

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 7, 2003  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph McEachern, Chair; Joan B. Brady; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; Bernice G. Scott; Kit Smith; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten

**ABSENT:** Anthony G. Mizzell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Carry Neal, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ashley Jacobs, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Monique Walters, Marsheika Martin, Brad Farrar, Lisa Stewart, Michael Criss, Stephany Snowden

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:07 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mr. McEachern withdrew his request for re-election as Chair.

Mr. McEachern opened the floor to nominations.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to nominate Ms. Scott as Chair.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to elect Ms. Scott by acclamation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to nominate Ms. Thelma Tillis for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to nominate Ms. Joan Brady for Vice-Chair.

The vote to elect Ms. Brady was as follows:

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

Ms. Brady was elected as the Vice-Chair.

**SELECTION OF SEATS**

Seating selection was as follows from left to right: Mr. Pearce, Mr. Livingston, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Ms. Brady, Ms. Scott, Mr. Tuten, Ms. Brill, Mr. McEachern, Ms. Smith, Ms. Tillis.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

**J.D. "Buddy" Meetze** – On behalf of Council, Mr. McEachern presented a proclamation honoring Mr. Meetze for his years of service on Richland County Council.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Livingston 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 there were no items on the agenda for Executive Session at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2002: Regular Session**

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

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Council Retreat** – Mr. McSwain reminded Council that the retreat at the Wampee Conference Center begins Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:00 p.m. and ends on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:00 p.m.

**Other information** - Mr. Swain stated Council would be faxed information that will be officially released from the source of the information.

**OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

Ms. Scott opened the floor to the following public hearing items:

- **Easement to SCE&G for Richland Memorial Hospital Family Practice Center** – No one signed up to speak
- **Easement to City of Columbia for Richland Memorial Family Practice Center** – No one signed up to speak
- **Execution of an agreement between Carolina Water Service and Richland County** – No one signed up to speak

The floor was closed to the public hearings.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the following consent items:

- **Easement to SCE&G for Richland Memorial Hospital Family Practice Center** [Third Reading]
- **Easement to City of Columbia for Richland Memorial Hospital Family Practice Center** [Third Reading]
- **03-11MA, David Armstrong, C-1 to C-3, Aid in Sale of Parcel, 14108-09-08/09, 5215 Two Notch Road** [Third Reading]
- **Executive of an agreement between Carolina Water Service and Richland County** [Second Reading]

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**1. Vacancy Notifications**

Mr. Livingston stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for the following vacancies:

- a. **Employee Grievance Committee – 2**
- b. **Midlands Commission on Homelessness – 1**
- c. **Planning Commission – 1**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**2. Appointment Notifications**

Mr. Livingston stated the Rules and Appointment Committee met and interviewed several applicants for the boards. He stated Mr. Mizzell has requested deferral of appointments until the next scheduled Council Meeting in order for his vote to be counted.

Mr. Livingston moved to defer.

Ms. Smith suggested taking up the Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals and the Employee Grievance Committee in order to re-advertise.

Mr. Livingston accepted the request and withdrew his deferment.

**a. Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals-3**

Mr. Livingston stated there are three vacancies to this board with three applications received. He stated the committee did not have a recommendation.

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Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to accept all three applicants by acclamation.

Mr. McEachern questioned if all three applicants met the criteria required by this board. Mr. Livingston stated that according to staff all applicants did meet the specific criteria.

Ms. Smith/Mr. Pearce amended their motion to include all three applicants, and if there is a problem with the proviso, the vote would be null, staff would re-advertise and the appointments would come back before Council.

Mr. Livingston directed Ms. Monique Walters, Assistant to the Clerk of Council, to make sure all applicants meet the criteria before forwarding any letters of acceptance.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**b. Employee Grievance Committee-2**

Mr. Livingston stated there are two vacancies on this committee with no applications received. He stated the committee recommended re-advertising. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**c. Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council –2  
Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees-4**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended deferring these appointments to the next Council Meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

**MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ms. Brill requested a Resolution without reference recognizing Mr. Philip Lee as Mr. Pete Dube's replacement as Chief Building Inspector. Ms. Scott read the Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Ms. Michelle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated she received a letter from the Columbia Museum of Art requesting a liaison from Richland County.
- Ms. Finch informed Council of the Teacher of the Year Breakfast scheduled for Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.
- Mr. McEachern recognized The Honorable Mildred W. McDuffie in the audience.

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**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:46 p.m.

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Joseph McEachern, Chair

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Anthony G. Mizzell, Vice-Chair

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Joan Brady

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin