

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 17, 2005
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony G. Mizzell, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce Jr., Vice-Chair; Jr.; Mike Montgomery, Paul Livingston; Joe McEachern, Val Hutchinson, Bernice G. Scott; Damon Jeter; Kit Smith; Joyce Dickerson

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joseph McEachern.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. McEachern asked for the Boy Scouts in audience to come and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION – Mr. Dave Zunker: Convention & Visitor’s Bureau – Mr. Zunker, Vice-President of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, thanked Council for their continued support and gave a report of the progress in the metropolitan area.

Council members were given a bag full of goodies and a packet of information.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Mizzell requested to move the Adoption of the Agenda before the next presentation in order to add the presentation of resolutions. There were no objections.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to add resolutions honoring students in her district. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to add a Personnel Matter to the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session at the end of the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION – Honoring Public Works Week - On behalf of Council, Ms. Scott presented the proclamation to the Public Works Department.

Mr. Chris Eversman, Director, thanked Council for their support and he thanked the Public Works staff for their hard work. Mr. Eversman invited Council to attend a reception on Thursday, May 19th.

RESOLUTION - Honoring High School Students from Ridgeview and Columbia High Schools.

On behalf of Council, Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Hutchinson presented resolutions to Ms. Kara Kopf and Allison Matthews from Ridgeview High School and Ms. Julia Peay (Mr. Rogers accepted on her behalf) and Ms. Donvie'r LaBrew from Columbia High School.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one spoke at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Zoning Public Hearing – April 26, 2005 - Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Regular Session – May 3, 2005 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Smith stated the following three items need to be discussed in executive session:

- **Purchase of Property – EMS (proposed contract – terms of agreement)**
- **Employee Grievance – if any questions**
- **Personnel Matter**

Mr. McEachern stated he had a question about the employee grievance item.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

No report given at this time.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Central Midlands Council of Governments - On May 26th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a First Central Midlands Regional Leadership Award Dinner at the Columbia Convention Center. She stated Mr. Butch Spires will be honored during the dinner.

Ms. Finch reminded Council of Second Reading of the budget which is scheduled on the 26th at 6:00 p.m.

A discussion took place regarding the schedule conflict.

Mr. Mizzell stated a motion could be made during Motion Period to amend the date and/or time of Second Reading of the budget.

Mr. David Adams, Treasurer – Mr. Adams is the proud father of a baby boy weighing in at 6 lbs and 8 oz.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

No items at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the following consent items:

- **05-42MA, Charles Warrington, RU to C-3, Retail Sales and Office Space, 15000-04-01/02 & 17700-01-12(p), Intersection of Wilson Blvd & Farrow Road [Third Reading]**
- **05-40MA, Agnew Lake Services c/o Gerald Steele, RU to PDD Office Space, Retail, Storage, Repair 02407-01-37(p) Intersection of Shadowood Dr. and Dutch Fork [Third Reading]**
- **05-53MA, Albert Ray Smoot, RS-1 to RU, Single family residence, 03400-01-14(p), Intersection of Shady Grove & Old Tamah [Third Reading]**
- **05-54MA, Gloria Bulluck, D-1 to C-3, Commercial use, 05000-04-32/33/34, 7131 Broad River Road near Kennerly Road [Third Reading]**
- **05-57MA, Stadium Village Lofts c/o Boyce Haigler, M-2 to C-3, Residential condominiums, 11206-04-02/03, 1046 & 1047 Berea Road near USC [Third Reading]**
- **Treasurer's Office Budget Ordinance authorizing new full-time position request [Second Reading]**
- **Ordinance authorizing the funding of a site for a new Farmer's Market through the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000, Richland County [Second Reading]**
- **Approval of Resolution: Resolution to appoint and commission James H. Massey as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Proper Security, General Welfare and Convenience of Richland County**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

05-45MA, Walter Taylor & Co. c/o Bill Theus, PUD-1C/RU to PUD-1R, Multi and single family residential with commercial and industrial uses, 14800-02-02/22/23, 14900-04-01, Intersection of I-77 & Wilson Blvd (Hwy 21)

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the rezoning item for Third Reading approval.

A discussion took place.

The vote was in favor.

05-58MA, Gentry Development, LLC c/o Donald E. Lovett, C-1/RU to C-3 General Retail Space/Shopping Center, 17400-06-01/02/03/04/05/06/07/08/09/11/12/13

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve for Third Reading approval. The vote was in favor.

SECOND READING ITEM

05-52MA, NKD, Inc. River Shoals, TMS 04300-04-10 O'Sheal Rd, RU to PUD-1R

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the rezoning request for Second Reading approval.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to defer Second Reading until after the recommendation is received from the Planning Commission.

The vote was as follows:

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Smith	Montgomery
Corley	McEachern
Mizzell	Pearce
Dickerson	Livingston
Hutchinson	Scott
Jeter	

The motion to defer passed.

Purchase of Property – EMS - Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to move this item to the end of the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Official Approval of Change of Date for Budget Public Hearing to May 19, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to approve. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Blythewood Intergovernmental Agreement

Mr. Jeter stated the item was deferred from the May 3rd meeting; and after speaking with Ms. Dickerson, he stated that staff had provided her with information that she would like to review.

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to defer this item until Ms. Dickerson has time to review the information received. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Employee Grievance - This item was moved to the end of the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – Mr. Bobby Blackwell spoke regarding high taxes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Employee Grievance

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston/Ms. Corley, to uphold the Administrator's recommendation. The vote in favor unanimous.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:03 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:12 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.

Purchase of Property – EMS

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the purchase as recommended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Personnel Matter

Ms. Smith stated the Council is charged with the responsibility of evaluating the Administrator and the Clerk of Council on an annual basis. She stated the process was discussed in Executive Session.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to direct Mr. Pearce to continue working on the process and periodically report back to Council and will initiate that process July 1st after the budget. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

Resolution for Deputy Keith Cannon

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to prepare a resolution for the late Deputy Keith Cannon. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Resolution for Brigadier General Larry Knightner

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, recognizing Brigadier General Larry Knightner on his promotion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Management Audit Letter

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to refer the Management Audit Letter on the Administration and Finance Committee's agenda next week for discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Second Reading of the Budget

Mr. Livingston stated he was concerned about trying to attend the function on the 26th during Second Reading of the budget.

A discussion took place regarding changing the date and/or time of Second Reading of the budget.

Mr. Livingston moved to reschedule Second Reading of the budget for May 31st at 6:00 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Letter to Legislative Delegation

Mr. Mizzell stated a member of the legislative delegation contacted him about Council's regarding the legislative issue and authority with the Recreation Commission. He stated they are looking for a letter from Council regarding making the Recreation Commission an agency of the County or do the County just want authority to appoint the Commission members and leave the Commission as its' own millage agency. He stated the process needs to get started.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to forward a letter allowing the County to appoint the Commissioners.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell stated the letter would state that the County Council supports the Recreation Commission remaining a millage agency as it is now and the authority for appointing the Recreation Commission members would come to County Council.

Ms. Smith suggested the following: "This would not preclude consolidation or further changes in the future."

The vote in favor was unanimous of Mr. Mizzell forwarding the letter.

Ms. Scott requested a copy of the letter to all Council members before it goes out.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Anthony G. Mizzell, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr. Vice-Chair

Doris M. Corley

Joyce Dickerson

Valerie Hutchinson

Damon Jeter

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

Mike Montgomery

Bernice G. Scott

Kit Smith

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