



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kit Smith	Greg Pearce	Joyce Dickerson, Chair	Kelvin Washington	Valerie Hutchinson
District 5	District 6	District 2	District 10	District 9

**JULY 28, 2009
9:30 AM**

**2020 Hampton Street
Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 23, 2009: Regular Meeting [Pages 5-8]

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ITEMS FOR ACTION

2. Request to approve the renewal of a contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC to perform autopsies and postmortem examinations for the Coroner's Office for FY 2009-10 [Pages 10-11]
3. Request to approve the purchase of a Microsoft "Software Assurance" from the vendor DELL/ASAP

SOFTWARE on the South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$120,811 [Pages 13-15]

4. Request to approve the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$19,000 from the South Carolina Project Safe Neighborhoods Program for a Part-Time Firearms Technician at the Richland County Sheriff's Department (Part-Time Personnel, No Match Required) [Pages 17-19]
5. Request to approve the establishment of a list of qualified engineering and surveying firms with whom Richland County may negotiate and award contracts on an "as-needed" basis [Pages 21-22]
6. Request to authorize the Procurement Director to determine the vendor deemed most advantageous by a Procurement Evaluation Team for a professional services contract for governmental affairs / political representation services [Pages 24-26]
7. Request to approve the recommendations of the Neighborhood Matching Grant committee for funding to eligible projects under the Neighborhood Matching Grant program [Pages 28-30]
8. Request to approve the acceptance of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) award in the amount of \$2,116,800 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contingent upon approval by the DOE (One Full-Time Personnel, No Match Required) [Pages 32-35]
9. A resolution authorizing Richland County's consent to an amended agreement re-creating a Regional Transit Authority within the geographic area of Richland County and the municipalities therein to be known as the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority [Pages 37-50]
10. Request to provide \$100,000 in mass transit fee funds to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) for the purpose of providing local matching funds (20%) for the undertaking of three studies required under the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement [Pages 52-59]
11. Request to consider a property donation and purchase (\$2 million) proposal from South Capital Group, Inc. for approximately 189 acres of property located on Ridge Road in the Lower Richland Community [Pages 61-64]
12. Council Motion (Jackson): Request to consider proposals and locations for a possible Farmers Market in Richland County [Pages 66-67]
13. Council Motion (Pearce): Request to reverse the action proposed by the county regarding the termination of payroll deductions for county employees wishing to have their policies with Colonial Life Insurance remain in force, and to continue collecting these payments on behalf of Colonial Life [*Eligible for Discussion in Executive Session*]

ADJOURNMENT



Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

June 23, 2009: Regular Meeting [Pages 5-8]

Reviews

MINUTES OF



**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009
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.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair: Joyce Dickerson
Member: Valerie Hutchinson
Member: L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member: Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

Absent: Kit Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Bill Malinowski, Norman Jackson, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Sparty Hammett, Roxanne Ancheta, Joe Cronin, Larry Smith, Jennifer Dowden, Rodolfo Callwood, Christy Swofford, Lillian McBride, John Hixson, Bill Peters, Dwight Hanna, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 26, 2009 (Regular Session) – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Pearce requested that Item #4 be taken up during Executive Session.

The agenda was unanimously adopted as amended.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Request to approve the renewal of a contract with Iron Mountain, Inc. for records storage and management services – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to approve a contract with FleetCor Technologies to provide and maintain the County's Fleet Fuel Card program for the purchase of gasoline, diesel and other designated fuels – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to approve the establishment of a list of qualified engineering and surveying firms with whom Richland County may negotiate and award contracts on an "as-needed" basis – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to defer this item until the next committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A resolution to reaffirm the Richland County Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for two new power plants to be built at the V. S. Summer Nuclear Station in Fairfield County – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; Authorizing the bonds to be issued as Build America Bonds, if appropriate; Fixing the form and details of the bonds; Delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; Providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its not exceeding \$150,000,000 Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council Motion (Washington): Request to approve a sponsorship for the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association's 20th Annual National Convention – Mr. Washington moved to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Request to consider salary adjustments and amendments to existing county policies and procedures for the Columbia Magistrate, Treasurer, and Board of Voter Registration – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to take up each one individually. The vote in favor was unanimous.

a. Columbia Magistrate – A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation that Council request clarification on the status of the appeal prior to any further action. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Treasurer – A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with no recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. Board of Voter Registration – A discussion took place.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with the recommendation that a classification and compensation study be conducted and to research the possibility of pay increases being handled the same way as they are for the elected officials by giving the Board of Voter Registration appointed employees a 2.5% increase with each re-appointment.

The committee recessed at approximately 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Request to consider a property donation and purchase (\$2 million) proposal from South Capital Group, Inc. for approximately 189 acres of property located on Ridge Road in the Lower Richland Community – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to defer this item until the next committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to award a contract to the Dennis Corporation for construction management services related to the renovation and construction at the Township Auditorium – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to accept the recommendation to award the contract to the Dennis Corporation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Purchase offer for property owned by Richland County – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for denial. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:09 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joyce Dickerson, Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to approve the renewal of a contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC to perform autopsies and postmortem examinations for the Coroner's Office for FY 2009-10 [Pages 10-11]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Coroner – 2400-Request for approval to renew contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC for FY '09-'10

A. Purpose

Council is requested to approve the renewal of the contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC to perform autopsies and postmortem examination for the Coroner's Office for FY '09-'10 and the encumbrance of funds for these services.

B. Background/Discussion

The contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC went into effect in July 1992 with the option to renew each year. This pathology group is the only group that can meet the specifications of the Coroner's Office to perform autopsy services. Therefore, it is requested that the contract be approved as a sole-source service provided to the county. The contract should provide for autopsy services by this group at a cost of \$850.00 per autopsy and \$100.00 per forensic consult exam.

C. Financial Impact

Based on the prior year and estimates, I would request an initial amount of \$270,000.00 be approved for autopsy and forensic consult exam services for FY '09-'10. It is possible that this amount will not be sufficient and will have to be increased during the year.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to renew the contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC and to encumber initial funds of \$270,000.00 for autopsy and exam services by Professional Pathology Services, PC. Approval of this request to renew the contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC and to encumber the funds requested will allow autopsies and forensic consult exams to be done and payment for these services without interruption.
2. Do not approve. If this request is not approved, autopsies and forensic consult exams will not be done and/or payment for autopsy services will be delayed.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request for the renewal of the contract with Professional Pathology Services, PC and that funds be encumbered in the amount of \$270,000.00 for autopsy services.

Recommended by: Coroner Gary Watts **Department:** Coroner **Date:** 6/29/09

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments: Based on Coroner's recommendation. Budgeted funds are available as stated.

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood

Date: 7/23/09

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments: Approval based on Procurements recommendation of approval as sole source procurement.

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to approve the purchase of a Microsoft "Software Assurance" from the vendor DELL/ASAP SOFTWARE on the South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$120,811 [Pages 13-15]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Microsoft Licensing - Countywide

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to approve an extension to the “Software Assurance” purchase on the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for licenses owned by the County.

A. Background / Discussion

The Richland County Wide Area Network and Local Area Networks (WAN/LAN) currently consist of 40 servers and approximately 1100 PCs.

In order to comply with federal copyright law, Richland County must have Microsoft licenses for all County servers and all County PCs. Licensing is required for operating systems as well as software applications (such as MS Office).

In the last few years, Microsoft modified its licensing requirements, and it has been increasing its enforcement efforts. Richland County received the same “Microsoft letter” that our neighboring counties received, which outlines a mandatory copyright compliance program. If Richland County were to decide not to participate in the copyright compliance program, the County would put itself at risk for fines and penalties of up to \$150,000 per incident.

Eight years ago, the IT Department included a budget request to begin a three year Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft to bring the County into full copyright compliance. During the initial three year period, we were able to achieve compliance with Microsoft’s copyright policies. The County now owns the software license for Microsoft OS and Office products used by County employees. To ensure this software remains current, the County will need to approve another year of “Software Assurance”. This renewal will ensure our licensed products are current to 07/30/10.

However, in an effort to maintain Federal Copyright compliance on software versions used by the County that comes out after 06/30/09, we must continue our Microsoft Enterprise Agreement through the purchase of Software Assurance. Software Assurance is a maintenance agreement that allows the County to use the latest versions of Microsoft software products as they are made available. This will keep the software technology at Richland County current. The Council is requested to approve the purchase of a Microsoft “Software Assurance” from the vendor DELL/ASAP SOFTWARE on South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$120,811.

B. Financial Impact

There are sufficient funds in the account 1870.5471 designated for this request.

C. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to purchase Microsoft Software Assurance from vendor DELL/ASAP SOFTWARE on South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$124,568. This will allow the county to maintain Microsoft Copyright compliance.
2. Do not approve the request. This would mean that the County chooses to stop participating in the copyright compliance program.

D. Recommendation

Recommended by: Janet Claggett **Department:** Information Technology
Date: 07/17/09

It is recommended that Council approve the request to purchase Microsoft Software Assurance from vendor DELL/ASAP SOFTWARE on South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$120,811.

F. Approvals

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers
Date: 7/17/09
Recommend Approval
 Recommend Denial
 No Recommendation
Comments: Funds are appropriated

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood
Date: 07/17/09
 Recommend Approval
 Recommend Denial
 No Recommendation
Comments:

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith
Date:
 Recommend Approval
 Recommend Denial
 No Recommendation
Comments: Approval recommendation contingent upon verification that the procurement requirements have been satisfied.

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope
Date: 7-23-09
 Recommend Approval: Funds are budgeted
 Recommend Denial

No Recommendation
Comments:

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to approve the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$19,000 from the South Carolina Project Safe Neighborhoods Program for a Part-Time Firearms Technician at the Richland County Sheriff's Department (Part-Time Personnel, No Match Required) [Pages 17-19]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Firearms Technician/ Part-time Personnel/ No Match

A. Purpose

County Council is being requested to approve a grant proposal that was not included in the Grant Budget Request for 2009-2010.

B. Background / Discussion

The Richland County Sheriff's Department has applied for a grant from the South Carolina Project Safe Neighborhoods Program. This project will employ one part-time firearms technician to conduct entries into the NIBIN system.

C. Financial Impact

Grant Program	Costs	Match
Firearms Technician	\$19,000	
Total Grant Budget Request	\$19,000	\$0

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to fund this program to decrease the backlog in NIBIN entries.
2. Do not approve, forfeit funds, and decrease likelihood for future funding.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to approve the grant for the Firearms Technician.

Recommended by:
Chief Deputy Dan Johnson

Department:
Richland County Sheriff's Dept.

Date:
July 10, 2009

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date:

- Recommend Approval
- Recommend Denial
- No Recommendation

Comments: Recommendation based on no impact to the current budget however future budgets may require continuation funding.

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments: Council discretion

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Richland County
Grant Application Request
Fiscal Year 2010 (July 2009 – June 2010)

Complete a separate form for each grant application you intend to submit.

Section A: Basic Information

1.) Department: RCSD		2.) Dept. Contact: Traci Dove	
3.) Grant Title of Project: Firearms Technician			
4.) Grant Program: Project Safe Neighborhoods			
5.) Grantor: SCDPS/US Attorney's Office		6.) Fund Source: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other (check one)	
7.) Grant Period: From 10/1/09 To 9/30/10		8.) Application Due Date: July 2009	
9.) Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Application sent – date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To be submitted – date July 2009		10.) Anticipated Award Date: August 2009	
11.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Grant? or <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation Grant? (check one)		12.) If continuation grant, what is previous grant #?	
13. a.) Amount of grant funds requested: \$19,000	13. b.) Percentage of total request: 100%	14. a.) Amount of matching funds requested: \$0	14. b.) Percentage of total request: 0%
15.) Total Project Cost: (Grant funds requested + matching funds requested) \$19,000 = 100%			

Section B: Project Description

16.) Provide a general statement of the purpose of the grant. Provide salary and fringe benefits for one part time position to conduct firearms examinations for the RCSD Forensic Lab. This position will allow for expedited processing of ballistic evidence.

Section C: Financial Impact

17.) Does grant allow administrative (indirect) costs? No If yes, what percentage? _____
 When applying for the grant, be sure to include this amount in your budget to assist with the County's and your Department's indirect costs of managing the grant.

Grant Personnel

For new grants:

18. a.) How many new, full-time positions will be created by this grant? 0
 Please complete and attach a **Grant Funded New Position Funding Request** form for each new position type (mandatory)

For continuation grants:

18. b.) How many full-time positions will be continuing with this grant? 0

For all:

19.) Does the grant require positions to be maintained following conclusion of the grant?

20.) If yes, for how long? (i.e., one local fiscal year, 12 months, etc.)

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to approve the establishment of a list of qualified engineering and surveying firms with whom Richland County may negotiate and award contracts on an "as-needed" basis [Pages 21-22]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Qualified Engineering Firms

A. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request County Council's consideration of establishing a qualified list of engineering and surveying firms with whom we may negotiate and award a contract- to provide services on an "as-needed" basis for County projects

B. Background / Discussion

An ongoing request for qualification for Engineering and Surveying Services was established under solicitation number RC-005-Q-0708. A total of twenty (20) engineering firms have been evaluated as qualified to date. Each qualification has been evaluated by a selection and evaluation team in determining the different areas in which each firm or company is qualified to assist the County in providing required engineering and surveying service and consulting. Many of the listed firms/companies have been providing services to and conducting business with the County for over ten years; each company is required to update their qualifications at least every three years. The firms/companies evaluated as qualified are listed as follows:

American Engineering Consultants, Inc.
Chao & Associates
Cox & Dinkins
Dyer, Riddle, Mills & Precourt Inc.
Engineering Resources Corporation
Fuss & Oneil
Hybrid Engineering Inc.
Joel E. Woods & Associates
McGill & Associates
Thomas & Hutton Engineering, Co.

BP Barber Engineering & Surveying
Civil Engineering Consulting Services
Dennis Corporation
Earthworks Planning & Design
Florence & Hutchinson, Inc
Genesis Group
Jordan, Jones & Goulding
MACTEC Engineering & Consulting
The LPA Group
Wilbur Smith Associates

C. Financial Impact

The services of the listed recommended firms/companies will be utilize to provide engineering and surveying services at a minimum for enterprise, grants, bond, and C funded projects and any projects directly funded by the County. All cost above the authorized approval threshold of the County Administrator will be brought to County Council prior to award at which time a funding source will be identified.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve establishing a list of qualified engineering and surveying firms from which we can negotiate and award contracts on an as needed basis.

Under this alternative each firm would have the opportunity to compete for projects as they arise.

2. Do not approve; under this alternative, each time there is a need for engineering and surveying services we will have to publish a formal solicitation, conduct an evaluation; and seek County Council approval when needed which could take a minimum of 3 month process.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to establish a qualified list of engineers and surveyors thus continuing the streamlining process that as allowed us to have pre-qualified professionals to provide service as needed.

Recommended by: Rodolfo Callwood **Department:** Procurement **Date:** 6/09/09

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Administration

Reviewed by: Tony McDonald

Date: 6/19/09

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to authorize the Procurement Director to determine the vendor deemed most advantageous by a Procurement Evaluation Team for a professional services contract for governmental affairs / political representation services [Pages 24-26]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Professional Services Contract for Governmental Affairs / Political Representation

A. Purpose

Council is requested to authorize the Procurement Director to determine the vendor deemed most advantageous by a Procurement Evaluation Team for a professional services contract for governmental affairs / political representation services. It is requested that this item be forwarded to the full council for consideration during its September 15th meeting, at which time the vendor recommendation will be presented to council for contract negotiations and approval.

B. Background/Discussion

During consideration of the FY 2010 budget, council approved a motion submitted by Councilman Damon Jeter (#28a on the motions list) to include funding for the following:

“Professional services to assist the county in governmental relations at both the federal and state level in the amount of \$60,000; source of funds is Industrial Park fund balance.”

Based on this motion, which was adopted by the full council as part of the FY 2010 budget, staff has crafted an RFQ (or RFP?) for governmental affairs / political representation services. The RFQ was scheduled to be published by the Procurement Department on July 16, 2009, and covers the following scope of services:

- Working with council and designated staff to develop and implement a State and Federal Legislative **STRATEGY**;
- Providing bipartisan **ACCESS** for council members and designated staff to key members of Congress, the State Legislature, and representatives from state and federal executive agencies;
- In consultation with council and designated staff, providing **ADVOCACY** on behalf of the county’s interests to key members of Congress, the State Legislature, and representatives from state and federal executive agencies;
- Securing **LEGISLATIVE RESULTS**, including adoption of legislation that is beneficial to the interests of the County, minimizing the impact of Federal and State legislation that is adverse to the County’s interests, and securing access to state and federal funds for county infrastructure projects; and
- Maintaining frequent **COMMUNICATION** with council and designated staff to ensure that county officials and staff are informed of pending legislation and

funding opportunities, as well as providing quarterly reports on the firm's legislative achievements on behalf of the county.

An Evaluation Team will be appointed to review the responses and make a recommendation to council for the vendor that is deemed most advantageous to Richland County. Vendor responses will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Organizational Capacity
- History of Success at the Federal Level
- History of Success in South Carolina
- Personnel Qualifications
- Estimated Cost/Value
- Quality of Work Samples

Because council will not meet during the month of August, it is requested that the committee forward this request to the full council for consideration during its September 15th meeting, at which time the Evaluation Team will present its vendor recommendation to the full council. The table below outlines the timeline for completion:

Action	Completion Date
Publish RFQ	July 16 th
Response Due Date	August 14 th (30 days)
Procurement Review	August 17 th through August 21 st
Responses Delivered to Evaluation Team	August 24 th
Evaluation Team Review	August 24 th through September 8 th
Selection of Vendor	No Later Than September 8 th
Council Approval / Clinch Minutes	September 15 th
Contract Negotiations	September 16 th through September 30 th
Contract Start Date	October 1 st

C. Financial Impact

An exact amount will not be known until all vendor responses have been received; however, the contract amount shall not exceed the amount designated in the FY 2010 budget (\$60,000; source of funds is Industrial Park fund balance) unless authorized by one or more subsequent votes of Richland County Council. Therefore, there is no additional financial impact at this time.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to authorize the Procurement Director to determine the vendor deemed most advantageous by a Procurement Evaluation Team for a professional services contract for governmental affairs / political representation services.
2. Do not approve the request.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to authorize the Procurement Director to determine the vendor deemed most advantageous by a Procurement Evaluation Team for a professional services contract for governmental affairs / political representation services. It is further recommended that the committee forward this item to the full council for consideration during its September 15th meeting, at which time the vendor recommendation will be presented to council for contract negotiations and approval.

Recommended by: J. Milton Pope **Department:** Administration **Date:** 7/10/09

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood

Date: 7/23/09

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments: Approval contingent upon all procurement requirements being satisfied.

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope

Date: 7-23-09

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to approve the recommendations of the Neighborhood Matching Grant committee for funding to eligible projects under the Neighborhood Matching Grant program [Pages 28-30]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Neighborhood Matching Grant Awards

A. Purpose:

Council is requested to approve the recommendations of the Neighborhood Matching Grant committee for funding to eligible projects under the Neighborhood Matching Grant program.

B. Background / Discussion

This year, the Neighborhood Improvement Program offered matching grants for an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per neighborhood in the following project areas:

- neighborhood organization development
- education/recreation
- public safety

Significant consideration was given to applicants whose project outcomes support all three of the project areas. Applications were evaluated for completion and project feasibility, relevance, and effectiveness. All grant recipients must complete their projects by June 30, 2010.

We received 35 grant applications and are recommending that Council approve 21 of those applications. The Neighborhood Matching Grant committee reviewed the qualified applications and recommends that Council award the following grants:

<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Recommended Amount</u>	<u>Approved projects</u>
Garden Springs	11	\$ 150.00	Entranceway restoration
Trenholm Acres Neighborhood	3	\$ 204.57	National Night Out
Woodcreek HOA and WOF Women's Club	9	\$ 300.00	Halloween Festival; public safety
Pinevalley Kingswood	2	\$ 375.08	Newsletters
Denny Terrace NOA	7	\$ 617.17	National night out, community info brochure, and flyers
Briarwood Neighborhood	8	\$ 792.60	National Night Out and newsletter
Hickory Ridge Neighborhood Association	11	\$ 832.39	Newsletters, school bash, crime watch, and spring festival
ACHOA	8	\$ 867.72	Communication board, bench, and 2 community events.
Hampton Hills HOA	6	\$ 904.14	Playground equipment and community bulletin board
Bookert Heights	7 / 2	\$ 951.40	Newsletters, flyers, national night out, and community clean up.
Pinlakes Community Association	11	\$ 957.86	Signs, newsletters, and community events.
Melrose Neighborhood Association	5	\$ 994.66	Adopt a plot program
Newcastle	3	\$ 1,000.00	Entrance sign repairs and National

			Night Out
North Trace Homeowners	9	\$ 1,000.00	Neighborhood Lighting, community events, newsletters, and flyers
Woodlands Homeowner Association	9	\$ 1,000.00	Community Homeowner Manual and Directory
Greater Woodfield Community Association	8	\$ 1,000.00	Newsletters, national night out, and membership drive
Stonington	7	\$ 1,000.00	National night Out and neighborhood park restoration
Cherokee Gardens Neighborhood Association	2	\$ 1,000.00	Community entrance sign
Shandon Neighborhood Council	5	\$ 1,000.00	Newsletters and community signs
Watermark Place Owners Association	2	\$ 1,000.00	Community tennis lessons and swimming lessons
Hollywood-Rose Hill Neighborhood's	5	\$ 1,000.00	Community Entrance signs

The recommended grant awards total \$17,000 of the \$20,000 Council dedicated to the grant program. To exhaust the outstanding funds, the Neighborhood Coordinator for Richland County would like to work with the remaining applicants to help them develop more relevant and effective projects. Those neighborhoods would then be allowed to compete for the remaining funds later in this fiscal year.

C. Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this request.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to award 21 grants to the qualified applicants, and direct the Neighborhood Improvement Program to work with the remaining applicants to help them develop more relevant and effective projects so they can compete for the outstanding grant funds later in the year.
2. Do not approve the request to award the grants and prevent the neighborhoods from implementing their neighborhood improvement projects.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to award 21 grants, per the recommendation of the Neighborhood Matching Grant committee, and direct the Neighborhood Improvement Program to work with the other applicants to help them develop more relevant and effective projects so they can compete for the remaining grant funds later in the year.

Recommended by:
Erica Hink

Department:
Neighborhood Improvement Program

Date:
July 9, 2009

F. Reviews

Finance

Item# 7

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 7/10/09

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments: Recommendation is not based on funding distribution but that budgeted funds are available as stated.

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments:

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to approve the acceptance of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) award in the amount of \$2,116,800 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contingent upon approval by the DOE (One Full-Time Personnel, No Match Required) [Pages 32-35]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (No Match, 1 FTE)

A. Purpose

Richland County Council is requested to accept the \$2,116,800 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and give first reading approval to an ordinance creating a position of Sustainability Coordinator. This approval, and the subsequent ordinance, shall be contingent upon the DOE's approval of Richland County's action plan, which was submitted to DOE for review on June 25, 2009.

B. Background / Discussion

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program, administered by the U.S. DOE, was created by the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, more commonly referred to as the "Stimulus" bill. The EECBG program provides grants to eligible units of local government for energy retrofits, capital purchases, and other programs designed to promote energy savings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create and retain jobs.

As one of the ten largest counties in the State of South Carolina, Richland County will receive a direct formula allocation from the DOE in the amount of \$2,116,800. Under the program guidelines, Richland County was required to submit an action plan to the DOE outlining how the county proposed to use the EECBG funds. During the council meeting on June 14, 2009, staff obtained approval from county council to submit its application to DOE, and the plan was submitted on June 25, 2009. The list of projects that were submitted to DOE, along with estimates for the energy savings, emission reductions, and job creation for each project, is attached.

The DOE has indicated that it expects to take action on plans that were submitted by the original June 25th deadline within 60 days of receipt. We are therefore expecting to hear back from the DOE no later than the end of August 2009. While there is a slight chance that one or more projects included in Richland County's application may be deemed an ineligible use of EECBG funds under the program guidelines, the Recovery Act mandates that cities and counties may amend their plans as many times as necessary in order to obtain DOE approval. Therefore, we fully expect to receive the entire formula allocation of \$2,116,800 and are requesting council's approval to accept the grant on behalf of Richland County once awarded.

One of the activities listed in Richland County's action plan is the creation of a new grant-funded position. The "Sustainability Coordinator" position will be tasked with coordinating all activities related to the EECBG program, including project management, procurement issues, and grant reporting, among other duties. Because this position was not included in the FY 2010 budget, we are also requesting that council approve an ordinance creating the position of Sustainability Coordinator, contingent upon DOE's approval. This position will last for a period of three years (concurrent with the term of the EECBG grant). Council will have the option of extending the position beyond the three year time period.

C. Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this request. The EECBG program does not require any matching funds. All costs associated with the position will be covered by the EECBG grant. Any “leveraged” funds have already been committed in the county’s normal budget process, or will be committed by other local jurisdictions.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to accept the EECBG stimulus grant, and give first reading approval to an ordinance creating the Sustainability Coordinator position, contingent upon DOE approval.
2. Do not approve the request.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to accept the \$2,116,800 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and give first reading approval to an ordinance creating a position of Sustainability Coordinator.

Recommended by:
Joe Cronin

Department:
Administration

Date:
7/15/09

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date:

- Recommend Approval
- Recommend Denial
- No Recommendation

Comments: Recommendation based on no additional financial impact to the current budget. As stated in the action plan, the county has appropriated \$500m in the fiscal year 2010 budget that would be used as a county contribution to the projects.

Additionally, funding for the new position in the action plan is a three year period therefore the County should expect to absorb some level of financial impact at that time. We would recommend that HR be requested to conduct a position review and evaluation to determine the appropriate classification based on the current county pay plan.

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

- Recommend Approval
- Recommend Denial
- No Recommendation

Comments: Approval, contingent upon Council’s creation of the position by ordinance.

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope

Date: 7-20-09

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments: Recommend approval...

Richland County EECBG Projects

Project	EECBG Funds	Local Funds	Estimated Reductions / Savings				Est. Jobs
			GHG (Tons)	Gasoline (Gal)	Energy (kWh / MMBTU)		
Forest Acres - Holiday Light Replacement Project	\$ 22,000		46.6	0.0	62,548.2 kWh	0	
Irmo - Charing Cross Sidewalk Project	\$ 80,000	\$ 5,900	NA	NA	NA	1	
Blythewood - Hybrid Vehicle	\$ 8,000	\$ 19,000	4.8	400.0	0.0	0	
Blythewood - Recycling Consultant & Drop Off Center	\$ 18,900	\$ 16,100	0.3	0.0	0.0	1	
Eastover - Streetlight Replacement Project	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,842	717.0	0.0	9,376 MMBTU	1	
Palmetto Health Richland - Solar Thermal Project	\$ 211,900		46.7	0.0	8,785 MMBTU	3	
Development of Long-Term Energy Efficiency Strategy	\$ 150,000		0.0	0.0	0.0	2	
Judicial Center Lighting & Control System / Hot Water Improvements	\$ 400,000		641.0	0.0	798,689 kWh	4	
Detention Center Chiller Replacement	\$ 233,000	\$ 117,000	561.0	0.0	698,853 kWh	4	
Administration/EMS Lighting, Control System & Motion Sensors	\$ 180,000		288.0	0.0	359,410 kWh	2	
Dept. of Social Services Lighting & Control System	\$ 100,000		160.0	0.0	199,672 kWh	1	
Public Works/Central Garage Lighting & Control System	\$ 80,000		128.0	0.0	159,738 kWh	1	
Central Court Lighting, Control System & Motion Sensors	\$ 60,000		96.0	0.0	199,803 kWh	1	
ROD eRecording System	\$ 100,000		47.2	5,357.0	0.0	1	
IT Server Virtualization	\$ 64,000	\$ 25,000	36.2	0.0	50,457.6 kWh	0	
County Hybrid Vehicles	\$ 96,000	\$ 228,000	63.6	7,404.0	0.0	0	
Neighborhood Electric Vehicle	\$ 13,000		NA	NA	0.0	0	
Sustainability Coordinator (3 Years Salary & Benefits)	\$ 177,000		0.0	0.0	0.0	1	
Light Bulb Trade-In Program / Education & Outreach	\$ 73,000		1,183.0	0.0	1,646,000 kWh	0	
Lawn Mower Exchange	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	24.8	3,420.0	0.0	0	
Total	\$ 2,116,800	\$ 446,842	4,044.2	16,581.0	4,175,170.8 kWh	23	
					18,161 MMBTU		

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

A resolution authorizing Richland County's consent to an amended agreement re-creating a Regional Transit Authority within the geographic area of Richland County and the municipalities therein to be known as the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority [Pages 37-50]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Amended CMRTA Agreement

A. Purpose

Council is requested to approve a resolution authorizing the county's consent to an amended agreement re-creating a regional transit authority within the geographic area of Richland County and its municipalities.

B. Background / Discussion

Under Section 5.06 of the Interim Financing Agreement between Richland County, the City of Columbia, and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA), the CMRTA agreed to secure amendments to the existing RTA Agreement and/or CMRTA Bylaws so as to limit voting membership on the CMRTA Board of Directors to jurisdictions that provide an appropriate level of funding based on the cost of providing service within those jurisdictions. Under the terms of the Interim Financing Agreement, an amended RTA agreement must be completed no later than September 30, 2009.

The CMRTA has appointed an ad hoc committee to review and propose changes to the existing RTA Agreement, as well as the CMRTA's bylaws. The members of the ad hoc committee include:

- Kelvin Washington (Richland County)
- J. Milton Pope (Richland County)
- Jenny Screen (Richland County)
- Pat Smith (Springdale)
- Bob Coble (Columbia)
- E.W. Cromartie, II (Columbia)
- Tommy Windsor (Columbia)

The ad hoc committee finalized its recommendations on June 29, 2009 and referred a draft version to the CMRTA Board for approval. The Board is scheduled to take action on the draft agreement during its monthly meeting on July 27, 2009.

A current DRAFT version of the revised agreement is attached. A resolution endorsing the revised agreement is also attached. Please note that the committee agenda packet will be distributed before the CMRTA Board takes action on the amended agreement. If the CMRTA Board makes any changes to the current version, these changes will be provided to council prior to the committee meeting.

This request is being submitted to the A&F Committee in July due to council's recess during the month of August. It is requested that the committee forward the resolution to the full council with a recommendation for approval. The full council may act on the resolution at any time prior to September 30, 2009.

C. Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this request.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the resolution in support of the amended agreement and allow the CMRTA to proceed with securing the changes as required in the Interim Funding Agreement.
2. Do not approve the resolution. Without Richland County’s consent, the CMRTA will be unable to meet the statutory threshold and the agreement will not be amended as required by the Interim Funding Agreement.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council adopt the resolution in support of the amended agreement.

Recommended by: Joe Cronin **Department:** Administration **Date:** 7/8/09

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date:

- Recommend Approval
- Recommend Denial
- No Recommendation

Comments:

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

- Recommend Approval
- Recommend Denial
- No Recommendation

Comments: Council discretion

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope

Date: 7-10-09

- Recommend Approval
- Recommend Denial
- No Recommendation

Comments:

require approval from City Council, and reductions in the remaining areas of Richland County, including other municipalities within Richland County, shall require approval from County Council.

5.05 Union Cost Reductions. The CMRTA agrees to pursue union concessions through the system operator in an effort to reduce operating costs. The CMRTA shall present a progress report to City Council and County Council no later than February 1, 2010.

5.06 Amendments to Board Structure and By-Laws. The CMRTA agrees to pursue and secure amendments to the existing RTA Agreement and/or CMRTA Bylaws so as to limit voting membership on the CMRTA Board of Directors to jurisdictions that provide an appropriate level of funding based on the cost of providing service within those jurisdictions. Non-contributing jurisdictions may continue their membership in the CMRTA as non-voting members, and appointees from such jurisdictions may continue to serve on the CMRTA Board in an advisory capacity. Non-contributing jurisdictions may obtain voting membership by providing funding in an amount that is acceptable to the governing bodies of the other voting jurisdictions. The CMRTA agrees to secure said amendments no later than September 30, 2009. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable for any municipality in the County where at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the vehicles registered within the municipality are subject to the County's road maintenance fee, or to appointments made by representatives of the respective Legislative Delegations, as required under South Carolina Code Section 58-25-40.

5.07 Service in Non-Contributing Jurisdictions. The CMRTA agrees to eliminate service in non-contributing jurisdictions once the final payment from SCE&G has been exhausted, but no later than September 30, 2010. The CMRTA may continue such service beyond this date only if those jurisdictions agree to provide financial support to the CMRTA equal to the cost of continuing such service, or if both the City and County consent to the continuation of non-stop commuter service to points of interest to residents and visitors of the City and County (including, but not limited to, the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Lexington Medical Center, and/or the Midlands Technical College Airport Campus.) The CMRTA may continue to provide DART service in non-contributing jurisdictions if required under federal law; however, no funds provided by the City or County may be used for the continuation of these

ATTEST this ____ day of _____, 2009

Michielle R. Cannon-Finch
Clerk of Council

**AMENDED AGREEMENT RE-CREATING A REGIONAL TRANSIT
AUTHORITY ~~OF~~WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF
~~LEXINGTON AND RICHLAND COUNTIES~~COUNTY
AND THE MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN
TO BE KNOWN AS THE
CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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WHEREAS, by February 2002, the counties of Richland and Lexington and the municipalities located within these counties pursuant the Agreement Creating a Regional Transit Authority of the Geographic Areas of Richland County (the “County”) and Lexington County and the Municipalities Therein to be known as the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (the “Original Agreement”) created a regional transit authority within the meaning of ~~the South Carolina Regional Transportation Authority Law, Sections~~ Section 58-25-10 et seq. ~~(, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended)~~ (hereinafter ~~sometimes~~ “sometime the “Enabling Act”) to be known as the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, hereinafter referred to as “Authority”; and;

~~WHEREAS, the undersigned parties have approved the establishment of a regional transit authority to be operated within their respective jurisdictional areas;~~

WHEREAS, the County, the City of Columbia (the “City”) and the Authority have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to the Interim Financing for the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (the “IGA”) pursuant to which the County and the City have agreed to provide funding for the Authority through July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the IGA, the Authority has agreed to amend the Original Agreement and its Bylaws to reflect changes in the service area, changes in membership of the Authority; and changes in its Board of Director; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the municipalities and counties representing 90% of the population in the original service area of the Authority have consented to this amendment; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Amended Agreement desire to modify the service area, membership and funding sources of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned parties in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises expressed herein, hereby agree to ~~create a regional transit authority to be known as the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, hereinafter referred to as “Authority”~~ re-create the Authority, with the powers, duties, and responsibilities hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE I

PURPOSES AND POWERS

Section I – Purposes: The primary purposes of the Authority shall be:

To provide for public transportation of passengers for hire by means, without limitation, of motor vehicle, motor bus, rail car, or other means of conveyance, operating as a common carrier, initially, only in the territorial area lying within the jurisdiction of the governmental entities which are ~~creating members of~~ the Authority; and with the right to expand its services to cover jurisdictional areas of other governmental entities, as such entities elect to become members of the Authority, as provided herein; but initially limited to the territorial area embraced by ~~the Central Midlands Council of Governments~~ Richland County (the “County”) with limited service being provided within the territorial jurisdiction of Lexington County;

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To provide a public transportation system, to include without limitation, a combination of real and personal property, structures, improvements, buildings, equipment, plants, vehicle parking lots or facilities, rights-of-way, and any other appropriate facility, or any combination thereof, necessary or useful for the purposes of public transit.

To implement the plan of service, prepared pursuant to Section 58-25-30(1) of the Enabling Act.

It is specifically recognized that a majority of the governing bodies of general purpose local governments representing the majority of the population within the service area have adopted the plan of service described in (c) above. It is further specifically recognized that this agreement does not provide for imposition of a new source of revenue and therefore the question of creating the Authority need not be submitted for ratification to the qualified electors as contemplated at Section 58-25-30(3) of the Enabling Act.

In pursuit of these purposes, the activities of the Authority shall include, but not be limited to: the operation, coordination, supervision and development of public transit within the ~~regional~~service area of the Authority.

Section 2 – Powers and Duties: The Authority is authorized to exercise those duties enumerated in Section 58-25-50 of the Enabling Act, when and as amended, including but not limited to the following:

To purchase, lease, own, or operate or provide for the operation of transit facilities;

To contract for public transit services;

To plan in concert with any appropriate local or regional planning operation for public transit services;

To work in concert with the metropolitan area Designated Recipient (local entity eligible to receive Federal Transit Administration funding (Central Midlands Council of Governments)) to secure any Federal and State funds available for mass transit use.

To exercise the power of eminent domain limited to right-of-way and contiguous facility acquisition;

To contract with other governmental agencies, private companies, and individuals;

To sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, complain, and defend in all courts;

To adopt, use and alter at will a corporate seal;

To acquire, purchase, hold, lease as a lessee, and use any franchise of property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of the Authority, and sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any property or interest therein acquired by it;

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To fix, alter, change and establish rates, fees, fares, and other charges for services or facilities of the Authority. The rates, fees, and fares set forth in the agreement approved by the electorate may not be increased more frequently than annually. No single increase may exceed fifty percent;

To establish public transit routes and approve the alteration or addition of routes based primarily on a detailed analysis or proposed use and comprehensive cost analysis;

To acquire and operate, or provide for the operation of, transit systems, public or private, within the area, the acquisition of a system to be by negotiation and agreement between the Authority and the operator of the system to be acquired;

To make contracts of every name and nature and execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying on of its business;

To enter into management contracts with any person or organization for the management of a public transit system owned or controlled by the Authority for a period of time, and under compensation and other terms and conditions, as may be considered advisable by the Authority;

To contract for the services of attorneys, engineers, consultants, and agents for any purpose of the Authority;

To borrow money and make and issue negotiable bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness;

To accept gifts, grants or loans of money or other property, enter into contracts, leases, or other transactions with, and accept grant funds from federal, state, or local governments, public or semipublic agencies or private individuals or corporations and expend the funds and carry out cooperative undertakings and contracts;

To do all acts necessary for the provision of public transit services;

To provide transit services for residents of the service area to destinations outside the service area;

To promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of the Enabling Act.

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ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND GOVERNING BODY

Section 1 – Initial Members: As provided at Section 58-25-35 of the Enabling Act, the following local governments:

Arcadia Lakes	Batesburg-Leesville	Blythewood
Cayce	Chapin	City of Columbia
Eastover	Forest Acres	Lexington County
Town of Lexington	Pine Ridge	Richland County
South Congaree	Springdale	West Columbia

shall be the members of the Authority upon local ratification of this agreement in the County and respective ~~counties and~~ municipalities.

Section 2 – Subsequent Members: As provided at Section 58-25-40(3) of the Enabling Act, after activation of the Authority, contiguous counties and municipalities not participating initially may become members of the Authority with the same benefits as the initial members in the procedure set forth in the Enabling Act; provided that such future members provide an appropriate amount of financial support to the Authority.

Section 3 – Governing Body: As provided at Section 58-25-40 of the Enabling Act, the governing body of the Authority shall be a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of voting and non-voting members. Voting Board members shall be appointed by the County and municipalities which are members of the Authority. Except as provided in Section 4 of this Article II, the number of ~~directors~~voting Members of the Board shall be ~~thirtytwo~~ (3012) (Attachment A), distributed as follows:

Appointments to the Board of Directors shall be apportioned among the County and member ~~counties and~~ municipalities proportionate to population within the Authority’s service area: provided, however, as set forth at Section 58-25-40(1) “no member government, regardless of population, may have less than one member on the Board;” provided further, that the Authority shall review its compliance with this apportionment-by-population method immediately after receipt of the results of each official decennial census and each special census conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and shall make such changes to the Board of Directors as are necessary to comply with such new census figures.

An Executive Committee shall be formed from the voting membership of the Board of Directors. The bylaws of the Regional Transit Authority shall direct the composition and size of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 – Other Appointments: As provided at Section 58-25-40(1) of the Enabling Act, in the event that the Authority receives a grant of state funds from the state general fund or the highway fund, then the legislative delegation(s) of the member ~~counties~~County, including resident

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Senators, shall by majority vote appoint three additional Board members. Such additionally appointed Board members shall consist of at least one resident from each of the largest county members. Provided, however, if there are no resident senators for a member county, then the provisions of Section 58-25-40(1), as amended, shall apply.

Section 5 – Terms: As provided at Section 58-25-40(1), upon the ~~activation~~effective date of ~~the Authority~~this Agreement, approximately one-third of the Board members shall be appointed by lot for a term of one year, approximately one-third of the Board members shall be appointed by lot for a term of two years, and approximately one-third of the Board members shall be appointed by lot for a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board upon the expiration of the initial terms shall be for a term of three years.

Section 6 – Vacancies: If a vacancy in the Authority’s governing body occurs by reason of death, resignation, change of residence, removal, or any other cause, it shall be filled for the duration of the unexpired term in the same manner as was the original appointment.

ARTICLE III

AUTHORITY STRUCTURE

Section 1 – Organization: As provided at Section 58-25-40(4), the Authority’s governing board shall elect one of its members as Chairman, one as Vice-Chairman and other officers as may be necessary to serve for one year in that capacity or until their respective successors are elected.

Section 2 – Quorum: As provided at Section 58-25-40(4), a majority of the members of the Authority’s governing body shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3 – Membership: A vacancy in the membership of the Board of Directors shall not impair the right of the Authority to exercise all of its rights and perform all of its duties. Upon the effective date of a Board member’s appointment, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, each Board member shall enter upon their duties. As provided at Section 58-25-40(5) of the Enabling Act, a Board member of the Authority may be removed from office by the governing body which appointed him for misconduct, malfeasance, or neglect of duty in office. Any vacancy so created shall be filled as provided in Article II, Section 6.

Section 4 - Committees: The Board of Directors of the Authority, in addition to functioning as a whole entity, shall be sub-divided into such ~~other Sub-Committees~~ as the Board deems it appropriate to establish, ~~provided, however, that if an Executive Committee is established, it shall be a committee of the whole comprised of each member of the Board.~~ Other specifications for membership, meeting time, and procedures for the Board, Executive Committee and ~~Sub-Committees~~ shall be designated in the Authority’s By-Laws.

Section 5 – Staffing: As provided at Section 58-25-40(6) of the Enabling Act, the Authority may employ an Executive Director to serve at the pleasure of the Authority. The Executive Director may employ any employees as may be necessary for the proper administration of the duties and functions of the Authority and may determine the qualifications of such persons. The Authority shall adopt a compensation plan for employees. The Authority may contract for the services of

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attorneys, engineers, consultants and agents for any purpose of the Authority, including engineering, architectural design, management feasibility, transportation planning, and other studies concerning the design of the facilities and the acquisition, construction, extension, operation, maintenance, regulation, consolidation and financing of transportation systems in the area.

Section 6 – Member Compensation: As provided at Section 58-25-40(1), members of the Board of Directors of the Authority shall be entitled to receive their expenses incurred in connection with their service on the Authority, but they may not receive salaries, per diem or other compensation.

ARTICLE IV

FINANCES

Section 1 – Books, Accounts and Annual Reports: As required by Section 58-25-70 of the Enabling Act, the Authority shall keep books of account, which shall be independently audited at least once in each calendar year. A copy of the audit report must be provided to the Members. The Authority shall submit to the Members the annual operating and capital budget proposed for each fiscal year, at least sixty days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. In the event a member disagrees with the proposed budget, it may set forth points of disagreement and transmit its statement to the Authority and other governing bodies of the member municipalities and ~~counties~~the County within thirty days of the receipt of the proposed budget. Budgets shall be adopted by a majority of the member governments. In the event a majority of the governing bodies of the member municipalities and ~~counties~~the County do not agree with the proposed budget, the Authority shall convene a meeting of chief elected and administrative officials of member governments to develop a budget which may be acceptable to a majority of the member governments; a majority, for the purposes of this section, includes the governing bodies of the member municipalities and ~~counties~~county representing more than one-half of the service area population. In the event a budget acceptable to a majority of the member governments is not developed prior to the beginning of its fiscal year, the Authority shall continue to operate at the budget levels of the previously adopted budget. In the event the requirements in Sections 58-25-30 and 58-25-60 of the Enabling Act permitting imposition of a vehicle registration fee have been satisfied and such fee is imposed, any budget changes requiring an increase in vehicle registration fees in excess of ten percent during the budget year must be approved as provided above for annual budgets.

Section 2 – Fiscal Support: Funds for the use of the Authority shall be provided by revenues from the Authority's transportation system, government grants, contracts for services, intergovernmental agreements, franchising contracts, contributions from SCANA Corporation and its subsidiary South Carolina Electric & Gas and any other source, and as may be appropriated by the governing bodies of the members of the Authority. As stated at Article I, Section I, paragraph (d), it is specifically recognized that this agreement does not provide for the imposition of a new source of revenue but utilizes existing sources of revenue to fund the Authority.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the use of other local, state or federal funds or sources of revenues which shall subsequently become available, except for state highway construction funds which, pursuant to Section 58-25-60 of the Enabling Act, may not be used. This agreement may be amended specifically to recognize new sources.

Section 3 – Adopting of Program and Budget: Before the first day of ~~July~~October, each year, the Authority shall adopt a program and a proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Section 4 – Revenues and Funds: The Authority is authorized to expend the monies produced by its system and monies received from any other source:

For the employment of professional staff, contracting professional services, contracting nonprofessional assistants and other employees;

For obtaining office space and for procuring equipment, materials and supplies;

For the acquisition, construction, extension, operation, maintenance, regulation, consolidation and financing of the transportation system;

For such other purposes as the Authority shall determine to be necessary and proper in carrying out the functions of the Authority within the approved budget; and

As set forth in Article I of this agreement.

Section 5 – Termination of Fiscal Support: No member of the Authority which is providing financial support to the Authority shall terminate such ~~additional~~financial support in the fiscal year for which the support has been pledged, and any member intending to withdraw or decrease such ~~additional~~financial support in subsequent fiscal years must notify the Authority, in writing, by July 1 of the then current fiscal year of its intention to withdraw or decrease such additional support.

Section 6 – Definition of Fiscal Year: The fiscal year as used in this agreement shall be understood to mean the period beginning October 1 and ending September 30.

ARTICLE V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 – Intent: The express intent of this agreement is to provide for the creation of a regional transit authority consistent with the provisions of the Enabling Act, as amended. As provided at Section 58-25-30(6), this agreement may be revised in whole or in part through the process set forth in the Enabling Act. It is specifically provided that should the Enabling Act be amended, to alter the number of Members of the Authority, Article II, Section 3 herein shall be reconsidered by the governing bodies of the parties hereto.

Section 2 – Ratification: It is not necessary that the question of creating the Authority be submitted for ratification to the qualified electors of the governmental members to this agreement inasmuch as this agreement does not provide for the imposition of a new source of revenue as contemplated at Section 58-25-30(3) of the Enabling Act. The consent of the parties to this

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agreement to create the Authority shall be evidenced by Resolution adopted by the governing bodies of such parties.

Section 3 – Entire Agreement: This agreement represents the entire understanding between and among the Authority members.

Section 4 – Dissolution: Dissolution of the Authority shall be in the same manner as of its creation as set forth in Section 58-25-30(5) of the Enabling Act, as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

ARTICLE VI

EFFECTIVE DATE

Because an election is not required, this agreement shall become operational upon the execution of this agreement by the governing bodies of the municipalities and ~~counties~~county which include at least 90% of the population of the proposed service area, and the Authority must be created not less than sixty days after this agreement is executed by the parties to it.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to provide \$100,000 in mass transit fee funds to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) for the purpose of providing local matching funds (20%) for the undertaking of three studies required under the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement [Pages 52-59]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Funding for CMRTA Studies

A. Purpose

The purpose of this request is to seek council's approval to exercise the county's ability under Section 3.05 of the CMRTA Interim Funding Agreement to provide \$100,000 in mass transit fee funds in August 2009, which is two months prior to the scheduled start date for county funding (October 1, 2009). These funds will be used as the 20% local match for three studies that the CMRTA has agreed to undertake under the terms of the agreement. The \$100,000 in matching funds from the county will be used to leverage \$400,000 from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and will allow the CMRTA to proceed with procuring a vendor prior to October.

B. Background / Discussion

Under Section 5.03 of the Interim Financing Agreement between Richland County, the City of Columbia, and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA), the CMRTA agreed to use a portion of the local funding to solicit and complete three independent studies and analyses. These studies are to be completed and submitted to the City and County no later than February 1, 2010:

- A Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) to study, at a minimum: ridership information, route and service location, fare structure, marketing, system operations, and operating costs.
- A Park-and-Ride Feasibility Study to identify and evaluate the feasibility of park-and-ride locations in various parts of the county, including: Northeast Richland County, North Central Richland County (Blythewood, North Columbia), Northwest Richland County (Irmo, Ballentine, Chapin), and Southeast Richland County (Eastover, Hopkins).
- An independent performance audit of the current system operator, Veolia Transportation.

The estimated cost of the three studies is \$500,000. As a planning expense, only 20% of the cost, or \$100,000, must be paid locally. These local funds will leverage the remaining 80%, or \$400,000, from federal transit funds.

Under the terms of the Interim Funding Agreement, the county is scheduled to begin making monthly payments to the CMRTA in October 2009. However, Section 3.05 of the agreement authorizes the county, at the discretion of county council, to begin providing funding to the CMRTA for certain projects prior to October. This language was included in the agreement so that the CMRTA could begin the studies as soon as possible, with a targeted completion date of February 1, 2010.

It is requested that council authorize staff to provide up to \$100,000 in Mass Transit Fee funds to the CMRTA on or after August 1, 2009. These funds will allow the CMRTA to proceed with drawing down federal funds and procuring the necessary professional services. Monthly payments to CMRTA, which will begin in October 2009, will be reduced proportionately to cover the \$100,000 expenditure.

Since the agreement was completed among the three parties in April, significant progress has been made by all three parties:

- Richland County Council adopted Ordinance No. 017-09HR, which re-instated a mass transit fee in the amount of \$10 for private vehicles and \$15 for commercial vehicles. Fee collections began in July 2009 and will last for a period of two years. The fee is estimated to generate \$5.654 million over the next two fiscal years. These funds will be provided to the CMRTA under the terms of the interim funding agreement.
- On June 24, 2009, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2009-059 – Authorizing use of the first \$4,000,000.00 from sale of real property for the purpose of funding the City of Columbia’s obligation to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for FY 09/10 and \$2,000,000.00 for FY 10/11 by transferring such amount to the Hydro Fund when received. A subsequent resolution, Resolution No. R-2009-050, authorized the Interim City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement between the City of Columbia and SCE&G terminating SCE&G’s contractual obligation to transfer the Huger Street property to the City of Columbia in return for \$4,000,000. These funds will be used to satisfy the city’s \$4,000,000 commitment to the CMRTA over the next two fiscal years.
- On June 25, 2009, the CMRTA held a public hearing at the Assembly Street Branch of the Richland County Public Library for the purpose of soliciting public comments regarding proposed increases in the cost of bulk and discount fares. CMRTA policies and FTA regulations require a Public Forum whenever changes in fares are to be undertaken. The CMRTA has now satisfied this requirement, and the Board is expected to take action on the bulk and discount fare increases prior to the deadline of October 1, 2009, as required under Section 5.01 in the agreement.
- The CMRTA has appointed an ad hoc committee to develop a scope of services, select one or more consultants, and oversee the three operational studies that will be undertaken, as required under Section 5.03 of the agreement. The CMRTA must receive the local matching funds prior to drawing down federal matching funds and procuring a consultant for the purpose of undertaking these studies.
- The CMRTA has also appointed an ad hoc committee to review and propose changes to the RTA Agreement, as well as the CMRTA’s bylaws. The ad hoc committee finalized its recommendations on June 29, 2009, and the Board will take action on the revisions during its meeting on July 27, 2009. Under Section 5.06 of the agreement, the CMRTA has agreed to secure amendments no later than September 30, 2009.

C. Financial Impact

The estimated cost of the three studies is \$500,000. The total request from the CMRTA is in the amount of \$100,000 (20%). These local matching funds will enable the CMRTA to leverage the remaining \$400,000 (80%) from federal sources in order to procure the professional services needed to complete the studies. These funds have been budgeted in FY09/10, and will not increase the county's financial commitment for the current fiscal year.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to provide a portion of the funding prior to October 1st (as authorized under Section 3.5 of the Intergovernmental Agreement) and allow the CMRTA to procure the necessary services in order to begin the three studies as required under the agreement.
2. Do not approve the request. The CMRTA will be required to wait until October 1, 2009 to receive funding from the county, and the three required studies will likely not be completed prior to the deadline of February 1, 2010.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve alternative number one.

Recommended by: Joe Cronin

Department: Administration

Date: 7/01/09

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 7/13/09

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

No Recommendation

Comments: This is a Council decision however since this would be a change from the IGA we would ask from a financial perspective we be provided the following direction:

- Approved funding date - since the fee will not be billed until July, it will be at least August before any actual collections are received and cash is available. Therefore if it is approved to release funds prior to the collections, it will be a short-term loan from the GF or some other funding source.

- Section 3.03 of the IGA states the County shall not transfer any funds to CMRTA until all of the contingent requirements in section 4 and 5 are met. Does approval remove these contingencies?

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

Recommend Approval

- Recommend Denial
- No Recommendation

Comments: The decision to provide a portion of the funding prior to October 1st is within the discretion of Council. However, it is my opinion that all the contingencies that are outlined in section 4 and 5 of the agreement must be met before Council exercises its discretion to pay the CMRTA any portion of the funds prior to October 1st.

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope

Date:

- Recommend Approval
- Recommend Denial
- No Recommendation

Comments: Administration recommends option #1...



July 14, 2009

Joseph M. Cronin, Research Manager
Richland County Government
2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Joe:

This letter is intended to serve as the CMRTA's formal request for Richland County Council to take official action to make the local matching funds available for the conduct of the technical studies required by the current Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Section 3.05 of the Agreement authorizes the County, at the discretion of county council, to begin providing funding to the CMRTA for certain projects prior to October 1, 2009.

The CMRTA is requesting that the County provide the required matching funds upon the execution of the CMRTA purchase order/contract for the conduct of the studies. The CMRTA is not in the financial position to go forward with procuring consultant services for the conduct of the project(s) nor can we make a commitment of the availability of the required matching funds necessary to secure the needed federal share without being able to document the availability of such funds.

The total estimated cost of the three (3) studies required by the IGA is approximately \$500,000.00. The Richland County funding will provide the required twenty percent (20%) local match needed to secure the federal funding (80% of total cost or \$400,000.00) through the Federal Transit Administration.

The three (3) technical studies required by the Agreement are a Comprehensive Operational Analysis, a Management Performance Review of the current operations contractor, and a County-wide Park and Ride Study. Each of these efforts will be extensive and it is imperative that the County and CMRTA move forward with the consultant solicitation and contract award process as soon as possible in order for the work to be completed in a timely manner.

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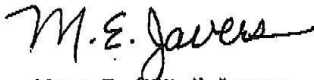
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July 14, 2009

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Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by telephone at 803-255-7130 or by email at mitzij@gocmrta.com.

Your assistance with this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mary E. (Mitzi) Javers
Executive Director

cc: Pat G. Smith, CMRTA Chairman
Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson
Councilwoman Gwendolyn Kennedy
Councilman Kelvin Washington
Councilman Bill Mallinowski
Councilwoman Val Hutchinson
Councilman Damon Jeter
Milton Pope, County Administrator

continuation of mass transit service in Richland County. The amount paid by the County to the CMRTA shall not exceed the net collections from the mass transit portion of the road maintenance fee as recorded in the County Financial system.

3.05 The County Council, may, at its discretion, begin to provide funding to the CMRTA for certain projects prior to October 1, 2009.

SECTION 4

UNDERTAKINGS BY THE CITY

4.01 Continuation of Existing Funding The City shall transfer revenue in compliance with and as provided for in Section 4.2 of the agreement between the City and CMRTA, dated October 16, 2002, in the amount of one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars per City fiscal year for FY 2009-2010 and FY 2010-2011. The City agrees that only a dedicated tax or dedicated source of revenue shall be grounds for releasing the City from its obligation under Section 4.2 of the referenced agreement during the two year period covered by this interim funding agreement. If, during the interim funding period, the City shall be released from its existing obligation by a dedicated tax or revenue source that generates less than one million (\$1,000,000) dollars per year from City funds or other funds secured by the City and appropriated by the City to the CMRTA, the City agrees to transfer the difference to the CMRTA for the remainder of the interim funding period from any legally permissible source which is, or may become, available during the interim funding period; provided that the City does not use any sources outlined in Sections 4.03 of this agreement. If additional sources of revenue shall become available to the CMRTA during the interim funding period, including, but not limited to, federal funds for the operation of mass transit systems, the parties agree to revisit and amend this agreement to reduce the financial obligation of both the City and the County proportionate to the total contribution of each party under this agreement. The parties further acknowledge that any funding provided to the CMRTA under the terms of this interim funding agreement shall not constitute a dedicated source of funding.

4.02 Additional Funding for FY2009-2010 and FY2010-2011 The City shall contribute an additional one million (\$1,000,000) dollars per year for FY2009-2010 and FY2010-2011 to support the

September 30, 2010. If no funding agreement is reached in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the CMRTA shall terminate service within Lexington County no later than September 30, 2010; however, the CMRTA may continue to provide service in areas of Lexington County which are within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia, and for any other provisions authorized under Section 5.07 of this agreement. The CMRTA shall present a progress report to City Council and County Council no later than February 1, 2010.

5.03 Service Evaluation. The CMRTA agrees to use a portion of the local funding provided by the City and County to solicit and complete the independent studies and analyses listed below. The CMRTA shall seek input from the City and County on the scope, budget, and vendor prior to soliciting and awarding any professional services contracts related to the following:

(a) A Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) to study, at a minimum: ridership information, route and service location, fare structure, marketing, system operations, and operating costs. The COA shall be completed and submitted to the City and County no later than February 1, 2010.

(b) A Park-and-Ride Feasibility Study to identify and evaluate the feasibility of park-and-ride locations in various parts of the county, including: Northeast Richland County, North Central Richland County (Blythewood, North Columbia), Northwest Richland County (Irmo, Ballentine, Chapin), and Southeast Richland County (Eastover, Hopkins). The Park-and-Ride Feasibility Study shall be completed and submitted to the City and County no later than February 1, 2010.

(c) An independent performance audit of the current system operator, Veolia Transportation. This audit shall be completed and submitted to the City and County no later than February 1, 2010.

5.04 County Service. The CMRTA agrees that all funds paid herein by the City and County will be used only for operations within Richland County and its municipalities. The CMRTA further agrees not to reduce services within Richland County and its municipalities without prior consent from the City or County as hereinafter provided: Service reductions within the corporate limits of the City shall

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Request to consider a property donation and purchase (\$2 million) proposal from South Capital Group, Inc. for approximately 189 acres of property located on Ridge Road in the Lower Richland Community [Pages 61-64]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Southeast Property Donation / Purchase Proposal

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Request of Action is to make a determination as to the acceptance of a donation / purchase proposal from South Capital Group, Inc.

B. Background / Discussion

The purchase of property was discussed in Executive Session at the Regular Session Council Meeting on June 2, 2009. Council forwarded this item to the June A&F Committee.

In correspondence dated May 1, 2009 (attached), the president of South Capital Group, Inc. proposes to donate 90 +/- acres to Richland County, provided that the County purchases 100 additional adjoining acres. The property is located off of Lower Richland Boulevard in the southeast section of the County.

The 100 acres is being offered at \$2,000,000, or \$20,000 per acre. The property has been surveyed, and a phase one environmental has been completed. (Staff does not currently have this information.)

Further, South Capital Group, Inc. has controlling interest in nearly 300 additional acres, should the County desire more land.

C. Financial Impact

The 100 acres is being offered at \$2,000,000, or \$20,000 per acre.

D. Alternatives

1. Accept and proceed with the donation / purchase proposal.
2. Do not accept nor proceed with the donation / purchase proposal.

E. Recommendation

This is a policy decision of Council. This donation / purchase proposal was unsolicited.

F. Reviews

(Please **SIGN** your name, ✓ the appropriate box, and support your recommendation before routing. Thank you!)

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 6/12/09

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

✓ No Recommendation

Comments: Approval of alternative one would require the identification of a funding source and may require a budget amendment.

Legal

Reviewed by: Larry Smith

Date:

Recommend Approval

Recommend Denial

✓ No Recommendation

Comments: Council discretion

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope

Date: 6-17-09

Recommend Approval

✓ **Recommend Denial**

No Recommendation

Comments: Staff requests clear specific direction from Council regarding the purchase of any future purchases of property for recreational purposes. Council direction should include funding sources for future property purchases.

**South Capital Group, Inc.
29 Governor's Hill
Columbia, SC 29201**

May 1, 2009

J. Milton Pope
Richland County Administrator
2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RECEIVED
09 MAY - 8 AM 11:15
RICHLAND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE

Re: 189.182 Acres Ridge Road

Dear Mr. Pope:

Please find this letter as a formal offer to donate 90+/- acres to Richland County, provided, Richland County purchases the 100 adjoining acres in the southeast section of the county.

South Capitol Group is offering to sell this property for \$2,000,000.00.

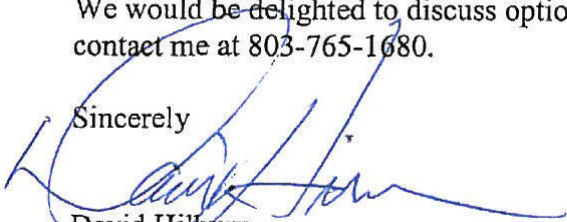
The 189.182 acres is located off Ridge Road, TMS # 24900-07-03. (See attached site map) The property has been surveyed and phase one has been completed.

This site is an excellent site for the proposed Southeast Recreation Facility; easy access and centrally located. The large tract will allow for golf course, ball fields, tennis, swimming facilities and future growth of the facilities.

We have controlling interest of nearly 300 additional acres should Richland County desire more land.

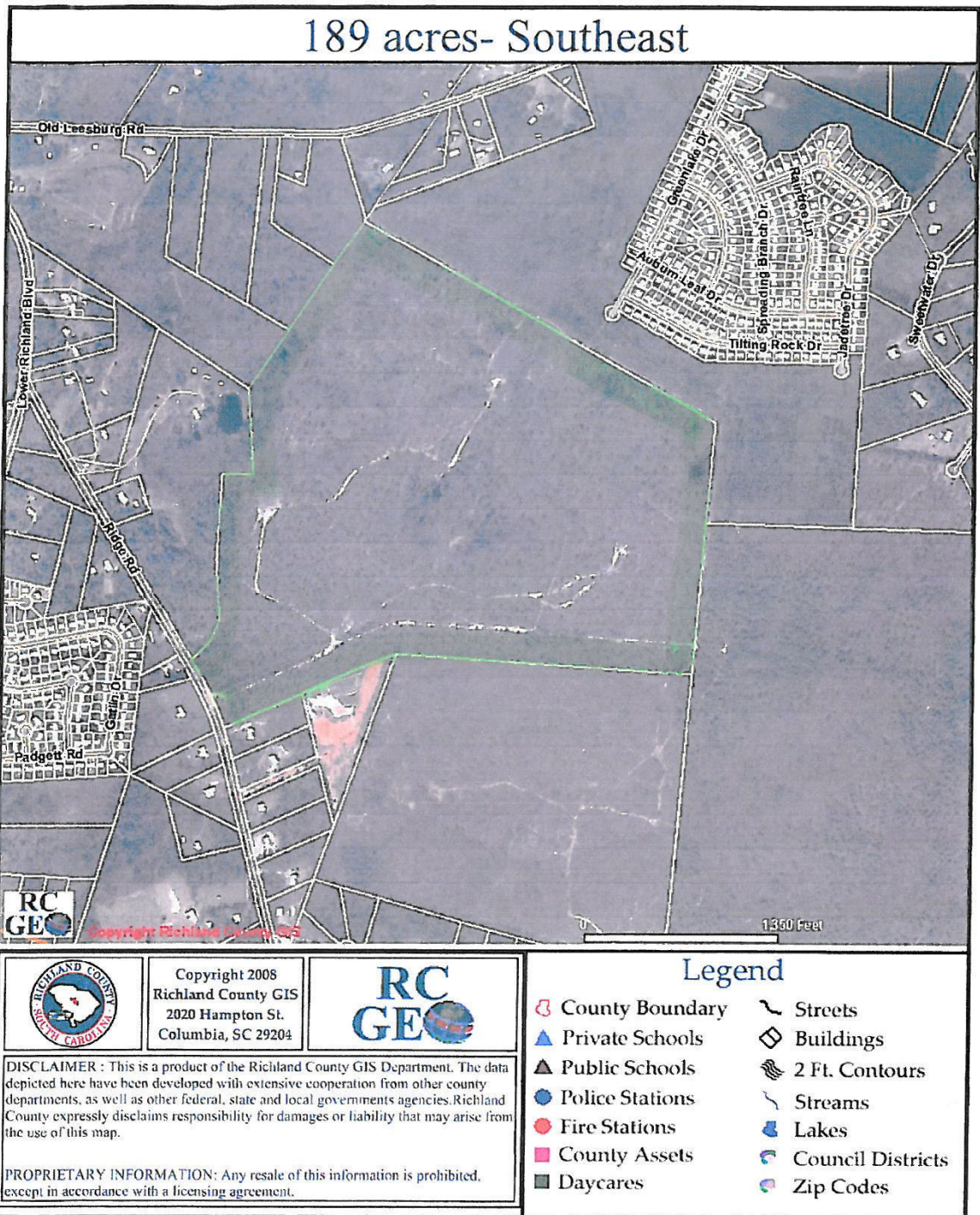
We would be delighted to discuss options and the donation in further detail. Please contact me at 803-765-1680.

Sincerely


David Hilburn
President

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Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Council Motion (Jackson): Request to consider proposals and locations for a possible Farmers Market in Richland County [Pages 66-67]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Farmers' Market Motion

A. Purpose

Council is requested to consider the motion made at the July 21, 2009 Council Meeting, and direct staff as appropriate.

B. Background / Discussion

The following motion was made at the July 21, 2009 Council Meeting:

-----Original Message-----

From: Norman Jackson
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 4:26 PM
To: MICHIELLE CANNON-FINCH
Subject: Farmers Market

Explore both proposals and all locations for possible Richland location of Farmers Market and Richland County support.

I think Council passed a resolution last year for a joint County City Farmers Market.

Norman Jackson

At the Council Meeting, Councilman Washington requested a friendly amendment to Councilman Jackson's motion, requesting all options be presented to Council by September 1.

It is at this time that staff is requesting direction from Council with regards to this motion.

C. Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this request at this time, as direction from Council is requested.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the motion and direct staff as appropriate.
2. Do not approve the motion.

E. Recommendation

Council discretion.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Council Motion (Pearce): Request to reverse the action proposed by the county regarding the termination of payroll deductions for county employees wishing to have their policies with Colonial Life Insurance remain in force, and to continue collecting these payments on behalf of Colonial Life *[Eligible for Discussion in Executive Session]*

Reviews