

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2001
5:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan Brady, Paul Livingston, James Tuten, Tony Mizzell, Kit Smith, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Cary McSwain; Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Joseph Bochenek, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Michael Criss, Monique Walters, Mike Byrd, Stephany Snowden, Ronaldo Myers, John Hicks, Brad Farrar, Chief Harrell

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 23, 2001: Regular Session Meeting

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - The agenda was approved as submitted.

I. ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Ordinance Amendment: Sec. 21-9. Road Closing

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, reported this is a request for consideration of an amendment to the County Code of Ordinances to clarify Section 21-9. He stated the County frequently grants quitclaim deeds but the issue is whether or not persons should be charged for roads that have been abandoned or never built.

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated based on the language of the current ordinance, Council may request a person to pay whatever the fair market value of the property is. He stated this was done in some cases, but not on road closings. He informed the Committee of staff's recommendations.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item for First Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Smith stated Council is requested to consider one of the four different options.

The above motion was withdrawn.

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Ms. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to recommend First Reading approval of the ordinance amending Sec. 21-9, Road Closing and recommended full Council to decide between the following options:

- 1) Considering on a case by case basis.
- 2) Fair market value except for when there is a prescriptive easement or the property is zoned residential or rural with no plans for commercial use.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Quitclaim Deed: 632 Kentucky Street

Mr. McSwain stated item-A would affect this item as well as items B-C. He stated this property has a value of \$1,144.00.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to recommend First Reading of this item as consistent with the new language for Sec. 21-9 as presented in item-A. The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. Quitclaim Deed: Peyton Street

Mr. McSwain stated this property has a value of \$4,368.00.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to recommend First Reading of this item as consistent with the new language for Sec. 21-9 as presented in item-A. The vote in favor was unanimous.

d. Abandonment of Maintenance: Old Lorick Road

Mr. McSwain reported that the property owners of this property would like the County to state officially that it ceases maintenance and has no interest in this particular road. He stated if the Council relinquishes any interest in the road, then the property owners could have the road closed.

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to recommend approval of abandoning maintenance on Old Lorick Road as consistent with the new language for Sec. 21-9 as presented in item-A. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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e. Feasibility Study: Longtown Connector

A citizen from Longcreek Plantation spoke in support of the study.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve performing a feasibility study for construction of a connector road between Longtown Road West and SC Route 555 (Farrow Road).

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce amended his motion, seconded by Ms. Brill, to forward this item to Council without recommendation and instructed the County Administrator to determine if a study had already been conducted and the costs that would be associated with this project.

The vote was follows:

Favor: Meetze, Pearce, Brill
Oppose: Scott, Tillis

The motion passed.

f. Fee Increase: Solid Waste Collection

Mr. Tony McDonald, Assistant County Administrator, briefed Council on this item. He stated Council is requested to approve an increase in the Solid Waste collection fee from \$120.00 to \$125.00 per household.

Ms. Tillis moved to forward to Council without a recommendation. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce requested a comparison of what Richland County charges for solid waste and what comparable counties charge (Greenville, Florence, Charleston, etc.).

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The discussion continued.

Mr. McEachern requested a breakdown of the enterprise fund and policy issues for further discussion.

Mr. Tuten requested a report on recycling.

The vote for the motion was as follows:

Favor: Pearce, Brill
Oppose: Meetze, Scott, Tillis

The motion failed.

g. Ordinance Amendment: Landfills & Composting Facilities

Mr. McSwain stated the purpose of this ordinance is to assure the appropriate permitting process for all types of landfills and composting facilities in Richland County. He stated the Legal Department has presented a change in the ordinance that would allow a more restrictive enforcement of illegal landfills.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this ordinance. The vote in favor was unanimous.

h. Ordinance Amendment: Driveway Requirements

Mr. Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, stated the Planning Commission made recommendations to the amendment.

Ms. Amelia Linder, Staff Attorney, briefed Council regarding the reasons the Planning Commission came up with the amendments.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to remove this item from the agenda and defer until a workshop is scheduled with the Planning Commission for further discussion.

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Mr. Meetze wanted an explanation of what criteria would be used.

Mr. McSwain stated this item would be placed on the retreat agenda scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th. Mr. Meetze amended his motion to include this.

The motion to defer to the retreat passed.

Point of Personal Privilege

Ms. Scott recognized Mr. Meetze's wife, Marguerite Meetze, in the audience. On behalf of Council, she congratulated them on their 41st wedding anniversary.

II. Items Pending Analysis

a. Report on Engineering Contracts

Mr. McSwain stated this item is pending analysis and a report will be brought to the committee.

III. Items for Information/Discussion - There are no items for information or discussion at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:03 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bernice G. Scott
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin