

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kit Smith, Chair Mike Montgomery Paul Livingston Joseph McEachern Valerie Hutchinson
District 5 District 8 District 4 District 7 District 9

*Tuesday, September 27, 2005
4:00 pm*

Report of Actions

Call To Order – Kit Smith called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the July 26, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was adopted as submitted.

I. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- A. Resolution to Allocate Military Forest Funds** – The committee unanimously recommended that Council approve a resolution allocating \$51,386.63 in Military Forest Funds to public roads and public schools based on a 50-50 allocation ratio. The committee recommended that 50% of the funds be transferred to the general fund for the improvement of public roads, and the remaining 50% be divided among Richland One, Richland Two, and Lexington-Richland Five School Districts according to the respective student population of each district.
- B. Ordinance Placing a Time Limit on Refunds of Overpaid Taxes** – The committee unanimously recommended that Council give first reading approval of an ordinance establishing a time limit as to how long a taxpayer has to request a refund for overpaid property taxes. The ordinance codifies that “a claim for a refund must be filed with the County Assessor within three years from the time the return was filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later. In no event shall a refund be granted beyond this period of time.”
- C. Construction Contract: Building Renovations for the Dutch Fork Magistrate and Sheriff’s Region 4 Headquarters** – The committee unanimously recommended that Council approve the request to award the contract to Monterey Construction in the amount of \$387,000.00 for the renovation of the Dutch Fork Magistrate/Sheriff Substation utilizing an existing County building (Beatty Road).
- D. Microsoft Software Assurance** – The committee unanimously recommended that Council approve the request to purchase Microsoft Software Assurance from vendor

ASAP SOFTWARE on South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$116,290.

E. Garbage Service Issues

- 1. Solid Waste Collector Rate Increases** – The committee unanimously recommended approval of Option 2, which keeps the current subsidy in place up to \$1.75/gallon, and modifies the compensation rate for fuel increases above \$1.75/gallon. The modified compensation would be a 0.2% increase to base contract for every ten cents increase in fuel prices from \$1.75/gallon to \$3.00/gallon. The option provides for a 10.0% cap with only a modification for fuel increases above \$1.75/gallon which would not change the current contract conditions.
- 2. Amended Contract Terms for Johnson's Garbage Service** – The committee voted to defer this item to the October meeting, and to consider it at that time along with the contracts of other service providers.

F. Animal Services – The committee unanimously recommended approval of Option 1, which would permit Richland County to construct and operate its own animal holding shelter. In addition, the committee recommended that a Memorandum of Understanding be signed with Project Pet codifying an agreement with the County to provide pet adoption services.

G. Sheriff's Requests

- 1. Matching Funds for Personnel Grants** – The Committee unanimously recommended that Council approve the grant match in the amount of \$23,206.
- 2. Sheriff's Request: Matching Funds for COPS Secure Our Schools Grant** – The Committee unanimously recommended that Council approve the grant match in the amount of \$8,675.

H. Olympia TIF – The Committee voted unanimously to forward this item to a work session before going to the full Council.

II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

A. TIF Progress Report – The Committee voted unanimously to place this item on the October 4, 2005 Council agenda if the report is complete at that time.

III. ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

A. Request for New Department and Budget: Business Service Center – No action was taken. This item will remain in Committee in October.

B. Community Development: Proposed Regional Affordable Housing Trust Fund – No action was taken. This item will remain in Committee in October.

C. Ordinance to Establish a Bond Review Committee – No action was taken. This item will remain in Committee in October.

D. Prescription Discount Card – No action was taken. This item will remain in Committee in October.

E. Sheriff's Requests

1. SRO Budget Amendment – Forwarded to a Special Called Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 4:30 pm.

2. Expenditure Request – Forwarded to a Special Called Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 4:30 pm.

Staffed by Joe Cronin