

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
JULY 27, 2004
Immediately following
Administration and Finance
Committee Meetings**

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, Thelma Tillis

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald,
Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Michael Criss, Pam Davis,
Roxanne Matthews, Ashley Bloom, Marsheika Martin

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable James Tuten

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the agenda and add items from the Development and Services and Administration and Finance Committees. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the Township Auditorium Land Purchase need to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. McEachern stated the First Reading item (An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Zoning) may need to be discussed in executive session as well.

Mr. Smith stated if there were any questions regarding the Employee Grievance; it would need to be discussed as well.

CITIZEN'S INPUT- Mr. Adam Ruffin spoke to item 4.a. (Crossfield Road Speed Humps).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Session – July 21st – Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to reconsider COPS in School Grant Program on Page 4 of the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to move COPS in School Grants Program to the Motion Period and approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Employee Grievance – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to uphold the Administrator’s decision on the employee grievance. The vote was in favor.

Richland 101 for Kids – Mr. McSwain stated this event was a tremendous success with many children and parents participating. He commended the Public Information Office on a job well done with organizing the event. He also commended Eric Finch for a job well done as the moderator.

Mr. Pearce wanted the minutes to reflect with unanimous consent in commending Ms. Snowden and the staff and also young Eric for his role. He requested for the Chair to draft a letter to Eric to thank him personally.

Ms. Scott requested a resolution be drafted for Eric Finch. It was unanimous to draft the resolution.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

SCAC 37th Annual Conference – Ms. Cannon-Finch requested for Council to keep packets that were placed on their desks with them at all times while in Hilton Head.

Consent Agenda – Council was informed of the consent items from the D&S and A&F Committees.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS – No items at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

It was moved and seconded to approve the following consent items:

- **Crossfield Road Speed Humps** (items was approved and called for a moratorium on any future speed humps until such times as a policy and funding source was developed and to hold a Work Session)
- **Engineering Services: Paving Program – North Contract**
- **Engineering Services: Paving Program – South Contract**
- **C&D Landfill Improvements**
- **Hobart Road Project**

- **Mideast Road Paving, Aster Street Connector, and Jenkins Brothers Road Intersection Improvements**
- **NPDES Permit Renewal and Stormwater Management Ordinance Review**
- **Richland County Solid Waste Management Plan Update** (moved to a Work Session in September)
- **Ordinance Authorizing Deed to the City of Columbia for waterlines on Blue Cross and Blue Shield's property** [First Reading]
- **An Ordinance to create a New Position in the Treasurer's Office** [First Reading]
- **Solicitor's Office: Worthless Check Program**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

SECOND READING ITEM

Bond Ordinance for land purchase for the Township Auditorium – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Animal Control Ordinance Amendments– Ms. Brill stated the Committee received this item for information and the item will be taken during the September Committee meeting.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Internal Audit Committee Ordinance – Ms. Smith stated the Committee received this as information. The Committee was informed by staff that the Internal Audit Committee does not require a CPA and staff was directed to contact applicants who had already applied (and turned down because they were not CPAs) to see if they are still interested and to bring back to the Committee.

Lease Agreement for C.R. Neal School Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to give First Reading approval by title only to the lease agreement. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- **An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Zoning; Article 8, regulations of signs; sections 26-98,**

- signs not subject to control; subsection 26-98.7; so as to increase the size of bulletin signs to 48 square feet
- **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – Resolution authorizing land purchase (Township Auditorium)**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:30 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:57 p.m.
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It was moved and seconded to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – Resolution authorizing land purchase (Township Auditorium)

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the Resolution as distributed and discussed in Executive Session and authorize the Administrator to continue negotiations in purchase of property on behalf of the Township Auditorium and present the information to the City Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Ms. Smith moved and it was seconded to forward the proposed text amendment of the zoning code to the Planning Commission regarding the size of church signs for their study and recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION PERIOD

Mr. McEachern requested the structure of the Development Corporation be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

COPS in School Grant Program

A discussion took place regarding matching funds. Chief Harrell gave a brief report.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding from the Sheriff, as well as allowing Sheriff Lott to continue negotiations. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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