McEachern stated he had a question regarding the grievance. He stated the item would be discussed in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes regarding Third Reading of Recreation Commission Bond Ordinance from July 9, 2002** – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Regular Session: July 16, 2002** - Ms. Tillis requested a correction on Page 8 of the minutes. She stated Mr. Tuten's name is twice under each vote for the Community

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Relations Council for Powell and Jackson. Ms. Tillis's name should be included in the vote.

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated on Page 5 of the minutes under Approval of Consent Items, the last four items were approved for Second Reading and not Third.

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

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**American Payroll Association** – Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, reported he received a proclamation declaring September 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> as National Payroll Week.

**J. Mitchell Graham Award** – Mr. McSwain stated Ms. Stephany Snowden, Senior Public Information Officer, will give a presentation on Thursday, August 1st at 1:45 p.m. for the J. Mitchell Graham Award Competition.

**Regional Cooperation Competition** – Mr. McSwain stated Richland and Lexington Counties have entered into the competition together. The competition will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM**

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

- **Ordinance to create Animal Care Department [Third Reading]**
- **Legal: Ordinance Amendment regarding Hazardous Waste Penalty [Third Reading]**
- **Legal: Ordinance Amendment – Animal and Fowl Penalty [Third Reading]**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**1. THIRD READING ITEMS**

**Ordinance regarding Water Line Easement: Koon Road**

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to give this item Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**2. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE [Items forwarded from July 23<sup>rd</sup> Committee Meeting]**

**Public Works: Arthurtown Condemnations**

Ms. Brill stated the Committee recommended approval of the proposed compensation amounts for rights-of-way being obtained through condemnation on Riley Street Arthurtown. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Public Works: Pavement Management Systems Updates**

Ms. Brill stated the Committee recommended approval of a contract with Wilbur Smith Associates in the amount of \$237,855.00 for updating the County's Pavement Management Database. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Public Works: 2002 Resurfacing Project Contract Award**

Ms. Brill stated the Committee recommended approval of authorization of an award for a construction contract for the 2002-resurfacing project. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**3. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Administration: Police Retirement**

Mr. Mizzell stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval to the proposed budget amendment in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the conversion of Regular Retirement to Police Retirement for the nine employees who have been determined to qualify. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Office: Budget Amendment**

Mr. Mizzell stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval to the budget amendment in the amount of \$35,218.00 for Treasurer's FY 2002/2003 budget. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Conservation Commission: Bond Issuance/Funding Alternatives**

Mr. Mizzell stated the Committee recommended forwarding this item for a Work Session in September. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **Public Safety Month Proclamation**

Mr. Mizzell stated the Committee recommended approval and emphasized adding volunteer firefighters to the list. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **Public Safety Month Resolutions**

Mr. Mizzell stated the Committee recommended approval of resolutions with an emphasis of adding volunteer firefighters. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **EMS: Grant Award**

Mr. Mizzell stated the Committee recommended approval to accept an EMS DHEC grant for improvements in EMS in the amount of \$69,401.00 with an additional \$4,000.00 required as match funds. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **Resolution of Support for the Relocation of USA Canoe/Kayak**

Mr. Mizzell stated the Committee recommended approval for the resolution expressing the Council's support for the relocation of USA Canoe/Kayak from Lake Placid, NY to Columbia, S.C. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

### **5. MOTION PERIOD**

**Economic Development Trip** – Mr. Livingston stated that he would like to represent Council on a trip to Germany for economic development purposes, with expenses totaling \$2,000-2,500.00.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to unanimously approve Mr. Livingston representing Council on the trip to Germany with expenses not totaling more than \$2,500.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Parks and Recreation** – Ms. Scott directed staff to look into funding issues with Parks and Recreation within a period of three months.

**Recycling Program** – Mr. Mizzell requested for staff to bring recommendations for an internal recycling plan to the Development and Services Committee.

**911 Response Time** – Mr. Meetze requested an investigation of the 911 response time and also requested the 911 System to be placed on the Development and Services September agenda.

**2020 Land Use Ordinances** – Mr. Meetze requested an explanation of hiring/firings regarding the writing of the 2020 Land Use Plan Ordinances and requested for it to be placed on the September agenda for the Administration and Finance Committee.

**Farmer's Market Committee** – Ms. Smith updated Council on the activities of the committee. She stated Council members have until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday to object to the consultant's contract and staff was directed to contact landowners who have expressed an interest in selling their property.

**City and County Magazine** – Ms. Brill informed Council that the Anderson County Administrator is on the cover of City and County Magazine.

**Land Conservation** – Ms. Scott requested for staff to discuss with the County Assessor how land conservation will affect the tax base and expressed concern about all of Lower Richland being conserved.

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Tillis moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 9:15 p.m. and came out at approximately 9:30 p.m.**

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Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to modify the Grievance Committee's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**7. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin