

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 24, 2015
6:00 PM
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

Mr. Pearce reconvened the February A&F Committee meeting at approximately 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 24, 2015 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the approval of the minutes were properly before the committee.

Mr. Smith stated the minutes were properly before the committee as they reflected the actions of the committee up until there was no longer a quorum present.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Extension of EMS Billing Contract – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to extend the Emergency Medical Services billing contract with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. through June 30, 2019 with a contract effective date of July 1, 2015. The vote in favor was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Manning inquired if the purchase of a fire truck was on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Pearce stated it on the agenda, but is currently not an action item.

PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) Compliance: Part Time and Temporary Employees, Determination Periods, and Development of a Second



Committee Members Present

Greg Pearce, Chair
District Six

Paul Livingston
District Four

Jim Manning
District Eight

Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.
District Ten

Others Present:

Bill Malinowski
Torrey Rush
Damon Jeter
Julie-Ann Dixon
Norman Jackson
Seth Rose
Tony McDonald
Sparty Hammett
Warren Harley
Brandon Madden
Larry Smith
Monique Walters
Daniel Driggers
Tracy Hegler
Michelle Onley
Monique McDaniels
Nancy Stone-Collum
Ismail Ozbek
Amelia Linder
Cheryl Patrick
Dwight Hanna

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Health Plan with Lower Benefits – Mr. Hanna stated the Human Resource Department is attempting to comply with Healthcare Reform and to manage the liability, as it relates to providing health insurance.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the County will be required to provide a second healthcare plan with lower benefits for part time and temporary/seasonal employees.

Mr. Hanna stated it is not required by Healthcare Reform, but is just an option if a part time employee exceeded 25 hours a week.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve County policy revisions related to the work hours of part-time County employees and the length of temporary/seasonal County jobs, and staff recommendations regarding compliance with the PPACA.

Approval supports the following directives:

- Limit the work hours of part-time employees to no more than an average of 25 hours per week.
- Limit the length of temporary and seasonal County jobs to no more than 3 months or 90 consecutive days.
- Provide the County Administrator with the authority to designate determination periods for the PPACA.
- Grant staff permission to develop a second health plan with lower benefits that would be used primarily for part-time and temporary/seasonal employees, if needed, for Council review and action.

The vote was in favor.

Financial Contribution to SC Slave Dwelling Survey – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request by RCCC to expend \$5,000 in FY15 funds to assist with the grant match for the SC Slave Dwelling Survey. The County will be provided with architect-prepared condition assessments of the extant slave dwellings in the County.

Ms. Stone-Collum stated an architect will be taking measurements of each of the slave dwellings, a photographer/videographer will be documenting the dwelling and a survey cards will be completed for the Department of Archives.

Mr. Washington inquired as to what historical nature the RCCC is pursuing.

Ms. Stone-Collum stated the RCCC interest is so that as many of the slave dwellings in Richland County can be documented, but at this time RCCC has not identified how they will proceed with the information obtained.

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The vote was in favor.

Budget Amendment – Paved Road Repair – Mr. Hammett stated the Arthurtown Roads are included in the list in the agenda packet and the addition of Sunny Acres Subdivision is recommended.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$800,000 to fund the repair of 27 paved roads that are in the process of being added to the County's road maintenance system. The vote was in favor.

Distribution of Mulch and Compost – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the proposed rate structure for the distribution of excess mulch and compost generated by the Solid Waste & Recycling Department's Wood Grinding/Compost Facility. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Improvement Program Property Purchase – Candlewood – Mr. McDonald stated the request is to negotiate a property purchase in the Candlewood Subdivision. The purchase would provide property for a neighborhood park, which is a part of the neighborhood master plan for the community. The Neighborhood Improvement Program funds would be utilized to purchase the property.

Mr. Washington inquired if there is an agreement with the Richland County Recreation Commission.

Mr. Rush recommended a formal agreement be secured if the County is partnering with the Recreation Commission.

Ms. Hegler stated the MOU could be presented to Council prior to any offer.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve staff negotiating with the property owner, up to the appraised value of \$73,000, the purchase of subject property for implementation of the Candlewood Master Plan Project-Catalyst 3, Neighborhood Park. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Wateree Community Actions, Inc. Funding Request – Mr. Washington moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to fund Wateree Community Action, Inc. at \$225,000. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Manning moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to fund Wateree Community Action, Inc. at \$100,000.

Mr. Manning withdrew his motion.

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Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward Wateree Community Actions, Inc.'s request to be considered during the upcoming budget process to the Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion to table this item.

Mr. Pearce stated the committee is accepting Wateree Community Action Inc.'s withdrawal of their original request and requesting Wateree Community Action Inc. to submit a request for future funding to the County Administrator. The request will then be considered during the upcoming budget process.

The committee unanimously approved the withdrawal of the request.

Alcohol on County Property: Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival: Development of Process Moving Forward – Mr. McDonald stated the Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival is presently held across the street from the Curtiss-Wright Hangar property and the event has outgrown the venue and Sustainable Midlands has requested the use of the County's property. An obstacle to their request is there is a County ordinance that prohibits the consumption of alcohol on County or public property and alcohol is served at the event. The request before the committee is does the County want to allow an exemption for this event and/or develop a policy for these kinds of events in the future similar to the City of Columbia.

Mr. Manning cautioned using the term "selling of alcohol" on County property and to insure that the date and time of the event is reflected in the resolution.

Mr. Washington inquired if the Airport Commission has been contacted about Sustainable Midlands request and the process for the use of airport facilities.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the request, via resolution, to allow for the consumption of beer on County property for the Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to direct staff to develop a process by which approval is obtained for the consumption of alcohol on County property. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Audit of Intergovernmental Fire Agreement (IGA) with the City of Columbia

Mr. Pearce stated the implementation of the inventory system has just been completed and it would seem to be premature to issue an audit.

Mr. Washington stated the intent of his motion to examine the previous audit.

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Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to move forward with a forensic audit of the fire contract.

Mr. Livingston requested the scope of the audit before this item goes to Council.

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

Motion to amend certain Council Districts to At-Large Districts instead of Single Member Districts

Mr. Smith stated the election of Council districts is governed by SC Code Section 4-9-10(a), which allows for Counties to either elect single member or at-large.

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

County Council Implementing an Electronic Voting System – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to defer this item to the April Committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Employee Benefits Comparison – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward the information to the budget process. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Renewal of Operating Agreement between Richland County and Columbia Rowing Club – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to renew the Operating Agreement for five (5) years with the Columbia Rowing Club, allowing them to continue to operate as they have for the last 15 years. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Establish a Budget Committee – The Budget Committee has been established.

Emergency Services Department – Fire Truck Purchase – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to waive the rules and move this item to an “Item for Action”. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward this item to Council without a recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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