

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
OCTOBER 16, 2001  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kit Smith, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; Joan B. Brady; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Joseph McEachern; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; Anthony Mizzell; Bernice G. Scott; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Criss, Ashley Jacobs, Pam Davis, Ash Miller, Tony McDonald, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Marsheika Martin, Milton Pope, Lloyce Nelson, Amelia Linder, Mike Byrd, T. Cary McSwain, Carrie Tolley, Larry Smith, Stephany Snowden, Monique Walters

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RICHLAND 101 GRADUATION**

On behalf of Richland County Council, Mr. McSwain presented certificates to citizens of Richland County who successfully completed Richland 101.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Smith informed Council of the following items, which need to be added to the agenda:

- Grievance Report – to be discussed in Executive Session Item
- Animal Control Ordinance: Spay and Neuter Policy – add during Motion Period
- Budget Amendment: Animal Control Expenditure – add during Motion Period.

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

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak at this time.

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**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE  
SESSION MATTERS**

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated Ms. Scott's personnel matter and the grievance items (if there are any questions) need to be discussed in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Zoning Public Hearing: September 25, 2001  
Regular Session: October 2, 2001**

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

There was no report given at this time.

**OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Ms. Smith opened the floor to the following public hearings:

- Ordinance: Fee Agreement for SYSCO – no one signed up to speak.
- Multi-County Industrial Park Expansion for SYSCO – No one signed up to speak.
- Ordinance: Multi-County Industrial Park Expansion for Verizon – No one signed up to speak.

Ms. Smith closed the public hearings.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

The following items were approved for the Consent Agenda:

- 02-13MA, Stewart Mungo, From RU to PUD-1, 02600-05-32, 34 (P) and 49, Broad River Road [Third Reading]
- 02-014MA, Greg Lehman, P.W. Tracts, From RU to PDD, 02415-02-02(P), Dutch Fork Road [Third Reading]
- 02-016MA, Donald Melton, J.P. Rogers, From RU to RS-1, 02600-04-28, 11214 Broad River Road [Third Reading]
- Ordinance: Fee Agreement for SYSCO [Third Reading]
- Multi-County Industrial Park Expansion for SYSCO [Third Reading]
- Ordinance: Multi-County Industrial Park Expansion for Verizon [Third Reading]
- Quitclaim Deed: 632 Kentucky Street [Second Reading]
- Quitclaim Deed: Peyton Street [Second Reading]

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- Ordinance Amendment: Landfills & Composting Facilities [Second Reading]
- Legal: Ordinance Amendment: Discharge of Firearms [Second Reading]

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**2. SECOND READING ITEMS**

**a. Ordinance Amendment: Road Closings**

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve an ordinance, which provide for abandoning or closing roads and other right-of-ways, and abandoning maintenance. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**3. FIRST READING ITEMS**

Ms. Smith stated Council has voted on the First Reading items in concept in the past upon recommendation by the Economic Development Committee.

**a. Ordinance: Fee Agreement for ALD**

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to give First Reading approval to an ordinance, which provide for payment of a fee in lieu of taxes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**b. Ordinance: Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement for ALD**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give First Reading approval to an ordinance authorizing an agreement for designation of Phase XXIV of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park in order to include property in such joint county industrial park. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**c. Ordinance: Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement for Virtual Growth**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give First Reading approval to an ordinance authorizing an agreement for designation of Phase XXV (Virtual Growth Company, Inc.). The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**4. REPORT OF RULES AND APPONTMENTS  
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Livingston notified Council of the following vacancies on boards:

- **a. Building Board of Adjustments and Appeal – six vacancies**
- **b. Employee Grievance Committee – two vacancies**
- **c. Performing Arts Center Board – three vacancies**
- d. Notification of appointments to the Midlands Workforce Development Board – 5**

Mr. Livingston stated this board in the past had recommended individuals to Council for consideration.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to approve the following nominations:

- Ms. Jerelyn Boysia
- Mr. Lamar Brabham
- Ms. Donna R. Brown
- Mr. Thomas Parker Davis, III
- Mr. Archie G. Maddox, Jr.,

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**5. Increase in Garbage Fees – Request by Council members Brill, Pearce & Smith**

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to delete this item from the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**6. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Smith – requested to Council to give First Reading approval by Title Only to two ordinances: Spay and Neuter Ordinance and Budget Amendment: Animal Control Expenditure. She stated these items would be forwarded to the Development and Services Committee.

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern/Ms. Scott, to give first reading approval to the above ordinances and refer to the Development and Services Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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- Meetze – spoke of how the County spearheaded a training program on terrorism in Virginia. He requested to hold a follow-up meeting.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to instruct Mr. McSwain and Mr. Mike Byrd to schedule a follow-up meeting to include all law enforcement, emergency services, all municipalities in the area and representatives of the school districts and others who might need to be there and instructed Mr. McSwain and Mr. Byrd to set up a press conference informing citizens of the County's concern. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- Ms. Brady advised Council to meet with Brenda Carter in the Planning Department before Friday to draw individual districts.
- Ms. Scott stated the Congaree Swamp is having a dedication on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- Mr. McSwain reminded council of a public forum hosted by Mr. Pearce and Ms. Brady at the Forest Acres Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Brill invited Council to a community meeting regarding the local option sales tax which is scheduled for Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**7. CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak at this time.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to go into Executive Session to discuss two personnel items, a request from Ms. Scott and a Grievance Report. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:38 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:55 p.m.**

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Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith stated two items were taken up in Executive Session. She requested a motion to add to the agenda a second grievance issue from EMS. She stated this issue was not discussed in Executive Session.

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Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to add the EMS grievance to the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Personnel Matters: Grievances from EMS and The Detention Center**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to uphold the Administrator's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Personnel Matter: Ms. Scott's issue**

Ms. Smith stated no action was taken. The Administrator was asked to investigate and bring a report back to Council.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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Marsheika G. Martin transcribed the minutes.