

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
MAY 27, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bernice G. Scott, Chair; Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Doris M. Corley; Joseph McEachern; Anthony Mizzell; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; Kit Smith; James Tuten, Thelma M. Tillis

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Monique Walters, Ashley Bloom, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Carrie Neal, Chief Harrell, Marsheika Martin, Stephany Snowden

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable James Tuten.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

1. SECOND READING ITEMS - 2005 Budget – Motion List

GENERAL FUND

Ms. Smith stated Council would be working from the following documents; the attachments to the agenda, the budget ordinances and the budget motion list.

Fund Balance - Amend Fund Balance Policy - Ms. Smith stated it was the consensus from the Work Session not to bring this item forward.

- **Policy – Sheriff - approve budget on Forfeiture account for Sheriff’s Department to be allocated as funds received**
- **Grants – approve amended procedures on Grant acceptance**
- **Grants – Approve automatic reallocation of State Home Investment Program fees**
- **Probate Court Ad Fee – Amend Probate Court Ad Fee from \$25 to \$30**
- **Library promissory note – approve Administrator authority to enter into conditional promissory note**
- **Owens Field Debt repayment - Approve Debt Service repayment plan**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adopt amendments 2-7 to the General Fund. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Revenue – Adopt additional SRO Revenue from Schools @ 50% and 100%

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to reduce the revenue source from \$505,660 to \$379,000 and add that expenditure and the amount to the Sheriff's budget and the Sheriff would see fit to work with the school districts how he deems necessary. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Revenue- Adopt Commercial Plan Review Fee

Ms. Smith stated the consensus from the Work Session was not to report on this particular amendment.

Revenue - Approve per Diem Fee

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the per diem jail fee which will be charged to the City of Columbia at \$418,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Revenue - Approval Capital total Budget with an amount totaling \$3,112,020.00

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item at \$3,112,020.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Revenue - Approval General Fund Budget total Budget with tax amount equal to FY 04 plus 2.3% plus 900k

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to establish general fund revenue for the County at last year's amounts plus growth, plus \$100,000.00 minus 1% growth.

Mr. Daniel Driggers, Budget Director, stated \$98,347,407.00 would be the amended General Fund recommendation.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McSwain stated \$47,362,157 is for property taxes and the rest of the amount is non-property tax revenue.

The discussion continued.

Ms. Smith restated her motion to set the amount of money in property taxes collected at last year's amount, plus 2.3%, plus \$900,000 or \$47,362,170 for a total revenue of \$98,348,407.

Mr. Mizzell withdrew his second.

Mr. Livingston seconded Ms. Smith's motion. The vote was in favor.

OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, that Council commits to scheduling a meeting with the individuals as soon as the budget is approved to work out a plan with them to look at adjustments to their budget in future years that would be based on a more equitable relationship between funding provided by Richland County and the City of Columbia.

Ms. Smith requested for staff to add Mr. Pearce's motion as a section to the budget or as a proviso to the budget and have it before Council by Third Reading as well.

Sexual Trauma Services and SisterCare

Mr. Livingston recommended that these agencies are placed back at last year's rate in the Outside Agency's budget at \$15,000 each.

Ms. Smith requested for Mr. Livingston to put Council on notice that his request will be before Council at Third Reading.

Business Improvement District

Mr. Mizzell placed Council on notice that he plans to make a motion to put \$50,000 into Business Improvement District for FY 04/05.

The vote in favor of Mr. Pearce/Ms. Brady's motion regarding Outside Agencies was unanimous.

- **Grants – approval of New Grants**
- **Grants – review Grant multi-year funding on Personnel**
- **Discretionary Grant – Approval of funding allocation**
- **Insurance – Review renewal of Life, Health and Dental insurance contracts**

Ms. Smith stated these items have been adopted in the ordinance. They will not be taken up individually.

SPECIAL REVENUE

- **Temporary Alcohol – Approval funding level @ \$98,183**
- **Temporary Alcohol – Approve deficit reduction plan**
- **Emergency Telephone System – approve funding level @ \$2,520,000**
- **Road Maintenance – approve funding level @ \$3,605,425**
- **Taxes at Tax Sale – approve funding level @593,983**
- **A-Tax – approve funding level @450,100**
- **A-Tax – approve A-tax funding allocation**
- **Stormwater Management – approve funding level @ a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3% or \$1,616,340**

- **Richland County Industrial Park – approve funding level at \$120,000**
- **Title IV Civil Process – approve funding level \$63,064**
- **Solicitor Drug Court – approve funding level @ \$57,006**
- **Hospitality Tax – approve funding level/appropriation @ \$3,795,181**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady to adopt the above items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Victim Assistance – approve a funding level

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve funding at the level that they generated (approximately \$624,000). The vote in favor was unanimous.

Victim Assistance – approve a funding level and approve option to cover deficit

This item did not need to be taken up.

Fire Service – approve funding level @ \$12,049,421 which includes a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3%

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to adopt this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax – approve funding level/appropriation @ \$3,795,181.00
Hospitality Tax – approve H-tax operating and debt service plan

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to change Capital City Lake Murray Tourism from \$50,000 to \$40,000; Celebrate Freedom Foundation from \$30,000 to \$15,000; Lexington Area Tennis Association from \$50,000 to \$25,475; add Business Improvement District for \$50,000.

Ms. Brady made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Corley, to fund Lexington Area Tennis Association @ \$40,000; Capital City Lake Murray Tourism @ \$40,000; Celebrate Freedom @ \$20,000; add \$5,000 to Decker Bizarre and \$25,000 to the Banquet for Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient (which would only be a one-time funding for the banquet). The motion failed.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion to take \$25,000 from the restaurant tax funds to fund half of the Business Improvement District, take the other \$25,000 and fund the Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients at \$15,000 and place \$10,000 in reserves this way neighborhoods could apply for funds from other sources.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to fund the Business Improvement District with \$25,000 from accommodations and \$25,000 from hospitality, fund the Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients dinner at \$15,000, leaving \$10,000 in reserve.

After discussion, Ms. Smith withdrew her motion, but placed Council on notice for Third Reading.

The vote in favor of Mr. Livingston/Mr. Mizzell's motion was unanimous.

- **Conservation Commission – approve funding level @ a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3% or \$204,600**
- **Neighborhood Redevelopment – approve funding level @ a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3% or \$204,600**
- **Probate Court Advertising – approve funding level @ \$38,200**
- **Tourism Development – approve funding level @ \$900,000**
- **Owens Field – approve funding level**
- **Owens Field – amend Capital Projects bond plan**
- **Owens Field – approve multi-year Funding plan**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the amendments. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

- **White Rock Water System – approve funding level @ \$2,600**
- **Pond Drive Water System – approve funding level @ \$6,820**
- **Parking Garage – approve funding level @ \$114,850**
- **Parking Garage – approve multi-year deficit reduction plan**
- **Solid Waste – approve funding level @ \$15,768,257 to include a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3% (assumes fee increase)**
- **Solid Waste – approve user fee increase**
- **Solid Waste – approve multi-year deficit reduction plan**
- **Broad River Sewer – approve funding level**
- **Broad River Sewer – approve multi-year deficit reduction plan**
- **Lower Richland Sewer System – approve funding level**
- **Lower Richland Sewer System – approve multi-year deficit reduction plan**
- **Lower Richland Sewer System – adopt a revenue collection policy**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve Enterprise Funds.

A discussion took place regarding solid waste.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Scott opposed.

MILLAGE AGENCIES

School District One – approve funding level @ EIA or \$133,462,374

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to fund at \$133,462,374. The vote in favor was unanimous.

School District Two – approve funding level @ EIA or \$64,675,993

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to fund at \$64,675,993. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recreation Commission – approve funding level @ a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3% or \$6,084,045

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis, to fund at \$6,084,045. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Brady proposed a 1% cut on top of the amount. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Ms. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to fund the recreation commission at \$6,800,000.

A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

It was requested for a show of hands on the vote.

The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Mizzell	Pearce
Scott	Corley
Tuten	Brill
Tillis	
McEachern	
Livingston	

Ms. Smith and Ms. Brady stated they would vote with the prevailing side. The motion passed.

Mr. Livingston placed Council on notice that he may come back at Third Reading with some provisos and concerns.

Midlands Technical College – approve funding level @ \$3,486,096
Midlands Technical College (Capital) – approve funding level @ \$1,085,598

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to fund MTC at \$3,486,096 and capital at \$1,085,598. The vote in favor was unanimous. (Mr. Livingston abstained from the vote.)

- **Library – approve funding level @ a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3% or \$13,468,942**
- **Riverbanks Zoo – approve funding level @ a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3% or \$1,404,998**
- **Mental Health – approve funding level @ a tax amount totaling FY 04 plus 2.3% or \$1,201,514**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the above agencies at last year's amount plus 2.3% growth. The vote in favor was unanimous.

BUDGET ORDINANCE

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt the ordinances as amended and note that these include no tax increases other than \$900,000 from the jail expansion; \$715,000 for recreation in unincorporated areas of Richland County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Bernice G. Scott, Chair

Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair

Susan Brill

Doris M. Corley

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

Anthony G. Mizzell

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James Tuten

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