

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 4, 2000  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Tonya Dunham, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Pam Davis, Stephanie Thompson, Sherry Wright, Jocelyn Jennings, Marsheika Martin, Rodolfo Caldwell

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

**Poster Contest Winners**

On behalf of Council, Ms. Smith, Mr. Meetze and Ms. Tillis recognized the poster contest winners. They were as follows:

First Place –	Rebecca Sanchez, Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School]
Second Place-	Donovan Cooper, Gibbs Middle School
Third Place-	Nicole Potter, Irmo Middle School
Fourth Place-	David Kelly, II, Alcorn Middle School

**Keenan Basketball Team**

On behalf of Council, Ms. Tillis and Mr. McEachern presented a Resolution to the Keenan High School Basketball Team for winning the AAA Championship.

**Sander's Basketball Team**

On behalf Council, Ms. McEachern and Ms. Tillis presented a Resolution to Sander's Middle School for winning the District One Championship.

**Corporal Chris Cowan**

A Proclamation was presented to Corporal Chris Cowan for receiving the S.C. Attorney General's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

**Martin's Coffee House**

A Proclamation was presented to Mr. Martin Belger in commemoration of 25 years of business of the Martin's CoffeeHouse.

**Point of Personal Privilege**

Ms. Smith recognized a member of the Boy's Scout in the audience.

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**COG REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Doug Phillips, COG Director, reported on the long-range transportation plans for the Midlands.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

The following people spoke in opposition of approving minutes of March 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the special exception in the ordinance: Ms. Lillie Bates, Ms. Kay McClanahan and Ms. Evelyn Bush

Ms. Kay McClanahan also spoke in opposition to amending the Richland County Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke regarding the March 14<sup>th</sup> minutes regarding an ordinance amendment to the Zoning Code.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**March 14, 2000: Regular Session**

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, noted a change to be made under the Motion Period regarding the Keenan High Basketball Team. She stated it should be noted that Ms. Tillis made the motion and not Mr. McEachern. The correction was noted.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**March 21, 2000: Regular Session**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, to reconsider an Ordinance Amendment to the Zoning Code (deletion of special exception for commercial uses in rural zones). The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Ordinance Amendment to the Zoning Code (deletion of special exception for commercial uses in rural zones)**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to forward this item to the April 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and give proper notification to citizens.

Ms. Scott requested staff to make sure citizen's are clear on the wording of the ordinance and make sure Ms. Lillie Bates receives a copy.

Ms. Smith stated that the ordinance is not deleting commercial uses but changing the way it receives approval.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve minutes with the reconsideration of the ordinance amendment to the Zoning Code noted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**March 28, 2000: Zoning Public Hearing**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Smith requested to add the Administrator's Review Process to the agenda as item-5.

The agenda adopted as amended.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the review of the administrator's process, Project Harvey and employee grievances are possible executive session items.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Employee Grievances**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to uphold the administrator's recommendation on all three grievances.

Ms. Scott requested more information on the Public Works grievance in executive session.

Mr. Morris withdrew his motion.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to uphold administrator's recommendation on the EMT and Special Services grievances. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Tentative Schedule for FEMA Meeting**

Mr. McSwain stated he received a call from FEMA regarding meetings to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building. He informed Council also of a meeting with FEMA Director, James Witt, in Washington, D.C. on April 24<sup>th</sup> tentatively.

Ms. Smith recommended for Ms. Scott, Mr. Pearce, Mr. McEachern and herself to attend the meeting in Washington.

Ms. Scott requested staff to notify citizens of the purpose of this meeting in Washington.

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**SECOND READING ITEMS**

**00-10MA, Edward Holcombe, From PDD to Amended PDD, TMS 02505-02-09,  
Rauch Metz Road**

Per Mr. Meetze's request, Mr. Pete Denton, an expert on car wash industry, reported on the environmental properties of the car wash and how the disposal of the water would be handled.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to deny this item.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item for Second Reading.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**00-18MA, Todd Corley, From RG-2 to C-3, TMS 06110-04-06, Broad River  
Road**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**00-22MA, Thomas Walker, From D-1 to PDD, TMS 20411-01-01 & 02, 2000  
Longstown Road**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Amendment to the Richland County Zoning Ordinance**

Mr. McSwain stated an Executive Summary needed to be accepted for an additional subparagraph. He stated in accepting this, it would require another 15-day advertisement to give the public proper notification.

