

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005 Immediately Following D&S

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair: Kit Smith
Member: Paul Livingston
Member: Joseph McEachern
Member: Valerie Hutchinson (arrived at 5:39)
Member: Mike Montgomery

ALSO PRESENT: Bernice G. Scott, Damon Jeter, Joyce Dickerson, Tony Mizzell, Doris Corley, L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Larry Smith, Michael Criss, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Ashley Jacobs, Chief Harrell, Joe Cronin, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Judge Amy McCulloch, Gary Watts, Michelle Onley, Monique Walters, T. Gary McSwain, Roxanne Matthews, Dwight Hanna

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 5:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 27, 2005 (Regular Session) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

October 3, 2005 (Special Called) – Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adopt the agenda with an option to take action upon the presentation item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Discount Card Program: Mr. Dwight Hanna, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Dwight Hanna gave a brief overview of the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to forward this item to Council for approval pending the development of an implementation plan by the Human Resources Department. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Budget Amendment for the Mental Health Court

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to forward this item to Council with the recommendation for first reading approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request for New Department and Budget: Business Service Center

Ms. Smith stated this was discussed at the Council Retreat. Mr. Tony McDonald gave a brief explanation of this item. A brief discussion took place.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to forward this item to Council with the recommendation for first reading approval of a budget amendment to provide funding for the Business Service Center and first reading approval of an ordinance creating the Business Service Center. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance to Establish a Bond Review Committee

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to defer this item to the next meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Funding for the Newly Appointed Medical Examiner for Richland County

Mr. Gary Watts, Richland County Coroner, briefed Council on how the Medical Examiner will be appointed along with the benefits of funding this position.

A discussion took place wherein Mr. McEachern requested a legal overview of this item.

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Watts if he would be willing to work with Council to accomplish something similar by county ordinance to set up a county appointed oversight or advisory commission. Mr. Watts would like for this to be put on the fast track.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to hold this item in committee, work with legal staff to answer Council's questions and explore other options to accomplish the same purpose. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Budget Amendment Establishing the Hopkins Utility Fund for the Operation of Franklin & Albene Park Utility Systems

Ms. Ashley Jacobs informed Council that under the agreement with DHEC the rates can be increased to make the system operable. The temporary receivership with DHEC is for one year and DHEC would have to find a permanent receiver after that time.

A discussion took place wherein Mr. Smith stated that the language of the receivership agreement indicates that if there is to be a rate increase we must go to DHEC. DHEC then must

go to the Court because this receivership agreement was approved by the Court. Council cannot independently increase the rate.

Ms. Smith requested that Council be kept informed of collections on this.

Ms. Scott stated that other avenues to offset some of the costs are being explored.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval setting the rate during the period of the receivership and being brought back before Council if there is additional action taken and contingent upon DHEC's acceptance of the rate structure. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Resolution Authorizing a Public Hearing for the Redevelopment Plan for the Olympia, Whaley, Granby Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to forward to Council without a recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sheriff's Department: Resolution Authorizing an Advancement for Vehicle Purchases

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Creation of Detention Center Commission – This item is still being analyzed.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kit Smith, Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley