

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2000  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kit Smith, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston, Joseph McEachern; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; Anthony G. Mizzell; Stephen F. Morris; Bernice G. Scott; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tillis.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Chief Harrell, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Tony Holden, Mullen Taylor, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Marsheika Martin, Judy Carter, Ronaldo Myers, Stephany Snowden, Colonel Bochenek, Larry Smith

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Dr. Lewis Galloway of Shannon Presbyterian Church.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATION**

**Homeless Commission Annual Report [Pearce]**

Mr. Jake Clamp, Chairman, Rev. Dr. Galloway, Commissioner, and Ms. Jan Hines, Salvation Army, presented the Commission's major initiatives to Council.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

**Project Pet [McEachern]**

Mr. McEachern presented a Resolution commending Mr. Stewart Mungo for his efforts with Project Pet.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS**

**Eagle Scouts [Brill]**

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated these proclamations would be presented at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the following items were to be discussed in Executive Session:

- Briefing on attempted escape from the Richland County Detention Center
- Briefing on process/cost agreement with Columbia Venture.
- Economic Development Items

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Resolution recognizing the Register of Deeds Office**

Ms. Ruby Ditmer was presented with a Certificate recognizing her for 25 years of service with the Register of Deeds Office. Mr. John Norris, Registrar, was presented with a NACO award certificate for innovation at the Register of Deeds Office.

**Report on Attempted Escape at the Richland County Detention Center**

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, reported the facts of the escape attempt and murder of Officer Glenn. He stated the Sheriff's Department is conducting a criminal investigation and the County staff are conducting an internal operational investigation concerning Detention Center procedures. Mr. McSwain stated the operational investigation would be completed in two weeks.

Mr. Joseph R. Bochenek informed Council that a memorial service for Officer Glenn would be held on Thursday evening.

**Council Retreat Dates**

Mr. McSwain requested that Council consider January 11-13<sup>th</sup> as dates for holding Council's Retreat at Wampee. Ms. Smith requested for Ms. Cannon-Finch to poll Council Members and inform the County Administrator of the outcome.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**00-031MA, Marc Hoyle, From RU to C-1, TMS 07700-03-33, 34 & 35, Monticello Road**

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

**THIRD READING ITEMS**

**Amendment to the Richland County Code of Ordinances: Parking in residential zones**

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to give third reading approval to this ordinance amendment adding automobiles, motor vehicles or any wheeled conveyances to the prohibitions. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Amendment to the Richland County Code of Ordinances: Extension of Billboard Moratorium**

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Staff provided amended copies of the ordinance.

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to give Third reading approval to this ordinance amendment extending the billboard moratorium to December 25, 2000 subject to staff verifying the dates. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**00-41MA, William Hutto, From RU to C-3, TMS 37200 01-06, McCords Ferry Road**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to give Third Reading approval to this zoning item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Amendment to the Richland County Code of Ordinances: Animals and Fowl**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to give Third reading approval to an amendment to Chapter Five, Animals and Fowl, which will provide for the confidentiality of the identity of individuals who file animal nuisance complaints. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**SECOND READING ITEMS**

**Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement between Richland County and Belk**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give this item Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement between Richland County and CK Columbia #1**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give this item Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Ordinance authorizing an agreement for designation of Phase XX of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial park by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Fairfield County, Carolina**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give this item Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**East Richland Public Service Commission [Deferred from September 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting]**

Mr. Livingston informed Council that the applicant must reside in the district in order to serve on the Commission.

Mr. Smith reported on the Ordinance to this Commission. He stated that there was one applicant out of the two who did not live in the district. Mr. Smith requested for this item to be re-advertised.

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Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, to elect Mr. James Van Valkenburg to serve on the Commission.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott requested for the record to reflect that "this is not legal due to false advertisement."

Mr. Meetze requested for the record to reflect "that this was done legally."

The vote for the motion was as follows:

<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Morris	Livingston
Mizzell	McEachern
Meetze	Scott
Pearce	Tillis
Smith	
Brill	
Tuten	

The motion passed.

**REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Livingston stated that Project Cold and Project Spider needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

**Citizen's Subcommittee on Animal Control**

On behalf of the Committee, Ms. Mary Denis Cauthen urged Council to renew efforts toward a City-County contract for the animal shelter, and if that effort fail, to contract with another qualified entity. The Committee also recommended a long range plan for construction of a County animal shelter.

Ms. Smith stated for these issues to be referred to the Development and Services Committee.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

The following persons spoke at this time:

- Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke of concerns of the Waste Management Treatment Plant.
- Mr. Ted Yandle thanked Council for arranging to have an Olympia Community Meeting.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:40 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:50 p.m.**

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Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to reconvene in open session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Project Spider**

Ms. Smith stated this was received as information.

**Project Cold**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to instruct the County Administrator to move forward in offering incentives as discussed in executive session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Briefing on Columbia Ventures**

Ms. Smith stated this was received as information.

**Contractual Matter: Detention Center**

Ms. Smith stated based on consensus discussion with full Council there is tremendous confidence in the leadership in the facility and in every person who works there. She stated there is tremendous heartfelt sympathy for the family and also for the colleagues. Ms. Smith stated discussions have taken place with the County Administrator and the Jail Administrator on how Council can best be of assistance to them. She stated outside assistance is requested in reviewing internal procedures. She stated a status report is expected on the internal investigation and procedures in security in two weeks, and then hopefully, a final report soon after that.

(There were several Correctional Officers from the Detention Center present).

Officer Ira Peay, a 9-year employee with the Detention Center, spoke of the turnover rate with officers, the need for more money and qualified officers. He also requested a need for an interpreter for Hispanic inmates.

**MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Resolutions**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell/Mr. Morris, to adopt a Resolution honoring Officer Alvin S. Glenn for his service and dedication to the County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Economic Development Mission**

Mr. Livingston requested for Council to designate him as a representative on a trip to Germany October 7-14<sup>th</sup> for an Economic Development Mission.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to designate Mr. Livingston to represent the County on a trip to Germany for an Economic Development Mission. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith requested for this matter to go before the Rules Committee for policy and procedure purposes.

**Proclamation**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt a Resolution commending Mr. John Hutchinson for his service to the County.

**Calendar Items**

Ms. Smith requested Council members to sign up for the Mayor's Luncheon and Association of Counties Meetings if interested in attending.

**Council Portraits**

Ms. Cannon-Finch announced that Council Members will have their portraits taken at 5:00 p.m. on October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin

