

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 4, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: 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, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Monique Walters, Pam Davis, Ash Miller, Ashley Jacobs

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Webber Elementary School – On behalf of Council, Ms. Scott presented a resolution to Webber Elementary School for a significant increase in their PACT scores.

Chef Francois Fisera – On behalf of Council, Ms. Smith presented a resolution to Chef Fisera for being recognized as the Frenchman for November and December.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Gilbert Walker – Columbia Housing Authority – Mr. Walker gave Council an update on activities.

Mr. T. Patrick Brennan – Historic Columbia Foundation – Mr. Brennan updated Council on their activities.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – No items were recommended for executive session at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 20, 2001: Regular Session
November 27, 2001: Special Called Meeting

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

**Richland County Council
Regular Session
December 4, 2001
Page Two**

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. McSwain gave a report on the following:

Budget Meeting – A meeting is scheduled for Department Directors on December 13th.

Budget Work Session – A work session is requested to discuss changes in regards to the budget for Tuesday, December 11th.

Council Retreat – Council was requested to set aside the second weekend in January for the retreat. He stated staff is working on the date currently.

Gaston Copper Recycling – A meeting is currently being held updating the community on its environmental cleanup project.

Ms. Smith stated calendar issues would be discussed during the Motion Period.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Smith opened the floor for a public hearing to the following items:

- An ordinance authorizing the execution and a Fee Agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Plasti-Line Columbia, Inc. providing for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes.
- JEDA Loan for Columbia Jewish Community Center

No one signed up to speak to either item. The public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Plasti-Line Columbia, Inc. [Second Reading]
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield Infrastructure Credit Agreement [Second Reading]
- Proposed Tax Assessment District for Village at Sandhills
- Awards of Contracts: On Call Engineering Services
- Letter of Support for Curtis-Wright Hangar Renovation Grant
- JEDA Loan for Columbia Jewish Community Center
- GIS-Vendor List for Contract Awards

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Richland County Council
Regular Session
December 4, 2001
Page Three**

1. THIRD READING ITEM

a. Ordinance authorizing Inducement Agreement between Richland County and ALD providing for payment of a fee in lieu of taxes

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve this item for third reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. SECOND READING ITEMS

b. 01-019MA, Joseph Agnew, From RWS-1 to PDD, 02408-03-01 & 02, 216 Shadowood & 1005 Car Shealy Roads

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. 02-024MA, M.H. Johnson, G.I. Elkin, From D-1 to M-1, 17108-01-06, 2166 LeGrand Road

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

c. Contract Extensions: Solid Waste Collection

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to defer this item to the December 13th meeting.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Mr. McSwain stated 20 minutes before this meeting a fax was received from one of the current vendors stating they would like to protest the award of the five year contract . He requested for an opportunity to discuss this matter with the vendor.

4. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Sheriff's Department: COPS in Schools Grant

A discussion took place on how much the school district would pay once the grant ended, 50% or 100%.

Chief Harrell stated the grant is a 50% agreement.

**Richland County Council
Regular Session
December 4, 2001
Page Four**

The discussion continued.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to obligate the County for the funds for 2005 and requested for the Sheriff's Department, the School District and the County discuss how this would be funded in the future. The vote was in favor.

5. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a. Consideration of a waiver of the covenant provisions for the Industrial Park for School District Two

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of this item.

Mr. McEachern requested to add an amendment contingent upon legal research.

The amendment was accepted. The vote for approval was unanimous.

6. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

a. Notification of vacancy to Historic Columbia Foundation-1

Mr. Livingston notified Council of one vacancy to this board.

b. Notification of vacancies to the Planning Commission-2

Mr. Livingston notified Council of two vacancies to this board.

c. Appointments to the Building Board of Adjustment and Appeal-6

Mr. Livingston stated there are six vacancies to this board with two applications received.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to appoint Franklin D. Clark and Michael S. Houck after verification of qualifications and re-advertise the other four vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

d. Appointments to the Employee Grievance Committee-2

Mr. Livingston stated there are two vacancies to this committee with one application received.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to appoint Sharon D. Sims to the Committee and re-advertise for the other vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

e. Midlands Commission on Homelessness-1

Mr. Livingston stated there is one vacancy to this board with three applications received.

**Richland County Council
Regular Session
December 4, 2001
Page Five**

The vote was as follows:

<u>Carlisle</u>	<u>Thompson</u>	<u>Willis</u>
Brady	Livingston	0
Pearce	Mizzell	
Smith	Meetze	
Brill	McEachern	
	Tuten	
	Scott	
	Tillis	

Reverend Winford Thompson was appointed.

f. Music Festival Commission-1

Mr. Livingston stated there is one vacancy to this board with two applicants received. The committee recommended appointing Lisa Hopkins. The vote in favor was unanimous.

g. Performing Arts Festival -3

Mr. Livingston stated there are three vacancies for this position with two applications received. The Committee recommended appointing Sara B. Watson and Mettauer L. Carlisle to this board and re-advertising the other vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.

8. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to hold a Worksession at 4:00 on December 11th regarding the budget. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Ms. Smith suggested the following dates for the December meetings:

Special Called Meeting on December 11th at 6:00 p.m.
Special Called Meeting on December 13th at 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting on December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the December schedule. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- Ms. Smith stated the Committee meetings for the month of December are cancelled.
- Ms. Smith suggested meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2002 as the first Tuesday of the month falls on New Year's Day.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to hold a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 8th. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Richland County Council
Regular Session
December 4, 2001
Page Six**

- Ms. Scott requested an update on the Washington Park House at the next Council meeting.
- Mr. Mizzell requested a Resolution without reference for Joe Arnot from the Berkeley Forest Neighborhood Association and Bob Render from the St. Marks Woods Neighborhood Association.
- Ms. Brill requested clarification on the Council Retreat dates.
- Mr. Meetze requested a report on emergency preparedness at the next Council meeting.
- Ms. Smith requested staff to notify consultants for the Green Diamond Task Force that the December 13th meeting has been cancelled.
- Ms. Smith asked Mr. Tuten to represent Council on the Military Base Closing Commission.
- Ms. Scott congratulated Mr. Pearce's for being selected to the Board of the Associations of Counties.

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

Thelma M. Tillis

James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin