

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 18, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Larry Smith, Ashley Jacobs, Pam Davis, Amelia Linder, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Brad Farrar, Stephany Snowden, Carrie Tolley, Mike Byrd, Michael Criss, Dwight Hannah, Daniel Driggers, Brenda Carter, Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

INVOCATION - The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to waive the rules and allow Mr. Lonnie Randolph to speak to the redistricting issue. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Lonnie Randolph, President of the Columbia Branch of the NAACP, requested for Council to defer the redistricting issue.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Brad Farrar, Deputy Attorney, stated there were no items on the agenda that needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, informed Council of the status of the Gills Creek Fire Station. He stated this item would need Executive Session if there were any questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 27, 2001:	Zoning Public Hearing
December 4, 2001:	Regular Session
December 11, 2001:	Special Called Meeting
December 13, 2001:	Special Called Meeting

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. McSwain gave the following report:

- Council Retreat – Mr. McSwain informed Council that the retreat is scheduled for January 10-12th. He requested forms to be returned to staff no later than Wednesday, December 19th.
- Gills Creek Fire Station – Ms. McSwain gave a status report on the Gills Creek Fire Station. He stated it would be located in Forest Acres. Mr. McSwain reported that negotiations are going well and legal wording needed to be finalized.

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- Mr. McSwain wished the Council Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell to approve the following item for the Consent Agenda:

- An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement and a Fee Agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Plasti-Line Columbia, Inc., providing for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes

The vote in favor was unanimous.

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

- b. 01-019MA, Joseph Agnew, Ronda Agnew, From RS-1 to PDD, 02408-03-01 & 02, 216 Shadowood & 1005 Carl Shealy Roads**

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve this item for Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Mike Byrd, Director of Emergency Services, updated Council on a fire station which is to be located in this area as well.

- c. 02-024MA, M.H. Johnson, G.I. Elkin, From D-1 to M-1, 17108-01-06, 2166 LeGrand Road**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item for Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. An Ordinance establishing new electoral districts for the election of members of Richland County Council pursuant to the United States Census of 2000 and in compliance with Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended**

Mr. McEachern made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt Plan-C.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item until Thursday.

The vote for the second substitute motion was as follows:

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

The second substitute motion failed.

Ms. Scott wanted the records to reflect this was her first time seeing Plan-C.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Scott, to recess for 10 minutes in order for Council to review the maps of Plan-C.

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Council recessed at approximately 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 6:30 p.m.
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Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the revisions of Plan-A.

Ms. Scott requested an amendment to the second substitute, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer until Wednesday, December 19th.

The vote for the amendment to the second substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The vote for the second substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed

Mr. Mizzell stated he and Mr. Pearce had split a precinct in Plan-A.

Mr. Mizzell requested an amendment to the substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to amend Plan-C to place the entire precinct back in his district.

The vote for the amendment to the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

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The vote for the substitute motion which is to adopt Plan-C was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**2. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
(deferred from Council meeting held 12/11/01)**

a. Contract Extensions: Solid Waste Collection

Mr. McSwain updated Council on the solid waste collections. He stated contracts for areas 1, 3, 4 and 7 was approved to extend the current remaining three years to an additional two years for a total five-year contract in each of these areas.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the five-year contract extensions.

Mr. McEachern stated he made the motion very reluctantly unless the other contracts come along.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

a. Resolution commending Miss Dary Linder

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. REPORT OF BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. McSwain reported on changes that were being made regarding budget reduction in spending for the remainder of this fiscal year.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern requested for the Administrator to work with the elected officials.

Ms. Tillis suggested starting the first of February in 2002, Council is to receive a full report from the Treasurer and Finance Departments as to what was spent and was taken in. She stated she would like to have it included in Mr. McSwain's job description.

Mr. Meetze requested for Council to hold a work session with department directors to discuss the effects of budget cuts.

The discussion continued.

Ms. Scott directed the Administrator to meet with staff, department heads and elected officials to come up with a solution.

After discussion, Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to defer this item to the first meeting in January.

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The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak at this time.

6. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Scott directed, Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, to draw up an ordinance for special exceptions for mobile homes.

Reconsideration of Redistricting Map-C

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to reconsider the adoption of redistricting map-C.

Ms. Smith stated the motion was out of order.

Ms. Smith questioned if a motion for reconsideration is appropriate at any time during the agenda or if it had to be made when the motion was taken up. Ms. Smith stated Robert's Rules does not address this issue.

After discussion, Ms. Smith stated because it has been customary practice in the past, Mr. Tuten's motion is appropriate at this time.

Mr. Tuten renewed his motion and it was seconded by Mr. Meetze. The motion to reconsider failed.

- Mr. Mizzell announced that he is running for Council Chair.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

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J.D. "Buddy" Meetze

Anthony G. Mizzell

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin