

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23, 2001
5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Bernice G. Scott, Chair; Buddy Meetze; Greg Pearce; Susan Brill; Thelma Tillis

OTHER PRESENT: Joan Brady, Kit Smith, Paul Livingston, Joseph McEachern, James Tuten, Darren Gore, T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Randy Jorgenson, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Mullen Taylor, Ash Miller, Marsheika Martin, Pam Davis, Amelia Linder, Ralph Pearson, Joseph Bochenek, Jim Prater

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12, 2000: Regular Session Meeting

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Brill moved to adopt the agenda.

Mr. Pearce stated Election of the Chair need to be placed on the agenda.

Ms. Brill withdrew her motion.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to add Election of the Chair to the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Scott requested item-B (Amendment to the Richland County Code: Storm Water Management) to be deferred. A discussion took place. The item remained on the agenda for discussion.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Tillis moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to nominate Bernice G. Scott as Chair.

Mr. Pearce moved, and it was seconded, for nominations to be closed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to nominate Ms. Scott by acclamation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Purchase: track loader for the Road Maintenance Division of Public Works

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve a purchase in the amount of \$137,974.00 from Blanchard Machinery for a truck loader for the Public Works Department. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Change Order in Solid Waste Collector's Contracts

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated a lengthy meeting was held with all but one of the contractors who did not attend the meeting. He stated the initial request was a 25% increase, and if that is the case, he requests a rebid. Contractors were asked to go back and evaluate the basis upon which the bid was submitted. The reason for the increase is because of the increase in energy costs. Because Mr. Cloud has over half of the total County in terms of the residents that he collects and he has requested the largest increase, staff informed him of a 5% increase in each of the areas: 1, 4, 5 and 7 which would also be appropriate to the other two contractors as well.

Mr. McSwain also recommended in this coming year's budget that the backyard collections begin to pay for themselves and add \$2-3.00 increase to the per unit cost which would be about an \$36.00 a year increase or about \$0.75 a week.

Additionally, Mr. McSwain recommended that the County set up a process authorizing the administrator to index these things through Procurement. For example, for every \$0.10 increase in diesel costs reflect a 1% increase in the contract. He stated it would be evaluated on an average every six months.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce requested for information to be sent to citizens informing them of the rate increase and requested exact projected rate changes.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to forward to full Council for consideration pending additional financial information and discussing it with the other vendors for their approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Resolution to Rescind a Resolution Relinquishing County's interest in Robertson Creek Road

Ms. Smith briefed the Committee on why this issue is before them and presented copies of documents (see attachment to minutes).

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to move to full Council without a recommendation. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	Scott
Brill	
Tillis	

The motion passed.

Ms. Scott wanted the record to reflect "this is a private matter and the County has no concern into this road at all. It should be worked out between two private partners.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

A. Greenleaf Drainage Project

Mr. McSwain stated staff mailed out notification letters to all residents. He stated action might be taken at the next committee meeting.

Ms. Brady added that she would like to have an opportunity to speak to the parties involved one more time to see if there is any compromise that can be met on the matter.

Mr. McSwain stated this item will remain pending.

B. Amendment to the Richland County Code: Storm Water Management (Pending Legal Opinion)

Ms. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to forward this item to a work session at which point it will be decided whether the item will go back to Committee or to County Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Staff will set up a date for the worksession.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Presentation on Plan for the Broad River Rowing Center

Mr. Jim Prater gave a brief report. The outline of the masterplan has been finalized and it did not cost Richland County a dime. This is a project that the City of Columbia has a part in. It was cleared from surveys and interviews conducted with the residents of the City of Columbia that a rowing center was one of the two identified special purpose recreation facility that the residents wished to see. He stated with the Council's endorsement, they are ready to move this forward and make it become a reality.

A discussion took place.

B. Report on Proposed Kahn Clemson Road Development

Mr. McSwain reported staff has been working on the potential of a development agreement. Council members received an executive summary of the proposed agreement in order for decisions to be made for further input. Mr. McSwain stated this needed to be considered separately from the zoning matter. He further stated it requires two public hearings; one for the ordinance and one because it is a development agreement.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to forward to full Council with a recommendation to engage in the development agreement. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bernice G. Scott
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin