

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
APRIL 25, 2000  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Joseph McEachern, Chair; Paul Livingston; Anthony G. Mizzell; Stephen F. Morris; James Tuten

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kit Smith, Susan Brill, J.D. "Buddy" Meetze, L. Gregory Pearce Jr., Bernice G. Scott, Thelma Tillis, T. Cary McSwain, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Tonya Dunham, Mullen Taylor, Milton Pope, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Tony McDonald, Chief Harrell, Rodolfo Caldwell, Michael Byrd, Larry Smith, Sherry Wright, Andy Metts, Judy Carter

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2000**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Morris requested to move item-A after item-H in order for Council to receive public input.

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

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Detention Center's Produce and Eggs Contract: Senn Brothers**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve a purchase in the amount of \$50,000.00 for produce and eggs for the Detention Center's Food Service Division. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Detention Center's Milk and Milk Products Contract: Coburg Dairy**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve a purchase in the amount of \$100,000.00 for milk and milk products for the Detention Center's Food Service Division. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Detention Center's Bread Contract: Merita**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve a purchase in the amount of \$50,000.00 for bread for the Detention Center's Food Service Division. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Maintenance of the Bluff Road Facility Housing and Energy Plant**

Mr. McSwain stated this includes a 5% increase.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$78,984.00 for maintenance of the Bluff Road Facility Housing and Energy Plant. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Amendment to Central Midlands' Creating Agreement**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve an amendment to the Central Midlands' Council of Governments creating agreement. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**"Project Harvey" Procurement**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve entering into two separate construction contracts.

Mr. McSwain requested Council to approve this item contingent upon the State considering an additional \$88,754.00. He stated the contract bid came in over the amount of money that they had agreed to provide for the road access. Mr. McSwain stated the State has been contacted to provide the additional money for which they are considering.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Haskell Heights Sewer Project**

Mr. McSwain stated this is Phase II of the project. He stated the actual funds would not be approved until next year's budget.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve to commit to \$49,700.00 in matching funds in order to apply for a \$497,000.00 grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

**Funding Strategies for the Township Auditorium**

Mr. Morris suggested forwarding this item to the Township Board for information requesting their response. Mr. McSwain stated the Board Chair has written a letter requesting consideration of including the Township with the Conference Commission and to pay for this out of the Tourism and Development Fee money.

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Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to send this item to the Township Board for their full input and have by the next Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

Ms. Scott stated the Board met in Executive Session to discuss this issue. Mr. Pearce stated a vote was not taken.

Mr. Morris called for the question.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**Local Option Sales Tax: Schedule**

Mr. McSwain stated this is for information for Council. He requested a work session to discuss the outcome of this and a report from the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to accept this as information.

Mr. Mizzell stated the Committee is looking at the regressive nature of the sales tax and tourist factors.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**At-Large Riverbanks Zoological Park & Botanical Garden Board Appointment**

Mr. McSwain stated this is a request from Lexington County suggesting alternating the position of appointment between Lexington and Richland Counties. He requested referring this item to the Rules and Appointment Committee.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to refer this item to the Rules and Appointment Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Olympia Redevelopment**

The following people spoke "in favor" of the redevelopment: Mr. Doug Hartley, Ms. Vi Vazani, Mr. Tim Bright, Mr. Bob Guild, Mr. Larry Gates, Mr. William D. Davis.

The following people spoke "in opposition" of the redevelopment: Mr. Bill Hilliard, Ms. Betty Hilliard, Ms. Amy Koon, Ms. Carolyn Caraman, Ms. Doris Raynor, Ms. Corena Branham, Mr. Richie Spencer.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to forward this item without a recommendation and have the Chair to decide where and when to have it on the agenda.

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Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to move this item forward for First Reading and requested for the administrator to begin the process of establishing an Olympia Tax Increment Financing District to pay for the road.

Mr. Meetze questioned DHEC's involvement. Mr. McSwain stated staff has met with DHEC. He stated DHEC has not yet found any violations under the statute from Tarmac. Mr. McSwain stated DHEC has committed to sit on a panel and meet with the community to answer any questions regarding enforcement and what action DHEC has taken.

Ms. Smith informed Council that Third Reading would not be held until July 18<sup>th</sup> which would give Council a considerable amount of time to continue working on this item. She also informed the public that a public hearing will be held on this issue and citizen's would not need to speak at every meeting regarding this issue restating the same information.

Mr. Morris called for the question.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposes</u>
Morris	
Livingston	
Mizzell	
McEachern	
Tuten	

The motion passed.

Mr. Morris and Mr. Tuten stated they only voted for this item to move it forward for discussion and that they are not taking sides.

**ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS**

There are currently no items pending analysis

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joseph McEachern  
Chair

Marsheika G. Martin transcribed the minutes