Ms. Smith stated this would be scheduled for First Reading on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to send to the next Council meeting for discussion and action for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Ms. Scott requested more information and discussion.

Ms. Scott withdrew her original motion.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to send this item to the Development and Services Committee, and concurrent with that, place it on the agenda for the First meeting in May and run proper notification. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Acceptance of Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant**

Ms. Scott stated the committee recommended approval of acceptance of the \$2,248.00 emergency preparedness grant from the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Purchase of five "brush trucks" for fire service**

Ms. Scott stated the committee recommended approving the \$125,440.00 purchase of five "brush trucks" from Benson Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Purchase of 800 MHz Motorola radio equipment for Emergency Services, EMS, and Fire Service**

Ms. Scott stated the committee recommended approving the \$184,085.80 purchase of Motorola 800 MHz radio equipment for Emergency Services, EMS and fire service. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Purchase of recorders for Emergency Services' communications centers**

Ms. Scott stated the committee recommended that Council approve the \$102,328.10 purchase of 9-1-1 recorders from Electric Business Equipment for the County's 9-1-1 communication centers. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Conveyance of water lines on Maingate Drive to the City of Columbia**

Ms. Scott stated the committee recommended First Reading approval of the conveyance of the water lines on Maingate Drive located as a result of the Spring Valley Drainage Project to the City of Columbia for the purpose of maintenance and operation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Award of County resurfacing contract to Rea Construction Company**

Ms. Scott stated the committee recommended approval of an award of the resurfacing contract to Rea Construction in the amount of \$850,967.00 with an additional \$50,000.00 for contingencies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Purchase of 6 Jeep Cherokees for Sheriff's Department**

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended approval of a budget request in the amount of \$131,289.90. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**County as conduit for JEDA Loan Funds**

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended approval of this request. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Council Goals for 2000 and funding priorities**

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended approval of Council's goals and funding priorities as information with the understanding that they may be changed as further discussions take place. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Land Acquisition for School District One**

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended approval of exchanging four acres of land for free rent. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resolution for Babcock Center, Inc.**

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended approval of this resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resolution for "I Remember Mama Day"**

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended approval of this resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resolution for Fair Housing**

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended approval of this resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center, Request for funding**

Mr. McEachern stated the committee recommended that the County Administrator try to resolve the dispute with the two groups before the next Council meeting, April 4th. He stated if no resolution is reached, the County Administrator is directed to recommend funding of \$100,000.00 for the Eau Claire Health Center at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

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Mr. McSwain stated that he and Mr. Livingston met with representatives of the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center Board and Palmetto Health Alliance Subcommittee Board on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. He stated Mr. Jim Vasarheyli would inform him of any agreement that would be made.

Mr. Livingston stated there is a possible there is a conflict of interest with him being a member of the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center Board. He gave Ms. Smith a copy of his letter of resignation from this particular from board so he can officially take part in discussions and decisions on this particular issue.

A discussion took place.

(Mr. Pearce was asked to Chair this part of the discussions as Ms. Smith wanted to make a motion).

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give First Reading approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000 from Fund Balance and to request that the Richland Memorial Hospital Board engage the services of the University of South Carolina Institute on Health Policy to facilitate a merger/ agreement of the two rural Health Centers; and when this is accomplished, the Palmetto Health Alliance reimburses the County before Third Reading approval is given to the budget amendment..

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern called for the question, seconded by Ms. Scott. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion. Mr. Meetze and Mr. Morris opposed.

(Ms. Smith took the position as Chair).

**REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Consideration of Inducement and Millage Rate Agreements for Project Harvey**

Mr. Livingston stated that the Committee recommended approval of authorizing execution of Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to go into Executive Session to discuss the grievance matter and adopt the Administrator's Review Process The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:05 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:39 p.m.**  
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Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Grievance Matter**

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to uphold the administrator's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Adoption of the Administrator's Review Process**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to accept the review process. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mr. Mizzell announced that he is a father-to-be.

**MOTION PERIOD**

Ms. Brill reminded Council of a joint meeting of the Columbia Convention and Business Bureau from 5-7:00 p.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated a presentation would be made about marketing this region.

Ms. Smith announced that Palmetto Health Alliance representatives would be asked to come before Council at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin

