

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 26, 2001
5:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit Smith, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair; Joan Brady; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Joseph McEachern; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; Anthony G. Mizzell; Bernice G. Scott; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Darren Gore, Gail Luckey, Daniel Driggers, Pam Davis, Marsheika Martin, Ash Miller, Chief Harrell, Rodolfo Caldwood, Stephany Snowden, Amelia Linder, Harry Huntley, Jocelyn Jennings

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable James Tuten.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

1. THIRD READING ITEM

a. FY 2001-02 Budget Ordinance

Revenues

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer implementation of the \$15.00 road maintenance fee until January, which would coincide with the reassessment of vehicles and add 1.6 mills to the general fund budget to offset the loss of revenues.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to take the difference in revenue of 1.6 mills from Fund Balance.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston/Mr. Mizzell withdrew their motion.

The vote for the main motion was in favor. Mr. Meetze and Mr. Tuten opposed.

Building Permits Fee

Mr. Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, recommended lowering the fee to \$41.00 with the difference to be made up during the year.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to amend Section 20 to reduce the fee from \$51.00 per sq. ft. to \$41.00 per sq. ft. and to incorporate this amendment into the entire ordinance referring to the building permit fee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A discussion took place regarding the Fund Balance.

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EXPENDITURES

Library

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve an increase of .2 of a mill for the library, which is an additional \$192,000.00 which would total \$12,445,583.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

School District I and II

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to fund half of the new program requests for each school district which would amend the budget for District One in the amount of \$115,325,228.00 and \$49,340,525.00 for District Two.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to fund each school district at their requested amount which is \$118,413,500.00 for District One and \$49,977,946.00 for District Two.

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

The substitute motion failed.

The vote for the main motion was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Mr. Tuten directed Mr. Smith, the County Attorney, to research the statutes of the ordinances and find out the ownership of those facilities, whether they belong to the school districts or the county.

Ms. Brady directed the Finance Department to come up with a standardized, uniformed form to be used by both school districts for the next fiscal year.

Sheriff's Department

Ms. Scott moved to approve this department at \$20,814,175.00. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Budget Ordinance as amended

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the budget ordinance as amended. The vote was in favor. Ms. Scott opposed.

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Coroner's Office

Ms. Tillis questioned Mr. McSwain regarding providing a county vehicle for the coroner from the existing pool and money for a third position in his office.

Ms. Smith stated she would support Ms. Tillis on a budget amendment later on in the year regarding this issue. Mr. McSwain stated he would sit with the coroner and see what they could work out.

Ms. Tillis requested a report in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:20 p.m. and
came out at approximately 7:10 p.m.**
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Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Contractual Matter

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to authorize the County Administrator to terminate contracts in areas 1, 4 and 5 anytime within the next 30 days if there is no immediate improvement; recommended an assessment be conducted and the results of the assessment be implemented; a subcontractor is negotiated at the request of Mr. Cloud, approved by the County Administrator for any of the areas. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

J.D. "Buddy" Meetze

Anthony G. Mizzell

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