



Richland County Council
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 27, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair (arrived at 6:03 PM); Derrek Pugh, Yvonne McBride, Paul Livingston, and Don Weaver

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Cheryl English, Jessica Mackey, Ashiya Myers, Stacey Hamm, Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, Lori Thomas, Anette Kirylo, Patrick Wright, Ashley Fullerton, Tamar Black, Jennifer Wladischkin, Michael Byrd, Kyle Holsclaw, Bill Davis, Jackie Hancock, Leonardo Brown, Quinton Epps, Dale Welch, John Thompson, and Dante Roberts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Councilman Paul Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **December 14, 2023** – Ms. McBride moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, and Weaver

Not Present: Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, and Weaver

Not Present: Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** – Mr. Pugh moved to nominate Mr. Walker for the position of Chair, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, and Weaver

Not Present: Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.
5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**
 - a. **Community Planning & Development/Department of Public Works – Professional Services – Town of Blythewood Intergovernmental Agreement** – Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, stated staff recommends approval of this item. This is a continuation of an agreement we have had with the Town of Blythewood to provide said services.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Richland County and the Town of Blythewood for Engineering Services and Infrastructure Maintenance, including the review of land development projects, stormwater review, and the maintenance of roadways, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Weaver, and Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.
 - b. **Department of Public Works – Engineering Division – Summit Ridge Sidewalk Construction** – Mr. Brown stated this project is funded through the County Transportation Committee (CTC) and Richland County

Roads and Drainage. It is consistent with a recommendation for the construction of a sidewalk project. Corley Construction LLC, a registered SLBE and minority-owned business in Richland County, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Mr. Pugh moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to award the Summit Ridge Drive sidewalk construction project to Corley Construction, LLC for \$222,070 and to include a 10% contingency for a total approved amount of \$244,277, second by Ms. McBride.

Mr. Walker inquired if there would be traffic disruption during the construction period.

The County Engineer, Shirani Fuller, indicated the majority of the work will be off the road since this is a sidewalk project. She noted there will be a lane closure when they do the pour.

Mr. Walker inquired if there are plans to notify the residents before the project begins.

Mr. Brown responded that the staff would work with the Communications team to get the information to the constituents.

Ms. Mackey requested they avoid peak hours for lane closures when they do the work.

Ms. Fuller replied staff would speak with the contractor regarding Ms. Mackey's request. She noted they held a community meeting approximately six months ago and provided handouts/flyers. They will have another community meeting to provide specific dates prior to construction beginning.

Ms. McBride inquired if this sidewalk was a part of the prioritization list.

Mr. Michael Maloney, Public Works Director, stated that there is an organized list of sidewalks in the Transportation Penny. Regarding Public Works, they are looking at where there are still gaps connecting neighborhoods. This project will connect Lower Summit and Summit Parkway to provide access to schools on Hardscrabble. Traditionally, Public Works includes sidewalks in the annual plan that comes to Council in January each year.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Weaver, and Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. County Utilities – Quail Creek Sewer Extension – Mr. Brown stated staff recommends approval of the award of a contract to Williams Infrastructure, LLC. The funding is in the Southeast Sewer and Water Project funding allocation. The project will replace the pump with a 10" gravity sewer line.

Mr. Pugh moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the award of a contract to Williams Infrastructure, LLC for the Quail Creek Sewer Extension Project. The project's total cost is \$586,044, which includes a 20% contingency. Ms. McBride seconded the motion.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Weaver, and Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. Community Planning & Development – Conservation Division – Mill Creek Bridge Replacement – Mr. Brown stated this item was previously approved. There were some engineering estimates that did not include certain considerations on the property in order to get the materials to the site. Additionally, the costs approved and considered prior to COVID significantly changed. The request is to approve the removal and replacement by the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Republic Contracting Corporation, in the amount of \$1,145,149.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to remove and replace the Mill Creek Bridge damaged during a flood in February 2020 by the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Republic Contracting Corporation, in the amount of \$1,145,149, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Weaver, and Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Pugh moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Weaver, and Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:19 PM.