

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 8, 2003
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, Thelma M. Tillis, James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Ashley Bloom, Roxanne Matthews, Pam Davis, Monique Walters

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Tony Mizzell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION – Mr. Eugene Washington, a play writer of major plays, came before Council requesting funding for the play, “40 Acres and A Prayer”, which will appear at the Koger Center on September 20th and 21st.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. On behalf of Council, Ms. Corley presented **Mr. Joseph R. Henry** with a resolution for bravery.
- b. On behalf of Council, Mr. Pearce presented **LRADAC** with a resolution for receiving the state’s first award of excellence in nonprofit management from the South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations. A resolution was also presented to **Mr. Jack W. Claypoole**, Executive Director, for winning the James Douglas Welch Award for his outstanding leadership.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to add two personnel items to the agenda: annual evaluation of the County Administrator and Clerk of Council. These items will be discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated item 2-c (Procurement of Articulated Truck) should not be on the agenda. She stated the item was deferred back to committee. Ms. Finch stated Item 2-b (Recycling Pilot Project) is not a consent item.

Ms. Scott stated the Executive Session items would be added to the agenda as item-8.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

The following person spoke at this time:

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke to item 5-c (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Priority List).

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the Evaluation of the County Administrator and Clerk of Council need to be discussed in Executive Session. He stated the Township Theatre Status is a potential executive session item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 17, 2003: Regular Session - Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

June 24, 2003: Special Called Meeting – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

June 24, 2003: Zoning Public Hearing – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Township Theatre Status** – Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, gave a status report on the Township. He stated a full report is forthcoming at the July 22nd meeting. He stated the financial audit should be completed by the 22nd in order for staff to give a report.

A brief discussion took place regarding the contract.

Ms. Smith offered a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, that a market survey of the region is conducted and a short-term financial plan is presented by October 15th, noting if an extension is needed, Council should be informed.

Ms. Scott stated motions regarding the contract would be taken up during the Motion Period.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL

Ms. Finch stated the South Carolina Association of Counties confirmations are in. She stated a packet would be provided for Council members planning to attend.

Ms. Finch stated two thank-you cards were received from the McLamore Family and Johnny Jeffcoat and family.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Finch stated item 1-b was withdrawn by the applicant: (03-54MA, McCall Capital LLC, M-2 to RG-2, Apartments, 17200-03-01, behind Providence Hospital @ I-77 & Farrow Road)

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

- a. **03-53MA, Shumaker Builders, D-1 to RS-2, Residential Subdivision, 14600-03-21, Hardscrabble Road east of Farrow Road** (Second Reading)
- b. **03-57MA, Paul Saucier, RU to C-3, General Commercial, 03300-07-03/13, Broad River Road & Koon Road** (Second Reading)
- c. **Right-of-Way for Clemson Road Project** (First Reading)
- d. **Contract Award: Resurfacing 2003 Project**
- e. **Grants: Housing Policies and Procedures**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Recycling Pilot Project

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the pilot project.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Brady amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to continue the existing pilot area and initiate an additional pilot area somewhere in the county, but the additional area will go through a six-month pilot project; and at the end of six months, Council will re-evaluate and hopefully initiate this throughout the entire County.

The discussion continued.

The vote in favor of the motion with the amendment was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. McEachern gave notification of vacancies on the following committees with a motion to advertise:

- **Employee Grievance Committee-1**
- **Riverbanks Zoo-1**
- **Township Auditorium Board-1**

Mr. McEachern stated the following boards did not receive applications and need to be re-advertised:

- Accommodations Tax Committee-2
- Employee Grievance Committee-2

Notification of Appointments

Board of Assessment Appeals-3

Mr. McEachern stated there are three vacancies with one application submitted. The Committee recommended appointing Mr. Thomas L. Watts to the board and re-advertising the other two vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Community Relations Council-2

Mr. McEachern stated there are two vacancies with one application submitted. The Committee recommended appointing Ms. Delores Saini and re-advertising the other vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

East Richland Public Service District-1

Mr. McEachern stated there is one vacancy on this board with two applications received. The Committee recommended re-appointing Mr. John H. Hudgens. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Suspension of Council Rules – Library Board of Trustees, Term Extension

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee's recommendation was not to suspend the rules. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Library Board-4

Mr. McEachern stated there are four vacancies on this board with eight (8) applications submitted. He stated Mr. C. Jimmy Chao withdrew his application.

The vote was as follows for the seven applicants:

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| <u>Trogon</u> | <u>Walden</u> | <u>Rapport</u> | <u>O'Boyle</u> | <u>Haltiwanger</u> |
| Tuten | Mizzell | Pearce | Pearce | unanimous |
| | Brady | Livingston | Livingston | |
| | Scott | Mizzell | Brady | |
| | Brill | Brady | Scott | |
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| <u>Dawes</u> | <u>Boyd</u> |
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| | Smith |

The following persons were appointed to the Library Board: Ms. Gloria Graham Boyd, Ms. Helen R. Rapport, Ms. Mary M. Haltiwanger and Mr. Peter O'Boyle.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Columbia Regional Technology Council Funding

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended funding the Columbia Regional Technology Council at \$25,000.00 and the funds are to come from the Economic Development account. The vote was in favor. Ms. Smith opposed. (Ms. Tillis was away during the vote.)

Recognition Resolution for Project Wheat

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended a letter of recommendation recognizing the project in order for it to move forward. The vote in favor was unanimous. (Ms. Tillis had returned.)

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Priority List

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of the priority list keeping in mind that it does not mean that the projects would be funded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Application for locating a community residential care facility in an unincorporated area of Richland County – 7904-1/2 Lone Drive, Columbia, S.C., 29203

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the application. The vote in favor was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. David Adams, the new County Treasurer, and Representative Joel Lourie were recognized.

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

Ms. Smith requested unanimous consent to reorder the agenda, take up the Motion Period, then recess the Council Meeting until after the Zoning Public Hearing and reconvene for the Executive Session item. The vote was in favor. Mr. Mizzell opposed.

After discussion, Mr. Mizzell rescinded his opposition.

MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith renewed her motion regarding the Township Auditorium contract as distributed.

Mr. Livingston offered an amendment, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to strike \$150,000.00 from Ms. Smith's motion and change it to "up to \$200,000.00".

A discussion took place.

Ms. Tillis made a substitute motion to adopt the contract as distributed by Mr. McSwain. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Ms. Smith accepted Mr. Livingston's amendment.

The vote for the motion, as amended, was in favor. Ms. Tillis opposed.

Ms. Smith moved, and it was seconded, to recess the Council meeting and hold the Zoning Public hearing. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Scott stated Council would recess for five minutes before beginning the Zoning Public Hearing.

Council recessed at approximately 7:16 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 9:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matters

It was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss two personnel matters. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 9:15 p.m. and came out at approximately 9:35 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

MOTION PERIOD

Ms. Smith moved to introduce by title only a landmark ordinance that sets up standards for Council to decide if anything needs to be protected from demolition or other standards. She stated she would ask staff to draft the ordinance and bring it before Council.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.

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