

# MINUTES OF



## RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION APRIL 19, 2005 6:00 P.M.

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Anthony G. Mizzell
Vice-Chair	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Joseph McEachern
Member	Mike Montgomery
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Doris M. Corley
Member	Kit Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ashley Bloom, Stephany Snowden, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Anna Almeida, Michael Criss, Susan Britt, Marsheika Martin

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:07 p.m.

### INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Mike Montgomery.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. McEachern requested for the presentation of two resolutions for Keenan High and Joseph Keels Elementary Schools to be added after the Adoption of The Agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of Council, Mr. McEachern, Mr. Jeter and Mr. Mizzell presented the following schools with resolutions for being named one of Palmetto's Finest:

**Joseph Keels Elementary School** – Ms. Audrey Radford, Principal, thanked Council on behalf of the school.

**WJ Keenan High School** – Dr. Steve Wilson, Principal, thanked Council on behalf of the school.

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Session – April 5, 2005** – Ms. Scott requested to go into Executive Session to receive a briefing on the Solid Waste issue on Page 9 of the agenda.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to move the Approval of the Minutes to the end of the agenda before the Motion Period. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the only item which needed to be held in Executive Session for discussion would be the Solid Waste Management Plan.

## REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, gave the following report:

**Neighborhood Conference** – Mr. McSwain stated the neighborhood conference was a success. He stated approximately 120 to 150 people were in attendance. Mr. McSwain and Council thanked staff for a job well done in putting the conference together.

**Bonds** – Mr. McSwain stated \$2.6 million bonds were sold for the Bay Road Facility and the Sheriff vehicles to First Trion Securities had the lowest bid. He stated it was a four-year payback.

## REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, gave the following report:

**Invitation from the City of Columbia** – Mayor Bob Coble will be honoring the troops in Finlay Park and Council is invited. She stated the date and time will be placed on Council's calendar.

**Columbia International Gala** – An invitation was sent to Council offering two complimentary tickets to the gala which will be held Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center, First Presbyterian Church, 1422 Washington Street. Mayor Bob Coble will be the speaker. A headcount is needed for Council members who plan on attending.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the following items for the Consent Agenda

- **05-41MA, V.W. Cate c/o Leah Browder, RS-1 to C-1 (1.08 acres), Financial Planning Office, 07303-02-02, 121 Arrowwood Drive, south of Bush River Road [Third Reading]**
- **05-46MA, Pioneer Land Co. LP, D-1 to C-3 (1.21), Commercial, 25808-03-03, Hwy. 1, north of Spears Creek Church Road [Third Reading]**
- **05-47MA, Michael Morrisson, RU to C-3 (1.35 acres), Framing & Art Gallery, 15000-02-15, Wilson Boulevard (Hwy 21) [Third Reading]**
- **05-49MA, Walgreens/Gene Dinkins, RU to C-3 (3.42 acres), Commercial, 2415-03-01/02, Hwy 76 & Hwy 6, Ballentine [Third Reading]**
- **Facilities and Grounds Maintenance: Ordinance to authorize utility easement at Columbia Owens downtown Airport [Second Reading]**
- **Legal Department: Budget Request (Ordinance Amendment) [Second Reading]**
- **An Ordinance consenting to an assignment of the rights and obligations of American Italian Pasta Company under an inducement Agreement, a lease agreement, a bond, and a fee agreement between Richland County and American Italian Pasta Company [Second Reading]**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

## SECOND READING ITEM

### Sheriff's Department: Holiday Pay

Ms. Smith requested a report from staff on the impact this will have on EMS.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to defer to the next meeting pending a report from staff on the impact of Council's action on EMS.

After requests for discussion, Ms. Smith held her motion.

A discussion took place regarding why the item has to have three readings.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to give this item Second Reading approval and requested clarification on whether or not this item needed three readings. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Citizen's Input** – No one signed up to speak at this time.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM**

#### **Solid Waste Management Plan – legal advice on a contractual matter**

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 6:39 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:50 p.m.**  
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It was moved and seconded to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Mizzell stated Council went into executive session to receive legal advice. This item was received for information.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **Regular Session – April 5, 2005**

Mr. Pearce noted that Ms. Dickerson did the Invocation at the last meeting and not Mr. Jeter.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the minutes as amended.

Mr. McEachern made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to reconsider the minutes in reference to the Solid Waste Management Plan that was voted on at the last regular session meeting. The vote was not in favor.

Mr. Montgomery made the following correction: On Page 7 of the agenda under Third Reading Items: Conservation Easements Policy, change "*the prospect of*" to "*the process is*" revenue neutral.

The vote in favor of the main motion was unanimous.

### **MOTION PERIOD**

**Personnel Budget** - Mr. McEachern directed staff to report specific information on personnel salaries during the budget process.

Ms. Smith raised a point of order regarding Mr. McEachern's request during the Motion Period.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to forward discussions regarding detailed information on personnel salaries during the budget process to the Administration and Finance Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resolution: USC Athletic Department** – Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to prepare a resolution recognizing Mike McGee, Kerry Tharp and Chris Massaro for their years of service. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resolution: Lou Holtz** – Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to prepare a resolution recognizing Lou Holtz for his community service to Richland County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resolution: USC Basketball Team** – Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to prepare a resolution recognizing the USC Basketball Team for being NIT Champions. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Reception for members of the USC Athletic Department** – Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward to the Administration & Finance Committee discussion regarding holding a reception for Mike McGee, Kerry Tharp and Chris Massaro.

**Resolution: Dr. Epps** – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to prepare a resolution for Dr. Epps for his longstanding service with Richland School District One. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded to adjourn at approximately 7:04 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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