

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

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

ABSENT: Kit Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Ashley Jacobs, Monique Walters, Larry Smith, Carrie Tolley, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Pam Davis, Ash Miller, Jocelyn Jennings, Andy Metts, Michael Criss, Chief Harrell, Ralph Pearson, Pat Bresnahan, Stephany Snowden, Rebecca Cox, Chris Eversman

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable James Tuten.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Pearce welcomed members of the Boys Scouts to the meeting. He stated the scouts are working on a communication merit badge.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Pearce noted the following changes to the agenda:

- Remove the presentation from the Historic Columbia Foundation
- Add a Presentation from the Columbia EMSA HIV/AIDS Housing Plan
- Item 4-a (Providence Hospital: JEDA Loan) requires a Public Hearing
- Item 2-e (02-18MA, zoning issue) is not a consent item

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, requested for the issue regarding the redistricting map be added to the agenda and given first reading approval by title only in order for this to be received by the Justice Department in a timely manner.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to add this item to the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION – Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 11-17, 2001 – Councilman Pearce

Mr. Pearce read the proclamation.

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PRESENTATION – Columbia EMSA HIV/AIDS Housing Plan

Ms. Amy Davidson with AIDS Housing of Washington updated Council on the plan.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

The following persons spoke at this time:

- Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke in opposition of a zoning issue (02-18MA).
- Mr. Charles Alford spoke in support of a zoning issue (02-18MA).
- Mr. Chris Crowley spoke in opposition of a zoning issue (02-18MA).
- Mr. David Baughman spoke in opposition of a zoning issue (02-18MA).
- Mr. Murry Cleeper spoke in opposition of a zoning issue (02-18MA).

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Smith stated the following items need to be discussed in Executive Session:

- Land Purchase for Fire Station
- Solid Waste Collection Contract

Mr. Pearce stated these items would be taken up at the end of the agenda.

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to place these items at the end of the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**October 16, 2001: Regular Session
October 23, 2001: Zoning Public Hearing**

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Solid Waste Collection Contracts – Mr. McSwain requested Council to refer this item to the Development and Services Committee for discussion regarding the numbers of years of the contract. Council requested to hear information in Executive Session.

Homeland Security – Mr. McSwain stated he received a letter from Governor Hodges informing Council that a 14-member Governor Security Council is being created. Mr. McSwain stated a list of the members will be forwarded to Council if needed.

Haskell Heights – Mr. Tony McDonald, Assistant County Administrator, stated there was concern about the grant project and the funding strategies to complete the project. He stated consensus has been

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received from the City. He updated Council on the project. Mr. McDonald stated the project is short \$12,000.00.

Ms. Scott wanted the record to reflect “there will not be any change orders to the contract”.

Director of Public Works – Mr. McSwain introduced Mr. Chris Eversman as the Director of Public Works.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following items were opened for a public hearing:

- Ordinance Amendment: Road Closings
- Quitclaim Deed: 632 Kentucky Street
- Quitclaim Deed: Peyton Street
- Ordinance Amendment: Landfills & Composting Facilities
- Legal: Ordinance Amendment: Discharge of Firearms
- Ordinance: Fee Agreement for ALD
- Ordinance: Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement for ALD
- Ordinance: Fee Agreement for Virtual Growth
- Ordinance: Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement for Virtual Growth
- Providence Hospital: JEDA Loan

No one signed up to speak to any of these items.

Mr. Pearce closed the floor to public hearings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The following items were approved for the Consent Agenda:

- Ordinance Amendment: Road Closings [Third Reading]
- Quitclaim Deed: 632 Kentucky Street [Third Reading]
- Quitclaim Deed: Peyton Street [Third Reading]
- Ordinance Amendment: Landfills & Composting Facilities [Third Reading]
- Legal: Ordinance Amendment: Discharge of Firearms [Third Reading]
- Ordinance: Fee Agreement for ALD [Second Reading]
- Ordinance: Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement for ALD [Second Reading]
- Ordinance: Fee Agreement for Virtual Growth [Second Reading]
- Ordinance: Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement for Virtual Growth [Second Reading]
- 02-19MA, Stan Mack & Bennie Folk, From D-1 to C-3, 04000-01-09, 10029 Broad River Road [Second Reading]
- 02-20MA, Stan Mack, Larry Gunter, From D-1 to C-3, 05000-04-24, 1016 Rah Rah Road [Second Reading]
- Lease Agreement: Columbia Owens/STARBASE [Second Reading]
- Ordinance: Closing of Valhalla Drive and Summit Parkway to Through Truck Traffic [First Reading]

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- Award of Contract: Phase II, Haskell Heights Sanitary Sewer Project (total cost is \$405,616.00)
- Providence Hospital: JEDA Loan
- EMS Grant for Improvements
- Sheriff's Department Purchase of Vehicles: Purchase of K-9 Vehicles
- Sheriff's Department Purchase of Vehicles: Local Law Enforcement Block Grant
- Sheriff's Department Purchase of Vehicles: Forensics Lab Services Grant

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

1. SECOND READING ITEMS

- a. 02-18MA, Charles Alford & D. Goodwin, From RU to M-1, 02412-02-01(P) TMS, 1042 Gates Road**

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item for Second Reading.

The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Brady	Mizzell
Livingston	McEachern
Meetze	Brill
Pearce	
Tuten	
Scott	
Tillis	

The motion passed.

2. FIRST READING ITEMS

- a. Redistricting Ordinance [By Title Only]**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve this item for First Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sheriff's Department Purchase of Vehicles: Technology Grant

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to authorize the County Administrator to extend \$250,000.00 from the designated GIS fund issue and to require that the purchase be compatible with the GPS. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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Vacancy on the Midlands Commission on Homelessness-1

Mr. Livingston reported there is one vacancy to this board. He stated the incumbent is eligible for re-appointment.

Vacancy on the Music Festival Commission-1

Mr. Livingston stated there is one vacancy to this board. He stated the incumbent is eligible for re-appointment.

5. CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak at this time.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to go into Executive Session to discuss the fire station and solid waste contracts. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:10 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fire Station Contract

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate a contract with Estates Properties L.L.C. for a design, build, turnkey operation for the fire station, approve purchase of the land and bring back information on a bond for county-wide fire service. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Solid Waste Contract

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to forward this item to the Development and Services Committee. The vote was in favor. Mr. McEachern opposed.

7. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Tuten asked the County Administrator to direct the County Attorney to petition the court to close Old Lorick Road to the public.
- Ms. Brill requested a presentation by the Appearance Commission at the next Council meeting without reference.
- Ms. Scott placed Council on notice that she is running for Council Chair in 2002.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:09 p.m.

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Kit Smith, Chair

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