

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006 6:00 p.m.

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Anthony G. Mizzell
Vice Chair	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Valerie Hutchinson
Member	Joseph McEachern
Member	Mike Montgomery
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Kit Smith
Member	Paul Livingston
Absent	Doris Corley
	Joyce Dickerson

OTHERS PRESENT – Milton Pope, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Tony McDonald, Joe Cronin, Roxanne Matthews, Larry Smith, Brad Farrar, Amelia Linder, Donny Phipps, Anna Almeida, Michael Criss, Geo Price, Chief Harrell, Rodolfo Callwood, Monique Walters, Kendall Johnson, Daniel Driggers, Jennifer Dowden, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:11 p.m.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Mizzell wished Ms. Hutchinson a Happy Birthday.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Becky Bailey, Chair, Richland County Conservation Commission – Ms. Bailey was unable to attend.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to add the RFQ for the Administrator Search to the agenda.

Ms. Finch stated that Item 1.a. should read .46 acres not 46 acres.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: January 17, 2006 – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to adopt the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Smith to move this items to after Citizen's Input. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- a. **Richland County Recreation Commission v. Richland County**
- b. **Ordinance Authorizing General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage**

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Adoption of Budget Calendar – Mr. Pope stated that the calendar presented to Council at the Retreat will be the official budget calendar.

National Association of Counties Prescription Discount Card Program Implementation – Mr. Pope stated that NACo presented staff with a contract that must be entered into before the program can be implemented. There have been internal discussions of concerns regarding this contract; however, Mr. Pope does plan to move forward with the implementation of the drug card. There is a 90-day opt out provision if there are any problems with the program. Mr. Pope will electronically contact Council with the concerns staff has with regard to this contract.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

SCAC 19th Annual Mid-Year Conference – Ms. Finch stated that the conference will be held March 8th and the Institute of Government is March 7th. Ms. Finch has a list of which classes need to be taken by whom.

NACo Legislative Conference – Ms. Finch stated that the conference will be held March 4th-8th in Washington, D.C.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Joint Meeting with City of Columbia – Mr. Mizzell stated the joint meeting with the City of Columbia will be held February 13, 2006 from 8-10 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- **Ordinance Authorizing Quit-Claim Deed to William Vinson for .46 Acres** [Third Reading]

Mr. Pat Vinson, Jr. spoke in favor of this item.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve the following consent items:

- **05-103MA, Stan Mack, RU to GC (1.6 acres), General Commercial, 03300-03-16, Broad River Road near Dutch Fork Road** [Second Reading]
- **05-108MA, Gregg Douglas, RU to PDD, Single Family Detached Subdivision, 14800-04-25/32/34/14/15/31/13, South Side of Marthan Road** [Second Reading]
- **05-109MA, Mamie Hudson & Mary Jacobs, GC to RS-E, Construct a Single Family Residence, 17500-02-14, Farrow Road north of Clemson Road** [Second Reading]
- **05-111MA, Nick Leventis, RU to PDD, Construct a Mixed Use Development, 21900-06-14, NE Quad of Lower Richland Blvd./Rabbit Run** [Second Reading]
- **EMS Ambulance Purchase** [First Reading]
- **Emergency Dispatch Projects** [First Reading]
- **Installation of a Monitoring Well at Owens Downtown Airport** [First Reading]
- **Approval of Changes Made to the Operations Manual for Columbia Owens Downtown Airport** [First Reading]
- **Community Development Office Request to Change CDBG Budget** [First Reading]
- **Establishment of a Bond Review Committee** [Second Reading]
- **Intergovernmental Agreement—State of SC CDBG Program for Regional Water and Sewer Infrastructure** [First Reading]
- **Consideration of Offers for the Sale of a County Building at 1612 Marion Street** [First Reading]

The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

- **Ordinance Authorizing Quit-Claim Deed to William Vinson for .46 Acres** [Third Reading]

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SECOND READING ITEM

05-114MA, Joe Clark, RU to RS-MD, Single Family Detached Subdivision, 01506-01-06, SW Quad of Three Dog Rd. & Dutch Fork Rd. – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

SCDOT Grant Application for Highway 21 @ I-77 Exit #24 Interchange – Mr. Jeter stated that this item was forward to Council without recommendation.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to defer this item until staff provides Council with requested information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Construction Contract for Arthurtown Redevelopment Contract – Mr. Cronin briefed Council regarding this item.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Township Auditorium Land Purchase – Ms. Smith stated the question before Council is whether to direct the Administrator to negotiate for the Reuben property. This item was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Ms. Smith moved to direct staff to negotiate a contract and bring it back to Council for them to vote upon. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to direct staff not to negotiate a contact. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to direct the Administrator to bring back to the March A&F Committee meeting a status report on all properties related to the Township renovation.

Mr. Montgomery made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to authorize the Administrator to negotiate a right of first refusal. A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce withdrew his substitute motion.

Ms. Scott made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to direct the Administrator to bring back the purchase price back to the March A&F Committee meeting.

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

The vote was in favor.

Township Auditorium Operating Support – Ms. Smith stated that the committee’s recommendation was to transfer \$250,000.00 from the fund balance of the Hospitality Tax. Two Hundred Thousand Dollars will be used to reimburse the General Fund for a loan made several years ago and \$50,000.00 will cover current operating deficits. The second part of the motion was to include \$50,000.00 as an annual appropriation of the Hospitality Tax for subsidy for Township operations and marketing. A discussion took place.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Project Unity – Mr. Livingston stated that this item needed to be deferred.

Project Chicago – Mr. Livingston stated that this item needed to be deferred.

APPLICATION FOR LOCATING A COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF RICHLAND COUNTY

Karen (or) Ebony Thompson, 323 Nelson Road, Columbia, SC 29203 Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item until next Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

I. Notification of Vacancies on Boards, Commissions and Committees

Accommodations Tax Committee-1 – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended for staff to advertise the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Building Codes Board of Adjustment and Appeals-2 – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended for staff to advertise the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. Notification of Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

Accommodations Tax Committee-3 – Mr. Livingston stated that there was one applicant at this time. Committee’s recommendation was to appoint Mr. Rodney Jenkins and keep the other positions remain open until fill.

Employee Grievance Committee-1

Mr. Livingston stated that there is one vacancy and three applicants. Two applicants were interviewed.

Ms. Smith point of order, one applicant is in-eligible because she resides out of Richland County.

Mr. Livingston made a motion to defer, seconded by Mr. Montgomery defer this item until the next Council meeting until clarification is received regarding residence on the

Music Festival Commission-2 –Mr. Livingston stated there were no applicants for this commission and for it to remain open.

Performing Arts Center Board-2 -Mr. Livingston stated there were no applicants for this board and for it to remain open.

RFQ Document –Mr. Pearce made a motion, seconded by Mr. McEachern for Council to authorize search for the County Administrator.

Ms. Smith, that there has already been public introduction of the finalist.

Mr. Livingston, stated that the person they select remains confidential until the announcement by the consultant and not the applicants.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Mr. Livermon request to have a golf park funded by Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Law Suite regarding Richland County vs. Recreation Commission
Ordinance authorizing GEO Bonds and Anticipation Notes for Innovista Garage

It was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss these two matters. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:01 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern to give third reading approval to the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of go bond anticipation Notes in the amount not exceeding 70 million Anticipation Notes series 2000b representing funding for the County's portion the cost of constructing its portion of the Innovista parking facility with the following amendments or stipulations, first that prior to this motion being effective, the County Attorney shall approve the language negotiated with the University and City of Columbia regarding to the management expenses during the County revenue portion of the agreements; secondly, that the city must execute, prior to this motion being effective documents in identical form to those to be executed by the county; and third the Ordinance shall include provisions approving simultaneous

execution and enactment of the master inter-governmental agreement and the development services agreement and allow the chairman of council, inter-county administrator, the clerk, the advice of the county attorney, to have the authority to approve the executing the task of those documents if there necessary to complete this contemplated transaction.

Mr. Livingston, as chairperson of Economic Development Committee, commends the University for its vision to create the Innovista Garage Project. After reviewing the addendum from last week meeting and seeing the dollars and construction jobs this project would generate views this project as a tremendous investment.

MOTION PERIOD

Resolution, without reference for Marisa Vickers of Hand Middle School being named Principal of the Year.

Mr. Mizzell opened the floor to accept recommendations to schedule a Council Work Session to discuss Project Fish Fry/Village of Sandhill Baseball Stadium

Mr. Montgomery recommended Thursday, February 16, 2006, 6:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Livingston motioned, seconded by Mr. Pearce to approve the schedule for the Work Session

Mr. McEachern wants staff to bring to the Administration and Finance Committee the demographics of pay for Richland County employees as well as the demographics for the Pay Enhancement Pay.

Senior Resources Resolution for FTA 5310 Grant – Mr. Montgomery motioned, seconded by Mr. McEachern to approve. Resolution was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:46 p.m.

Anthony G. Mizzell, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr. Vice-Chair

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