

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2004
7:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thelma M. Tillis and Doris M. Corley

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one spoke at this time.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to add a report from the Township Board of Trustees.

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

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated no items were on the agenda needing discussion in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: February 10, 2004 – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Land Development Code Public Hearing: February 10, 2004 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Mr. Melvin Bolton** – On behalf of Council, Ms. Scott presented the Resolution to Mr. Bolton for an act of heroism.
- b. **Officer Curtis Buford** – Ms. Scott announced that the Resolution would be presented at the March 2nd meeting.

PRESENTATION

- a. **EdVenture** – Ms. Catherine Horne briefed Council on the Children’s Museum.
- b. **Township Auditorium** – Ms. Sally Roach, Director, and Ms. Jenny Dalrymple, Chair of Board of Trustees, gave a briefing regarding the Township Auditorium.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Project Jaguar – Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, reported that the company of Project Jaguar will be announcing tomorrow the new company in Columbia. This will take place at Midlands Technical College’s New Center of Excellence off of Powell Road at 1:45 p.m.

Spirit of Award – Mr. McSwain informed Council that United Way has awarded the County the Spirit Award for its participation in fundraising efforts of County employees.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Rescheduled Zoning Public Hearing – Ms. Michelle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, reminded Council of the Zoning Public Hearing on Thursday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. She stated Council members were to bring their January agendas to the meeting; and if they did not have theirs, copies would be available. She proceeded to tell that an additional hand-out would be given to them for the Zoning Public Hearing before they leave.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the following consent items:

- **Budget Ordinance – CASA: Grant and new FTE** [Second Reading]
- **Budget Ordinance – Animal Care** [Second Reading]
- **Budget Ordinance – Neighborhood Planner Position** [Second Reading]
- **SCDOT Easement: Farrow Road** [Second Reading]

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Consideration of abatement for Culpeper Wood and Flint Lake Road Properties

Mr. Livingston stated Council needed to decide whether or not to continue with the abatement. The Committee recommended approval.

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The vote for the committee's recommendation was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

Consideration of abatement for Owen Steel Company, Inc.

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval to continue with the abatement.

The vote for the committee's recommendation was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Mr. Livingston stated he would recommend for the Economic Development Committee to come up with a more detailed policy

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Notifications

Mr. McEachern notified Council of the following vacancies and stated the committee recommended advertisement:

- a. **Employee Grievance – 2**
- b. **Internal Audit Committee -2**
- c. **Planning Commission - 1**

The vote in favor to advertise the vacant positions was unanimous.

Appointments

Accommodation Tax Committee-1

Mr. McEachern stated there is one vacancy with one application received. The Committee recommended appointing Mr. Douglas O'Flaherty. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Board of Zoning and Appeals-2

Mr. McEachern stated there are two vacancies with two applications received. The Committee recommended appointing Ms. Kim Formy Duval and Mr. Napoleon Tolbert, Jr. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Building Code Adjustments and Appeals-1

Mr. McEachern stated there is one vacancy with one application received. The Committee recommended appointing Mr. George R. Little. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Employee Grievance – 3

Mr. McEachern stated there are three vacancies to this committee with one application received. The Committee recommended appointing Mr. Bryan Jeffries and re-advertising the two positions. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Internal Audit Committee – 2

Mr. McEachern stated there are two vacancies to this committee with no applications received. The Committee recommended re-advertising the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

MOTION PERIOD

Calendar for Land Use Development Hearings, Readings and Work Sessions

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to amend the calendar as follows:

- March 16: Public Hearing for citizens who did not get an opportunity to speak at the previous public hearing.
- March 16: First Reading approval
- March 26: Submit Additional Amendments
- March 30: Second Reading approval
- April 6: Third Reading (continuation of Second Reading if necessary)
- April 13: Third Reading if necessary.

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The vote was in favor. Mr. McEachern opposed. The motion died due to the opposition.

Mr. McEachern moved to accept Ms. Smith's motion with the following changes:

April 6: Debates and additional amendments to be submitted
April 13: Third Reading

The motion was not seconded. The motion died.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to reconsider Ms. Smith's motion.

After discussion, Mr. Livingston/Ms. Smith withdrew the reconsideration.

After discussion, Mr. McEachern's recommendation was approved.

After discussion, Ms. Smith's recommendation for additional work session dates were as follows:

Thursday, March 4th: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10th: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:59 p.m.

Bernice G. Scott, Chair

Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair

Susan Brill

Doris M. Corley

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

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James Tuten

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