

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 21, 2000  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Marsheika Martin, Monique Walters, Darren Gore, Mullen Taylor, Pam Davis, Ash Miller, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Randy Jorgenson, Ronaldo Myers, Joseph Bochenek, Joan Brady, Rodolfo Callwood, Stephany Snowden

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Councilmember Joan Brady was recognized.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by the honorable Jim Tuten.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. McSwain recognized the American Legion Post Six Baseball Team for winning the 2000 American Legion State Baseball championship.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Smith informed Council of the Consent Agenda Sheet in front of their seats.

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

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

The following persons spoke at this time:

- Ms. Evelyn Bush spoke in opposition of the Consent Agenda.
- Ms. Kay McClanahan spoke in opposition of the following:
  - a. Amendment to the Richland County Code: Building /Lots to have access
  - b. Amendment to the Richland County Code: Certain plats exempt from Planning Commission for review
  - c. PDD – Text Amendment
  - d. Code Enforcement Officers appointments
- Mr. Bill McClanahan spoke in opposition of the following:
  - a. Amendment to the Richland County Code: Building/Lots to have access
  - b. Amendment to the Richland County Code: Certain plats exempt from Planning Commission for review

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- c. Code Enforcement Officers appointments

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Ms. Evelyn Bush registered her concern regarding SpiralWeld Pipe Company LLC Ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Zoning Public Hearing: October 24, 2000**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the following Consent Items:

- Amendment to the Richland County Zoning Code: Deletion of “Facilities” in Rural Zones** – Third reading approval given to this ordinance that deletes the ambiguous term “facilities” and clarifies that the allowable clubs and various organizations must comply with restrictions on sexually oriented businesses.
- Amendment to the Richland County Zoning Code: Continuation of Zoning Applications** – Third reading approval given to this amendment that enables the Zoning Administrator to continue zoning applications to a later public hearing or meeting for good cause.
- Amendment to the Richland County Zoning Code: Buildings/Lots to Have Access** – Third reading approval given to this amendment that removes the Planning Commission’s authority to approve isolated lots and substitutes a requirement that buildable lots must have either access to a public or private roadway or a recorded ingress and egress easement.
- Amendment to the Richland County Land Development Code: Plats Exempt from Commission Review** – Third reading given to this amendment that removes a requirement for Planning Commission review and approval of certain minor subdivisions and authorizes the Planning Director to assume this responsibility.
- SpiralWeld Pipe Company LLC – Resolution and Ordinance** – Second reading approval and public hearing given to an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement between the Company and the County.
- Budget Amendment: Broad River Regional Enterprise Fund** – Second reading approval given to this budget amendment to re-appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 from last fiscal year for land acquisition and engineering expenses required for an upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant.

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- g. **Code Enforcement Officers' Appointments (Anita K. Bender and Darryl W. Myers)** – Approved Resolutions appointing and commissioning these employees as Code Enforcement Officers.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated that if Council wishes to discuss the grievance item under the County Administrator's Report, the item would require an executive session.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Grievance**

Mr. McSwain requested for Council to uphold his recommendation.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten to uphold the County Administrator's recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Council Holiday Meeting Schedule**

Mr. McSwain asked for guidance on the holiday schedule.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to cancel the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, meet on December 5<sup>th</sup> and hold committee meetings on December 12<sup>th</sup> with a special called meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The vote in favor unanimous.

Council also confirmed to hold a work session on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. regarding the Detention Center.

**SECOND READING ITEMS**

**County Elected Officials Pay Plan**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to give Second reading approval to an ordinance amendment that adopts the elected officials' pay plan established by County Council in the FY 00/01 budget. The vote was in favor. Mr. Morris opposed.

**Budget Amendment – Solid Waste Tire Disposal Fee**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to give Second Reading approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$51,250.00 from undesignated fund balance to the Solid Waste Department's budget to fund

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this and the increase previously approved by administration. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**FIRST READING ITEM (Both items recommended by Planning Commission)**

**Extension of Moratorium – Billboard Ordinance**

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to give First reading approval to an ordinance amendment that extends the moratorium to April 4, 2001. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**PDD – Text Amendment**

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to deny the deleted portion of the text.

After discussion, Mr. Morris withdrew his motion.

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to give First reading approval to an amendment to the Zoning Code that changes the minimum area requirements for a planned development district from two acres to one acre and explore further options.

Mr. Meetze requested staff to help the citizen in some way if this is not legal and does not go through and requested information on any law prohibiting Council for ruling on this.

Mr. Morris stated it would be simpler if the applicant could get a neighbor to cooperate with him.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Recognition Resolution for Miller Valentine**

Mr. Livingston stated the Committee recommended approval of this resolution that identifies the Miller Valentine facility as a project that qualifies for fee-in-lieu-of-taxes incentives if Council chooses to offer such incentives. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**Notification of vacancy on LRADAC Board-2**

Mr. Livingston informed Council of two appointments to be made to this board.

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**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak at this time.

**MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Smith announced plans for a Christmas Drop-In scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 p.m.

Mr. Pearce informed everyone of Council members photos on the County's Website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin