

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 21, 2004
5:00 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

ABSENT – Doris M. Corley

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Michael Criss, Tony Mizzell, Milton Pope, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Ashley Bloom, Chief Harrell, Stephany Snowden, Edith Caudle, Kendall Johnson, John Cloyd, Marsheika Martin, Anna Almeida

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable James Tuten.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Senator Kay Patterson spoke regarding a concern with the Pine Grove AME Church and requested a special exception.

Ms. Scott directed staff to get information together as quickly as possible in order to bring the matter before the Planning Commission and County Council.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Scott thanked everyone for their prayers, cards and flowers since the accident.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Ms. Michelle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, requested Council to allow a representative from Ingenuity SC to make a presentation to Council.

PRESENTATION – Mr. Neal McLain, Executive Director of Ingenuity SC, gave an update of accomplishments made by Ingenuity SC and what is to be expected for the upcoming year.

Ms. Finch stated the public hearing item, "An Ordinance authorizing General Obligation Bonds For Owens Field Airport", need to be taken up at 6:00 p.m. as this was the time that it was advertised for a public hearing.

Mr. McSwain stated a Property Acquisition need to be added to the agenda and discussed in Executive Session.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the agenda as amended and place the Executive Session item after Citizen's Input at the end of the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the only item on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session is item-7, a Contractual Matter regarding a Land Acquisition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: July 13, 2004 – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

LDC Public Hearing: July 13, 2004 – Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Richland 101 for Kids – Mr. McSwain reminded Council of the activity to take place on Thursday, July 22nd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. He reported approximately 138 children along with their parents will be attending.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve the following item for the Consent Agenda:

- **An Ordinance authorizing a one-year postponement of the implementation of revised values resulting from the equalization program (reassessment) [Third Reading]**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

An Ordinance authorizing a referendum on the question of the adoption of a local option sales tax

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

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Neighborhood Redevelopment Fund

Mr. Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief update.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to use \$200,000.00 to develop at least five neighborhood master plans and training for those communities; \$45,000.00 for the Neighborhood Planner; \$140,000.00 for the Neighborhood Improvement Fund. Those neighborhoods that are selected for master plans would not have the priority over the neighborhood improvement fund. The five neighborhoods recommended would be the Ridgewood Neighborhood Community, the Greater St. Andreas area, The Congaree National Park, The Lower Richland Blvd/Garners Ferry area and the Dutch Forth/Kennerly Road areas.

Discussions took place on the process of selecting neighborhoods.

Mr. Livingston noted that different neighborhoods would be chosen every year.

Ms. Brady requested an amendment to Mr. Livingston's motion to add the Decker corridor.

Discussions continued.

Ms. Brill stated if additional neighborhoods are going to be added to please add Candlewood.

Ms. Tillis made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Brady, to send this item back to staff with their recommendations for the areas that are needed.

Ms. Smith requested for Ms. Tillis to accept a friendly amendment that while staff identifies the neighborhoods, Council allocates \$20,000.00 and move forward with the plan for countywide neighborhood training and authorize a RFQ for neighborhood planning consultants so a list can be developed that the neighborhoods could work with. Ms. Tillis/Ms. Brady accepted the amendment.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

In favor

Pearce

Brady

Tuten

Brill

McEachern

Smith

Tillis

Oppose

Livingston

Mizzell

Scott

The motion passed.

Ms. Scott wanted the record to reflect that the persons making all of the fuss will not be here next year.

APPROVAL OF COPS in Schools 2004 Grant Program (to provide three school resource officers, one in each district, and to be coordinated within the Sheriff's Department)

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the grant dependant upon a memorandum of understanding or other document with the respective school and Sheriff Department pick up money at the end of grant period. The vote in favor was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – A Resolution to appoint and commission Marquis L. Gantt as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general Welfare and convenience of Richland County

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approving the following items:

- **An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement between Richland County and Project Prosperity [First Reading]**
- **An Inducement Resolution authorizing an FILOT agreement between Richland County and Project Prosperity**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

Contract Matter – Township Auditorium

It was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:20 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:00 p.m.
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It was moved and seconded to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

This item was received as information.

MOTION PERIOD

Mr. Pearce requested an update on the Farmer's Market status. Ms. Smith gave a brief update.

Mr. McEachern questioned whether or not staff was clear on the directions given to them regarding Pine Grove AME Church.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 p.m.

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The minutes were taken by Marsheika G. Martin