

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 21, 2003  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT** – T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Carrie Neal, Tony McDonald, Monique Walters, Roxanne Matthews, Pam Davis, Larry Smith, Stephany Snowden, Chris Eversman, Michael Criss

**CALL TO ORDER** –The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joan B. Brady.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Livingston requested the addition of the Report of the Economic Development Committee. He stated staff would brief Council in Executive Session.

Ms. Scott stated this would be placed at the end of the agenda after Citizen's Input. The vote in favor to add the report to the agenda was unanimous.

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT** – No one signed up to speak at this time.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** - Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the PHA Lease Amendment status would need to be discussed in Executive Session, as well as, the Economic Development item.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Session-January 7, 2003**

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

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. **Retreat Overview** – Mr. McSwain stated a draft spreadsheet of Council's requests were placed in Council's boxes. He stated if there was any further input, Council should inform him and the item would be followed up.

Mr. McSwain stated staff is working on the articulation of Council's goals and it will be forthcoming.

- b. Financial Report** – Mr. McSwain reported that the last bit of information was delivered to the Finance Director late that evening and he preferred not to send it out until it was reviewed. He stated it would be made available to Council by the end of the week.

Ms. Scott thanked staff for their time and effort in preparing Council for the retreat.

**OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – No public hearings were scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** – There were no consent items on the agenda.

**1. THIRD READING ITEMS**

- a. Execution of an agreement between Carolina Water Service and Richland County (Consideration of Amendment)**

Mr. Smith stated this matter has been given two readings. He stated this is regarding the exchange of customers between Richland County and Carolina Water. He reported that the amendment is in Paragraph 7 and that is the only change from the first two readings of the ordinance.

Ms. Scott passed the gavel to Ms. Brady.

Ms. Scott stated she has a conflict of interest as she is working at the law firm and one of the partners has something to do with this issue.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give this item Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Brady passed the gavel back to Ms. Scott.

Ms. Smith stated that according to state law, an abstention form needs to be filled out and submitted for the record.

- b. Ordinance amending Chapter 21 regarding roads, highways and bridges**

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve this item for Third Reading.

A brief discussion took place.

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

Ms. Scott expressed the need for a member of staff to attend a meeting at State College on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> regarding dirt roads. She stated she would get the information to staff. Administration informed Ms. Scott that a member of staff was planning to attend.

**2. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**a. Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals-3**

Mr. Livingston stated these positions were voted on at the last Council meeting, but individuals appointed did not meet the criteria required to serve on this board. He stated the Rules and Appointment would meet on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss this particular issue and report back to Council. He requested deferment.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item until the next meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**b. Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council-2**

Mr. Livingston stated there are two appointments to be made with three applications received. He stated one person has resigned from this board which would then make there be a total of three vacancies. He stated there are questions regarding whether or not Council should re-advertise or appoint one of the applicants to fill the seat. Mr. Livingston stated Council would need to suspend the rules in order to appoint someone rather than re-advertise.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to suspend the rules.

Mr. Livingston recommended voting on the two positions advertised and then suspend the rules and elect the last applicant for the third seat.

The vote in favor of suspending the rules was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to fill the full terms first and then elect the third person to fill the unexpired seat. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote was as follows:

<u>Kelley</u>	<u>Gregory</u>	<u>Brownlee</u>
Pearce	Pearce	Mizzell
Livingston	Brady	
Brady	Livingston	
Scott	Scott	
Tuten	Tuten	
Brill	Brill	
McEachern	McEachern	
Smith	Smith	
Tillis	Tillis	
Mizzell		

Ms. Victorial B. Kelly and Ms. Margaret Gregory will fill the full terms and Mr. Chris Brownlee will fill the unexpired seat.

**Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees-4**

Mr. Livingston stated there are four appointments to be made to this board with seven applications received.

Ms. Monique Walters, Assistant to the Clerk, informed Council that Mr. M. Truman Fallow withdrew his application.

The vote was as follows:

<u>Reynolds</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Donald</u>	<u>Dickerson</u>	<u>Crocker</u>	<u>Cole, Jr.</u>
Pearce	Livingston	Pearce	Pearce	Livingston	Pearce
Livingston	Mizzell	Brady	Livingston	Mizzell	Mizzell
Brady	Scott	Tuten	Mizzell	Scott	Brady
Scott	McEachern	Brill	Brady	McEachern	Tuten
Tuten	Smith		Scott	Smith	Brill
Brill	Tillis		Tuten	Tillis	
McEachern			Brill		
Smith			McEachern		
Tillis			Smith		
			Tillis		

The following persons were appointed: Mr. Charles H. Dickerson, Ms. Virginia Leaman Crocker, Mr. Anthony T. Grant and Mr. James Calvert Reynolds.

**3. Application for locating a community residential care facility in an unincorporated area of Richland County located at 114 Seals Road**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**4. APPROVAL OF BUDGET CALENDAR**

Mr. McSwain stated this was presented to Council at the retreat and changes were made relative to input received. He stated Council could make amendments as they choose.

Ms. Brady requested an adjustment of the Budget Work Session scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, which is a scheduled Council Meeting.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the budget calendar as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith reminded Council and staff that any adjustments made to the budget calendar need to come before Council for approval.

**5. CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.**

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development item and PHA Lease Agreement status. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:36 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:57 p.m.**  
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It was moved and seconded to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Report of Economic Development – Richland Memorial Hospital  
PHA Lease Agreement Status**

Mr. Livingston stated these items were received as information in Executive Session.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to hold a Special Called Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Zoning Public hearing to hear the two items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**7. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Mizzell made a motion without reference to present a resolution honoring Mr. Doug Phillips for his retirement from the Central Midlands Council of Governments and his involvement in the regional corporation. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Ms. Brady requested the following:
  1. Be on the look out for information in the State newspaper regarding MPVS permits for the City of Forest Acres, Town of Arcadia Lakes and City of Irmo.
  2. Request to cancel the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  3. A bound copy of the County's telephone directory and an updated e-mail addresses from the Clerk of Council's Office.
- Mr. McEachern requested for Administration to look into implementing a program called Operation Safe Haven.
- Ms. Brill stated she is interested in receiving a newsletter from the County.
- Mr. Livingston suggested for Council to manage the different issues coming up during the Motion Period, especially the numerous requests for the County Administrator.
- Mr. Mizzell announced that he and his wife are expecting a baby on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Mr. Tuten directed the Clerk's Office to send a sympathy card to Mr. Sam Linton's family.

**8. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.**

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