



Development and Services Committee

Norman Jackson	Damon Jeter	Julie-Ann Dixon (Chair)	Bill Malinowski	Seth Rose
District 11	District 3	District 9	District 1	District 5

December 20, 2016 - 5:00 PM
2020 Hampton Street

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

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Adoption of Agenda

Items for Action

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Adjournment



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RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SOUTH CAROLINA



DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

November 17, 2016
5:00 PM
County Council Chambers

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dixon called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: October 25, 2016 – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Support Services: Township Auditorium Safety Catwalk Upgrade – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to execute the contract with AAA Utilities and Construction, greatly improving the work environment safety for county employees and contractors required to perform regular maintenance (reactive and preventative) in the facility attic where much of the facilities HVAC, Plumbing, and Lighting is located. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council Motion: Utility Service Providers – Executive Session – Mr. Malinowski requested that staff, in conjunction with the Legal Department, send a letter to the City of Columbia reiterating Richland County's position that they seek the County's approval prior to serving new customers in the unincorporated area.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to defer this item until the December Committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair
District Nine

Bill Malinowski
District One

Seth Rose
District Five

Norman Jackson
District Eleven

Others Present:

Kevin Bronson
Brandon Madden
Michelle Onley
Kimberly Williams-Roberts
Bill Peters
Hayden Davis
Shahid Khan
Elizabeth McLean
Gerald Seals

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:05 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Conservation Department: Intergovernmental Transfer of Funds for Owens Field Park Project

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Conservation Department: Intergovernmental Transfer of Funds for Owens Field Park Project

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to approve a transfer of \$49,000 funds from Richland School District One to the County which will then be transferred to the City of Columbia for improvements at Owens Field Park, contingent upon a signed intergovernmental agreement between the District and the County.

B. Background / Discussion

Richland County Conservation Commission (RCCC) and the City of Columbia are working on a joint project at Owens Field Park. The RCCC component involves trail improvements and best management stormwater practices. On May 3, 2016 Council approved a Request of Action for an intergovernmental agreement with the City to handle the administration of the project and for the County to transfer RCCC and Stormwater funds earmarked for Owens Field to the City. A contractor was hired and the groundbreaking ceremony was held on August 20 with Councilman Seth Rose in attendance.

This project involves a partnership with Gills Creek Watershed Association (GCWA) and Richland School District One (RSD1). The County has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with RSD1 signed in 2014 that allows stormwater improvements to be made on the school district property. In April 2016 GCWA requested a \$49,000 contribution from the School Board which was approved. RSD1 has requested these funds be transferred to the County rather than to GCWA since they do not have an agreement with GCWA nor with the City. This request came after the transfer of County monies in June. (See attached letter from RSD1.)

The additional funds are particularly important due to increased expense from debris removal that was much more extensive than originally thought. These are the only funds the District has committed to the project. Since stormwater from the District property causes significant erosion and deterioration to the County property, it is appropriate they should contribute for the improvements.

After much deliberation among staff, it was decided an intergovernmental agreement between the County and the District was needed. Legal Department drafted the agreement (see attached) and it has been sent to the District for their approval. There is no fiscal impact since this is a pass-through of funds. The City of Columbia has sent written confirmation of their willingness to accept the funds.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

11/11/2014 - Administration approval of the MOA between the County and RSD1

5/3/2016 - Council approval of the agreement between the City and the County

6/28/2016 - Finance Dept. transfer of funds to the City

D. Alternatives

1. Approve a transfer of \$49,000 from RSD1 to the County which will then be transferred to the City of Columbia for ongoing work on the Owens Field Park project, contingent upon a signed intergovernmental agreement between the County and the District. This contribution of funds is much needed to complete the stormwater improvements on county-owned land.
2. Do not approve the pass-through funds from RSD1 to Richland County and then to the City of Columbia and lose \$49,000 for work at Owens Field Park. Funds will have to be found elsewhere for the unexpected increase for debris removal.

E. Final Recommendation

It is recommended that County Council approve a transfer of \$49,000 from Richland School District One to the County which will then be transferred to the City of Columbia for improvements at Owens Field Park. Approval is contingent upon the District and the County signing the intergovernmental agreement.

Council approval of this item will result in the following actions:

- County and District will sign the intergovernmental agreement.
- Richland School District One will send a check in the amount of \$49,000 to the County.
- The County will send a check in the amount of \$49,000 to the City of Columbia.



Facility Services

September 9, 2016

Ms. Nancy Stone-Collum, Conservation Coordinator
Richland County
2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Gills Creek Watershed Project:

Dear Nancy,

As you are aware, Richland County School District One was requested to support the Gills Creek Watershed Project by contributing \$49,000. In April of this year, our Board approved this request.

While the Board believes this to be a very worthwhile project that needs to be fully supported by the district at the requested level of participation, we believe there must be some governing agreement for the exchange of these funds. The quickest way for us to manage this is for us to forward these funds to Richland County. Richland County can then forward to the City or the Gillcreek Watershed Association.

Should this plan be agreeable, please provide acknowledgement and Richland County School District One will forward the requested funds. If I can provide any additional information, please call me at 803 231-7057.

Sincerely,

Raymond A. Perkins, Jr.
Director, Facility Services

copy: Dr. Craig Witherspoon
Mr. Edward Carlon
Ms. Susan Williams
Mr. Quinton Epps
File

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE AND
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this ____ day of December, 2016, is by and between Richland County, South Carolina (hereinafter "COUNTY") and Richland County School District One (hereinafter "DISTRICT").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, COUNTY has entered into an Agreement with the City of Columbia and the Gills Creek Watershed Association dated June 23, 2016 (the "Owens Field Agreement") for trail improvements and stormwater best management practices at Owens Field Park (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT would like to contribute \$49,000 towards the Project; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and DISTRICT are bodies politic with all the rights and privileges of such, including the power to contract as necessary and the incidental power to carry out the functions under this Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The DISTRICT shall pay to the COUNTY the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00).
2. The COUNTY shall pay the aforementioned sum to the City of Columbia in conjunction with the Project and the Owens Field Agreement.
3. The parties understand that the funds provided by the DISTRICT are to be used only for work on the Project.
4. The DISTRICT will inform the City of Columbia that the DISTRICT is providing the funds for the sole purpose of work on the Project.
5. It shall be the DISTRICT's responsibility to see that the funds are used for an appropriate purpose; the COUNTY shall bear no responsibility for such.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE THE UNDERSIGNED have signed and sealed on the date first above written.

RICHLAND COUNTY:

WITNESSES:

By: _____
Its: _____

RICHLAND COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

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By: _____
Its: _____

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject:

Council Motion: Utility Service Providers - Executive Session