

**MINUTES OF**



**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2005  
4:00 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	Kit Smith
Member	Doris M. Corley

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Daniel Driggers, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ashley Bloom, Chief Harrell, Angie McInchok, Jennifer Bennett, Joe Cronin, Marsheika Martin, Michael Criss, Carrie Neal

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:05 P.M.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Joseph McEachern.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak at this time.

### **Recreation Commission**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to appropriate the designation of \$73,000 for after-school programs. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **Project Pet**

Ms. Scott moved that if things do not proceed with the City/County negotiations regarding the Animal Care situation, the County Administration is directed to bring back a bond by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Dickerson seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell stated the motion is not a budget amendment and does not affect the general fund budget. He stated this is only a proviso in the budget.

The motion passed.

### **Council Services Travel**

Ms. Smith stated this motion was an amount of money would be set aside and Council members' could apply on the same mileage rate as State Employees by submitting until the money is exhausted and no more funds available.

Ms. Smith stated this item needs to go to the Rules Committee for review after staff has drafted it.

### **Facilities & Grounds – Marion Street-provide lease agreement for facility and payment calculation**

No motion was made.

### **Adjust Workman's Compensation – budget amendment of \$200,937**

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve.

Mr. Pearce offered an amendment to the motion to approve and direct the County Administrator to come back with recommendations no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> on ways to adjust workman's compensation's spiraling costs. Mr. Montgomery accepted amendment. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **Dentsville Magistrate - add Criminal Law Clerk Position (\$32,152)**

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve to add a Criminal Law Clerk position. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Master in Equity – add one administrative assistant position (\$29,804)**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to add a position of an Administrative Assistant. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Outside Agency Funding – fund Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties @ \$20,000 with funds to be identified by the Administrator within existing budget**

Ms. Smith moved to find \$20,000 out of existing funds and allocate to the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties. Mr. McEachern seconded.

Ms. Scott made a substitute motion, to give the Cultural Council \$50,000. Mr. Jeter seconded.

After a voice vote, the vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Corley	
Dickerson	
Scott	
Jeter	

The motion failed.

The vote for the main motion was unanimous.

**Victim’s Assistance – Funding allocation for \$585,000**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the spread of the money.

A discussion took place.

A vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**Hospitality Tax - Woodrow Wilson House Roof (\$100,000)**

Mr. Pearce moved to borrow \$100,000 from the encumbered money from the hospitality tax fund that was set aside for promotion of the Farmer’s Market contingent upon the Legal Department giving a clear sense that a bond would be issued for the property even though the County does not currently hold the deed and present to the administration staff person for review any work to be done on the roof in order for Council to know what is going on. Ms. Scott seconded.

Ms Smith recommended for the money to come from the un-encumbered fund balance of the hospitality tax. Mr. Pearce accepted the amendment.

After discussion, Mr. Livingston offered an amendment for the language to reflect *up to \$135,000 from the un-encumbered fund balance of the hospitality tax* to be based on what it is and what is required once the exact cost is determined. Mr. Pearce accepted the amendment.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Richland School District One**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the school district's budget at their full request.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott called for the question, seconded by Ms. Dickerson. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**Park & Recreation**

Ms. Scott moved to fully fund the Recreation Commission at \$8,627,478. Mr. Jeter seconded.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion to add to the Second Reading approval at 1 mill post reassessment for a total of \$7,880,000. Mr. Pearce seconded.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The vote for the original motion was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

### **Coroner's Office**

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to add one administrative assistant position (\$ 31,304).

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion to provide the position and eliminate the request for a new automobile. Mr. Montgomery seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

The vote was in favor of the main motion.

### **Odyssey Golf Tournament**

Ms. Dickerson moved to add \$5,000 to the Accommodation Tax, moving out the Odyssey Golf Tournament over to the Hospitality Tax and add \$5,000 for the Junior Diabetes Research Funds from the Discretionary Tax. Ms. Scott seconded.

After discussion, the vote was in favor.

### **Detention Center**

Mr. McEachern moved to reduce the proposal for expansion of the jail by \$120,000. Ms. Corley seconded.

The vote was in favor.

**Eliminate the Coroner's request for car** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to eliminate the request for a car. The motion failed.

### **Building Permit-Fee Increase**

Ms. Hutchinson moved for structures over 2500 square feet to be charged \$70 and homes under 2500 square feet will be charged \$55. Ms. Scott seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mr. Jeter recognized all elected officials in the audience.

Mr. Driggers reported on the changes in the pre-reassessment and post-reassessment numbers.

**2005/2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to approve the budget ordinance as amended. The vote was in favor. (Ms. Smith requested to be recorded in the minutes as “no”.)

Council thanked staff for a job well done.

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

**MOTION PERIOD**

**Reconsideration of the 2005/2006 Budget Ordinance**

Mr. McSwain requested for Council to reconsider the motion on the budget in order for the Budget Director to finalize the budget and print out.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to reconsider the budget. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the budget as amended. The vote was in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:16 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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