

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, November 26, 2002  
5:00 p.m.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joseph McEachern, Anthony G. Mizzell (arrived at 5:50 p.m.), Paul Livingston, James Tuten, Joan Brady, T. Cary McSwain, Tony McDonald, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Carrie Neal, Marsheika Martin, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Ashley Jacobs, Chief Harrell, Chris Eversman, Rodolfo Callwood

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Staff requested to add the Richland Memorial Hospital Family Practice Center to the agenda for action.

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

**I. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**a. Citizen's Request for Variance to Sewer Ordinance**

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated a citizen is asking Council to consider a request for a variance to an existing Richland County Sewer Use Ordinance.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to deny giving the citizen a variance so she would not have to pay the \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 road-crossing costs.

The discussion continued.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**b. Condemnation for Broad River Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the County is attempting to obtain this property to expand Broad River Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated there have been ongoing negotiations with the property owners for quite some time without an agreement

reached regarding the compensation. Staff is requesting a recommendation from the Committee.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the County proceeding with the condemnation of 50 acres of land for the expansion of the Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**c. Township Auditorium Renovations Contract Award Recommendation**

Mr. McSwain stated there was a low bidder who was considered to be non-responsive because all of the items of the specifications were not added into their bid. Mr. Rodolfo Callwood, Procurement Director, stated the bidder has entered a protest today and he would like to defer this item.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to defer this item.

Mr. McSwain requested forwarding this item to full Council without a recommendation because the bathrooms at the Township need to be ready for use soon.

After discussion, Ms. Scott withdrew her motion.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to send this item to Council without a recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**d. DHEC Early Action Compact to Improve Air Quality**

Mr. McSwain stated he has received communication from DHEC with regard to the potential pending non-attainment of the air quality under EPA. He requested for the Committee to agree to participate in the early action plan by the state of South Carolina which would defer any considerations of non-attainment until the Year 2007, in the interim of which, there have to be local strategies developed for measuring and monitoring air quality and to take measures to try and improve the air quality in this area.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Henry Phillips, DHEC, stated to participate in the process, the participating counties would have to come up with local strategies and plans with the assistance of DHEC. Those plans that are developed would be county enforceable.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item with a stipulation that no money be involved, if there is, it would need to come back before Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**e. Mid-East Road Rights-of-Way**

Mr. McSwain stated this is a request to authorize the authority to purchase or condemn the rights-of-way on Mid-East Road in order to complete the paving project. He stated the total appraised value for the rights-of-way is \$11,183.00. He further explained that if the committee chose to condemn the property, the issue would go to court and the court would determine what the value of each property is that would have to be condemned.

Ms. Scott moved to forward this item to Council with a recommendation of approval. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to forward to item without a recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**f. Solid Waste Professional Services Contract Award Recommendation**

Mr. McSwain updated the Committee on this issue.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to allow staff the authority to negotiate a consultancy contract for Solid Waste Services. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**g. Easement for Richland Memorial Hospital Family Practice Center**

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated this is a request for an easement exchange. He informed the committee that it probably did not require action, but it was felt it needed to be approved for safety measures.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to approve the request to grant a utilities easement for Richland Memorial Hospital in order to supply permanent electric and gas meters, as well as water and sewer to the new Family Practice Center. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**II. Items Pending Analysis**

**a. Contract Award for Sheriff's Department Storage Building**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to direct the engineering and administration staff to come back with an amended plan on construction and price. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**III. Items for Information/Discussion** – There were no items up for discussion at this time.

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**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Susan Brill  
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin