

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 4, 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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dorley M. Corley was absent due to sickness in the family.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Pam Davis, Ashley Bloom, Monique Walters, Marsheika Martin, Stephany Snowden, Chris Eversman

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

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Pearce requested to add a report from Sheriff Leon Lott to the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session. He requested for Executive Session to be held right after the adoption of the agenda.

Ms. Michelle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated a personnel item need to be added at the end of the agenda.

Mr. Livingston requested to add the rezoning issue regarding Heath Manning, 03-49MA, to the agenda. The vote was in favor. Ms. Brady opposed.

Mr. Tuten moved, and it was seconded, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Brady moved, and it was seconded, to go into Executive Session to receive a report from Sheriff Leon Lott. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:05 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:23 p.m.**  
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It was moved and seconded to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Report from Sheriff Leon Lott**

This item was received as information.

**Richland 101 Graduation** – Certificates were presented to citizens who participated in the Richland 101 Classes offered by the County.

**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 item 5-b, Acquisition of Property, need to be discussed in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Special Called Meeting – October 21, 2003** – Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Regular Session Meeting – October 21, 2003** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes with the exception of Health Manning & Don Boyd, a rezoning issue, on page five of the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Zoning Public Hearing – October 28, 2003** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** – No report was given at this time.

**REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL** – Ms. Cannon-Finch gave the following report:

**Ms. Marguerite Meetze** – Ms. Corley's mother is in the hospital. Ms. Cannon-Finch will keep Council updated on her condition.

**Urban League** – The Urban League will hold a reception and a dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Seawell's Restaurant.

**Correction to Rules and Appointments Report**

Under the Report of Rules and Appointments, the Richland Memorial Hospital Board has four vacancies and not five as printed.

**OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGSB**

Ms. Scott opened the floor to the following public hearings:

- **Election Commission Ordinance: Transfer of Authority for Blythewood Elections** – No one signed up to speak.
- **Ordinance authorizing a Multi-County Park Agreement between Richland County and American Standard** – Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke of concerns.
- **Administration: Solicitation Ordinance Amendment** – No one signed up to speak.
- **Ordinance authorizing a fee agreement between Richland County and American Italian Pasta Company** – Ms. Bush spoke of concerns.
- **Ordinance authorizing a fee agreement between Richland County and American Standard.**

The floor was closed to the public hearings.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

The following consent items were approved:

- **Election Commission Ordinance: Transfer of Authority for Blythewood Elections** [Third Reading]
- **Ordinance authorizing a Multi-County Park Agreement between Richland County and American Standard** [Third Reading]
- **Administration: Solicitation Ordinance Amendment** [Third Reading]
- **Ordinance authorizing a fee agreement between Richland County and American Italian Pasta Company** [Second Reading]
- **Maximum lot coverage for buildings in RS-1, RS-2, RS-3, RR, RS-1A single family residential increase from 25% to 50%** [Second Reading]
- **Abandonment of Easement near Huggins Avenue**
- **Carolina Water Service Agreement Amendment** [First Reading]
- **Stormwater Drainage System Inventory**
- **Resolution to Appoint Richard C. Devors as a Code Enforcement Officer**

#### **THIRD READING ITEMS**

##### **Administration: Solicitation Ordinance Amendment**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, not to amend the ordinance.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to give this item Third Reading.

A discussion took place.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

**03-49MA, Heath Manning & Don Boyd, M-1 & RS-1 to PUD-1R, Residential subdivision, Wildewood Drive & Leaning Tree Roads**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve this item for Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**SECOND READING ITEMS**

**Ordinance authorizing a fee agreement between Richland County and American Standard**

Mr. Livingston moved and it was seconded to approve this item for Second Reading.

Ms. Smith requested a spreadsheet by Third Reading.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Resolution authorizing an Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement between Richland County and Project Green**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Ordinance authorizing a Multi-County Park Agreement between Richland County and Project Green Apple**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval.

Ms. Smith requested an economic impact report.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resolution approving application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina of its special source revenue bond for Project Jaguar**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of the Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Special Source Revenue Bonds for Project Jaguar**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**CASA: Transferring two FTE's**

Ms. Smith stated the Committee recommended that Council give First Reading approval to two additional positions for CASA at no additional cost to the County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**Notification of Vacancies**

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended advertising for the following vacancies:

**Accommodations Tax Committee-1  
Board of Assessment Appeals -1  
Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council-1  
Midlands Commission on Homelessness-1  
Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees-4**

The committee's recommendation was accepted.

**Notification of Appointments**

**Airport Commission**

Mr. McEachern stated there are three appointments to be made to this commission.

The vote was as follows:

<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Watson</u>	<u>McKay, Jr.</u>	<u>Donahoo, Sr.</u>	<u>Benjamin</u>
0	McEachern	Pearce	Pearce	Pearce
	Tillis	Mizzell	Livingston	Livingston
	Livingston	Brady	Mizzell	Mizzell
	Scott	Scott	Brady	Brady
		Tuten	Tuten	
		Brill	Brill	
		Smith	McEachern	
			Smith	
			Tillis	

The following persons were appointed: Stephen K. Benjamin, Merrill Donahoo, Sr., Raymond E. McKay, Jr.

#### **Board of Assessment Appeals**

Mr. McEachern stated there are two appointments to be made to this board. He stated only application was received and requested to re-advertise for the other position.

Mr. John C. Elkins was appointed to the board.

#### **Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals-1**

Mr. McEachern stated there is one appointment to be made to this board.

Mr. Terry W. Brown was appointed to the board.

#### **Riverbanks Zoo**

Mr. McEachern stated there is one appointment to be made to this board with one application received.

Ms. Tracey S. Waring was appointed to the board.

#### **CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Mr. Sam Trogdon spoke regarding concerns of animal issues.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter and a personnel matter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:19 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:01 p.m.**  
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It was moved and seconded to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Acquisition of Property**

Mr. Livingston moved and it was seconded to authorize Administration to move forward with negotiations on the purchase of the property as discussed in Executive Session and to set a closing date. The vote was in favor. Mr. McEachern opposed.

**Personnel Matter**

This was received as information.

**MOTION PERIOD**

Ms. Brady requested a resolution for Ms. Debra Hamm – S.C. Association School of Administrators District Level Administrator of the Year.

Ms. Brady requested a resolution for Ms. Leslie Wallace Skinner – High School Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Scott requested unanimous consent for a resolution for Bibleway Church of Atlas Road's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Tuten requested unanimous consent for a resolution honoring Mr. David Landholt, Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse Center in Columbia. Mr. Landholt has been diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern placed Council on notice that he may be coming forth with information regarding donations for a 10 year old girl suffering with brain cancer.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:03 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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James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin