

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MAY 29, 2003  
5:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHER MEMBERS:** Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Daniel Driggers, Stephany Snowden, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Michael Chris, Janet Claggett, Pam Davis, Marsheika Martin

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Susan Brill.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1. SECOND READING OF FY 2003-2004 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

**GENERAL FUND**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the Administrator's recommendation as a working base for motions. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Ambulance Free Structure**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to increase revenues to \$600,000.00.

A discussion took place.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**Add Detention Center Per Diem Fee**

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to amend the motion that the per diem is only charged to municipalities and that have an arresting police force that bring detainees to

the Detention Center and that this fee is not imposed on jurisdictions that do not have a police force and do their own arrests and to not penalize communities that do not have a police department and utilize the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to adopt the Detention Center per diem fee as recommended by the Administrator.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston called for the question, and it was seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Contractor exemption on Business License

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, not to adopt the Administrator's recommendation to eliminate exemption as reviewed. The vote was in favor. Ms. Scott opposed.

Change Mobile Home Fee structure - increase fee as reviewed  
Motor vehicle decal fee – add new fee as reviewed

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the Administrator's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Business License Fee structure

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the Administrator's recommendation on the free structure. The vote was in favor. Ms. Scott opposed.

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Building Permit – Single Family Residence Fee Structure

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the building permit fee structure to single family residential fees to the \$55.00 amount to be consistent with the City of Columbia, and for this reading, the rest of the fees as distributed during the work session with notice that there may be amendments at Third Reading, which will increase the revenue to about \$500,000.00

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the amount of \$300,000.00, leaving the revenue the same and adopting the fees.

The vote for the substitute motion was follows:

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

The motion passed.

Mr. Pearce requested the status at this point. Mr. Daniel Driggers, Budget Director, stated the mill value is currently at 2.6.

**Stand for the Children – Non-Departmental**

Ms. Scott passed the gavel to Ms. Brady.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to appropriate \$100,000.00 to Stand for the Children.

A discussion took place.

The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Scott	Pearce
	Livingston
	Corley
	Mizzell

Oppose  
Brady  
Brill  
Tuten  
McEachern  
Smith  
Tillis

The motion failed.

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

**1420-Hopkins Magistrate – Add full-time employee (Summary Law Clerk)**  
**1430-Pontiac Magistrate – Add full-time employee (Summary Law Clerk)**  
**1570-Clerk of Court - Add full-time employee (Information Specialist)**  
**1570-Clerk of Court – Add full-time employee (Accounting Specialist)**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the Administrator's request. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Public Works – Utility requirements**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the Administrator's recommendation on public works utility requirements. The vote was in favor. Mr. Mizzell opposed.

**Sheriff-Increase Operating Budget**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt the Administrator's recommendation to amend expenditure for radios to increase \$156,602.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Non-departmental-Hopkins Water/Sewer**  
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Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the carry forward of \$380,000.00 for the budget of capital projects fund and appropriate \$75,000 for the Hopkins Water Project understanding that when this depletes, the items are to come back to Council for a plan.

A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Non-departmental-Consulting Fees**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to amend expenditures to add \$50,000 for Base Closure Consulting Fees.

A discussion took place.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**Contractual and Statutory – Public Defender**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the Administrator's recommendation to decrease this item to \$86,000.00.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern passed out a proposal which listed the contractual agencies and the amounts he recommends.

Mr. McEachern made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to adopt proposals as distributed.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to leave Public Defender at \$940,000.00 and all other agencies apply a 2% reduction, eliminating all funding of Business Improvement District.

The discussion continued.

Mr. Pearce/Mr. Tuten withdrew their motions.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to divide the question. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Public Defender**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve at \$987,000.00.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve at \$940,000.00.

After discussion, Mr. Mizzell withdrew his motion.

The vote for the main motion was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Pearce	0
Livingston	
Corley	
Mizzell	
Brady	
Scott	
Tuten	
Brill	
McEachern	
Tillis	

The motion passed.

**Adjutant General**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve at \$9,850,000.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Livingston opposed.

**Clemson Extension**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve at \$32,788.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Economic Development**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve \$72,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Special Contracts**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve at \$292,297.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Alcohol and Drug**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve at \$525,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Senior Resources**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve at \$295,500.00.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to reduce the amount by 2% (\$289,590.00).

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**Capital Senior Center**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve at \$207,000.00.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to reduce by 2% (\$203,252.00).

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**Communities in School**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve at \$71,412.00.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to reduce by 2%.

The vote was as follows for the substitute motion:

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

The motion failed.

The vote for the main motion was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**Columbia Museum of Art  
Historic Columbia  
EdVenture**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, moved to drop these agencies from the contractual and statutory agencies as they are included in the ordinance for 2% Restaurant Tax. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Discretionary Funds**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to allocate \$150,000.00 towards this agency. The vote was in favor. Ms. Brady opposed.

**Military Affairs**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to allocate \$4,925.00.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to reduce the amount by 2% (\$4,827.00).

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The substitute motion passed.

**Columbia Urban League**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to allocate \$50,000.00.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to reduce amount by 2%.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The vote for the main motion was as follows:

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

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**Community Relations Council**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to appropriate \$101,347.00.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to reduce by 2%.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion fails.

The vote in favor of the main motion was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**Central Midlands CoG**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to allocate \$129,685.00 + 5%.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. McEachern/Ms. Brady, to allocate \$140,155.00

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Livingston	Pearce
Corley	Smith

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In favor

Mizzell  
Brady  
Scott  
Tuten  
Brill  
McEachern  
Tillis

**Business Improvement District**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to allocate \$89,200.00.

Mr. McEachern made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, not to fund this agency.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to fund at \$50,000.00.

The vote for the second substitute motion was as follows:

In favor

Livingston  
Mizzell  
Scott  
Tillis

Oppose

Smith  
McEachern  
Pearce  
Corley  
Brill  
Brady  
Tuten

The second substitute motion failed.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

In favor

Pearce  
Corley  
Brady  
Tuten  
Brill  
McEachern  
Smith

Oppose

Livingston  
Mizzell  
Scott  
Tillis

The motion passed.

**Santee Wateree RTA**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to allocate \$10,073.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council took a break between 6:39 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.**  
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**Olympia Magistrate –Fund Facility Renovations**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve at \$30,000.00.

Ms. Brady made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to take the funds allocated but unspent during fiscal year 2002-2003 in the General Magisterial Budget Professional Service line (1460.5265) will be carried forward and transferred to the Olympia Magistrate’s budget to cover the cost of Building Renovations. The amount to be carried forward shall not exceed \$30,000.00.

Mr. Mizzell made a second substitute motion not to fund at all. The motion died for a lack of a second.

The vote for the substitute motion was unanimous.

**ACCOMMODATIONS TAX**

**Columbia Music Festival**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve at \$22,000.00.

After discussion, the main motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to fund at \$22,000.00.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion to fund at \$25,000.00 and decrease \$3,000.00 from Celebrate Freedom. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer amendments of the Accommodations Tax to the next budget meeting and requested for members to make requests prior to then. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**MILLAGE AGENCIES**

**School District One**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to provide funding at EIA minimum level of \$131,490,023.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**School District Two**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to provide funding at EIA minimum of \$61,427,182.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Recreation Commission**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to provide funding at \$5,874,058 with a proviso that \$300,000.00 be used for Pay for Performance (PFP) and the operation of swimming pools.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to give a 1 mill increase over last year's value of 7.1 for the total amount of \$6,077,338.00.

A discussion took place.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The vote for the main motion was as follows:

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

The main motion passed.

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**Fire Service**

Mr. Mizzell moved to fund the fire service budget at \$10,555,752.00.

A discussion took place regarding the fire service request. Mr. Mizzell withdrew his motion.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to defer this item to Third Reading and leave at current rate. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Midlands Technical College**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve at 3.0 mills.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve at the requested amount of \$228,246.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Tuten and Mr. Mizzell opposed. (Mr. Livingston abstained.)

**Library**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to fund at \$13,166,121.00.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion to leave mill value at 12. The motion died for a lack of a second.

The vote for the main motion was unanimous.

**Zoo**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to fund at \$49,457.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Columbia Area Mental Health**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to fund at \$1,174,500.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Section 12 of Budget Ordinance**

A discussion took place.

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A discussion took place regarding the wording of Section 12 of the Budget Ordinance.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to clarify the wording in Section 12 with the following language: "any county-owned property in a Multi-County Industrial Park shall be placed in..." and change "All funds collected through established Multi-County Industrial Park" to "1% from Fairfield." The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to give Second Reading approval to the budget ordinance as amended with the provisos and the notice of amendments on Third Reading.

Mr. Driggers reported that the General Fund would be 3 mills at this point.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**2. SECOND READING OF FY 2003-04 MILLAGE ORDINANCE**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve Second Reading of the Millage Ordinance. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**3. Medicaid Funding Resolution**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adjourn meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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Bernice G. Scott, Chair

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Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair

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Susan Brill

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Doris M. Corley

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Paul Livingston

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Joseph McEachern

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Anthony G. Mizzell

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L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

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Kit Smith

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Thelma M. Tillis

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James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin