

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 1, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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; James Tuten

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thelma Tillis was absent due to surgery.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Monique Walters, Ashley Bloom, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Frank Frierson, Carrie Neal, Annette McCullum, Jessica Refo, Michael Criss, Chief Harrell, Marsheika Martin, Edith Caudle, Stephany Snowden

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:09 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Doris M. Corley

PRESENTATIONS

- **Home Ownership Week** - The Community Development Department made a presentation regarding the success story of a new home owner.
- **Richland 101 Graduation** – Citizens who participated in the Richland 101 class received certificates of completion.

CITIZEN'S INPUT - Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke of concerns regarding the approval of a budget ordinance and land development codes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Marsheika Martin, Assistant Clerk of Council, stated Council need to add a First Reading item to the agenda regarding Owens Field GO Bond.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to add Owens Field GO Bond to the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated there were no items on the agenda for Executive Session at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: May 18, 2004 – Ms. Corley moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to reconsider the matter of the Employee Grievance which is found on Page 6 of the agenda. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed to reconsider the item.

It was moved and seconded to add this item to the agenda at the end of the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Smith stated this item will be held in Executive Session.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Budget Public Hearing – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Public Hearing – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL – No report was given at this time.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Ms. Scott opened the floor to the following public hearing items:

- **Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of Pass-thru funds for LRADAC Fiscal Year 2003-2004** – No one signed up to speak at this time.
- **An Ordinance amending Chapter 8, drainage, erosion and sediment control** – No one signed up to speak at this time.

Ms. Scott closed the floor to the public hearing items.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to place the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- **Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of Pass-thru funds for LRADAC Fiscal Year 2003-2004 [Third Reading]**
- **04-45MA, Rhett Jacobs, D-1 to C-3, Commercial Use, 25807-01, 02, Spears Creek Church Road, near Two Notch Road [Second Reading]**
- **04-50MA, R.E. Stations, RU to C-3, Gas Station, 14900-03-03, Wilson Boulevard North of I-77 [Second Reading]**
- **04-51MA, Gregg Douglas, RU to RS-3, Residential Subdivision, 14800-04-24, Summer Pines Drive east of Wilson Blvd [Second Reading]**
- **04-53MA, Charleston Estates of Columbia N.E., RU to RS-1, Residential Subdivision, 20281-01-41-42, 4037 Hard Scrabble Road [Second Reading]**
- **2004 Road Resurfacing Project**
- **Resurfacing of County-Owned Parking Lots**
- **Purchase of Rubber Tire Backhoe**
- **Purchase of Excavator**
- **Administration: Pawnshop Ordinance Amendment**
- **Community Development: Impediments to Fair Housing Study**
- **Coroner's Office: Body Removal and Transport Services**
- **Coroner's Office: Contract Renewal for Autopsy Services**

THIRD READING ITEMS

An Ordinance amending Chapter 8, drainage, erosion and sediment control

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

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Northeast Transportation Study

Mr. McSwain stated this is a plan to study traffic as it currently exists.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item to a Work Session. The vote was in favor.

There was a request for a show of hands.

In favor
Pearce
Livingston
Corley
Scott
Smith
Tuten
Brady

Oppose
McEachern
Brill

The motion passed.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Budget Amendment: Detention Center **Budget Amendment: Sheriff's Department**

Ms. Smith stated these items were forwarded without a recommendation.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give First Reading to a budget amendment, amending the FY 04/05 budget in the total amount of \$1,219,165.44 which includes \$816,010.00 for the Sheriff's Department and \$403,155.44 for the Detention Center and these deficits are to be covered from funds that will be taken from the General Fund budget where surplus monies are realized at the discretion of the County Administrator.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Smith requested that the following be added to the motion: "that Council will have numbers on the projected end-of-the-year fund balance for this year and the tax anticipation notes that will be required July 1".

The discussion continued.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to defer this item to the meeting on June 10th and to hold a meeting one hour prior to the Second Reading of the budget to continue discussions on this issue.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to have a 30-day hiring freeze in Richland County and no unnecessary traveling.

After discussions, Ms. Smith withdrew her motion.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – Authorizing construction of improvements at the Downtown Owens Field Airport by issuing General Obligation Bonds and to authorize the reimbursement of certain expenditures prior to the issuance of the bonds – Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

FIRST READING – BY TITLE ONLY

Owens Field General Obligation Bonds – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give First Reading approval to this item by title only. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Notification of Vacancies

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

- **Accommodations Tax Committee-1**
- **Internal Audit Committee-1**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Notification of Appointments

Employee Grievance Committee-1

Mr. McEachern stated there is one vacancy on this committee with two applications received: Ms. Jessica Refo and Ms. KeithAnn Simms.

Ms. Scott carried the vote as follows:

<u>Simms</u>	<u>Refo</u>
Brady	Pearce
Smith	Livingston
	Brill
	McEachern
	Tuten
	Mizzell
	Corley
	Scott

Ms. Refo was appointed to the Committee.

Internal Audit Committee-1

Mr. McEachern stated there is one vacancy on this committee with no applications received. This item will be re-advertised.

Mr. Mizzell requested for staff to go to a CPA Convention in Columbia for recruitment for this committee.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matter

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to go into Executive Session to discuss this issue. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:36 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:56 p.m.
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Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Corley moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to uphold Council's original decision. The vote was in favor.

MOTION PERIOD

Mr. Mizzell requested the Administrator to report back at the next Regular Session Council Meeting on the timeline and legal requirements as to the Council placing a local option sales tax on the ballots in November and in the meantime he will be working on an ordinance to submit to Council for consideration.

Mr. Pearce requested to direct the County Administrator to prepare an interim report on Time Warner's Franchise Agreement. He requested an accounting of expenditures that is being spent on the consultants and the status. Mr. Pearce requested this information within the next month.

Ms. Scott requested for discussions regarding Mr. Jim Hamilton's contract to be discussed at the June 10th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin