

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2000
5:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernice G. Scott, Chair; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; Susan Brill; L. Gregory Pearce; Thelma Tillis

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Darren Gore, Larry Smith, Marsheika G. Martin, Randy Jorgenson, Pat Bresnahan, Monique Walters, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Ash Miller, Andy Metts, Ralph Pearson, Rodolfo Caldwell, Amelia Linder, Sonya Goins, Chief Harrell, Mullen Taylor, Randy Byrd

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Scott called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Mr. McSwain introduced the new Finance Director, Mr. Darren Gore, to the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to hear individuals who wished to speak to item-G. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McSwain requested for item-C (Amendment to the Richland County Code: Storm Water Management) to be withdrawn from the agenda and item-F (Petition to close Vahalla Road) to be deferred.

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Adoption of New Ordinance: GIS Data Management

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the development of a Council Ordinance related to geographic information system (GIS) data and forward to full Council for the consent agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Amendments to the Richland County Code: Commercial Uses in Rural Zones

Mr. McSwain stated the Zoning Board of Appeals has been approving as a special exception commercial uses that were within the 5,000 square feet perimeter under the ordinance. He stated this was sent back to the Planning Commission and approved.

Mr. Randy Jorgenson, Planning Director, stated this language would require a legislative act of Council to rezone property commercially for a commercial use in an area that was previously zoned as a rural zoning district.

A discussion took place.

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Mr. Jorgenson stated this language would also expand the home occupation permits for rural areas of the dwelling units. He stated this would not involve bars or retail sales.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to forward to Council without a recommendation for further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Award of Contract: NPDES Permit Implementation

Mr. McSwain stated in March of 2000, DHEC issued a NPDES permit for storm drainage systems in the County. He stated money was placed for this project during the budget process. Mr. McSwain stated an assessment was initiated with the current contractor, Ogden Environmental and Engineering, in the amount up to and not exceeding \$30,000.00 on a material and time fee basis.

Mr. McSwain stated other tasks are needed that would require additional engineering services. He reported that the City of Columbia, City of Forest Acres, and DOT are using Woolpert LLP and he is requesting for the County to contract with this engineering firm as well and continuation with the contract with Ogden together not to exceed \$355,000.00.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve this item and place on the consent agenda subject to review of agreement and purchase order by the Legal Department. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Quit Claim Deed for Arlene Drive

Mr. McSwain reported this is a request for a quit claim deed to relinquish the County's interest in a road right-a-way for Arlene Drive. He stated there were only two persons living on this road or have property on this road and there were no plans to construct it. Mr. McSwain stated the two landowners have maintained and improved this parcel for over 20 years and there is no opposition to closing this road.

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis, to approve this item and forward to Council to be placed on the consent agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Directive to proceed with Sease Road Construction Project

The following persons spoke to this item:

- Ms. Alma Hall spoke in opposition.
- Ms. Tammy Sease-Redding spoke in opposition.
- Ms. Lorraine Mills spoke in opposition.
- Mr. Greg White, Irmo Town Council, spoke "in favor."
- Mr. Moore, Irmo Town Attorney, spoke "in favor" of this project.

Mr. Livingston informed Council of his observation when he visited this particular area. He stated he observed fast moving traffic and the dangerous curve at the railroad track.

A discussion took place.

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Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated in order to get this done five parcels of property would have to be condemned and also approval of the agreement CSX which was forwarded to his office from the Public Works Department. He requested for any motion made related to this is subsequent to the approval of the agreement by the Legal Department.

A discussion continued.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the right-of-way acquisition and railroad agreement necessary to proceed with the Sease Road construction project subject to the Legal Department's review of the agreement.

Ms. Tillis made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item until more information is received on why the other two roads have not been considered.

The vote in favor of the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The vote for the main motion was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Award of Contract: Phase II of the Atlas Road Sewer Project

Mr. McSwain stated this was awarded previously by the Council to the Site Group, the lowest bidder. He stated they have failed to execute a contract and have been written non-responsive in terms of providing other material and being willing to sign a contract. Mr. McSwain is requesting for the contract to go to the second bidder, Trussel Brothers Const. Inc. He stated they are asking for a 2-1/2% increase, which has been cleared with the grant agency.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item and forward to full Council to be placed on the Consent Agenda for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Citizen Complaints about Genesis Cable Company

Mr. McSwain stated this item is pending and there is nothing to report at this time.

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Impact of the Closing of the City of Columbia Landfill

Mr. Meetze inquired on the status of the City of Columbia and our Landfill. Mr. McSwain stated it would either be deferred to another landfill or paid. He stated negotiations are ongoing.

Ordinance Amendment for Manufactured Housing Classifications

Mr. McSwain stated there was no report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bernice G. Scott

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin