



Richland County Council  
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
**MINUTES**  
December 14, 2023 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessica Mackey, Chair; Yvonne McBride, and Paul Livingston

NOT PRESENT: Jason Branham and Don Weaver

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheryl English, Ashiya Myers, Stacey Hamm, Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, Lori Thomas, Anette Kirylo, Patrick Wright, Michael Maloney, Ashley Fullerton, Tamar Black, Jennifer Wladischkin, Michael Byrd, Kyle Holsclaw, Abhijit Deshpande, and David Pitts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jessica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Ms. Mackey noted that Mr. Branham would not attend tonight’s meeting due to a personal conflict.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **November 16, 2023** – Ms. McBride moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: McBride, Livingston, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham and Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: McBride, Livingston, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham and Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. **County Administrator – Lease Renewal – Community Partners of the Midlands, LLC, a corporation of the United Way of the Midlands** – Ms. Lori Thomas, Assistant County Administrator, stated this is the renewal of a lease with the Community Partners of the Midlands, LLC, which is a corporation of the United Way of the Midlands. The lease is for their Well Partners Program, which provides dental and vision services to those in need. It is housed at 2000 Hampton Street, along with DHEC’s Clinic services. She noted it is a gratis lease, as the County does not collect income from them but allows them to occupy the space under certain terms of an agreement.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to renew the lease with Community Partners of the Midlands, LLC, a corporation of the United Midlands, for the use of approximately 7343± sq. ft. as an eye and dental clinic on the third and fourth floor of 2000 Hampton Street, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

Mr. Livingston requested to know how many residents have been served since Community Partners of the Midlands has been housed at 2000 Hampton Street.

Ms. McBride inquired how long the County has had this agreement in place.

Ms. Ashiya Myers, Assistant to the County Administrator, stated the organization has been in this space for approximately 40 years, but the lease has been in place since 2015.

Ms. McBride indicated she would like to take this lease into consideration when the county does its space allocation.

In Favor: McBride, Livingston, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham and Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Department of Public Works – Stormwater Management Division – Hickory Ridge Stormwater Conveyance Upgrade Design – Mr. Michael Maloney, Public Works Director, stated this award is for grant administration. This is an area that has high e-coli in stormwater, as well as flood control in the area. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Woolpert for \$732,600.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the award of the contract for grant administration, construction administration, and engineering design for Hickory Ridge Stormwater Conveyance System Upgrades to Woolpert for a bid of \$732,600, seconded by Ms. McBride.

Ms. Mackey inquired if this project was already in our upgrade schedule and if we are saving money since we have the grant match.

Mr. Maloney indicated the grant covers the construction cost of this endeavor to provide stormwater to this neighborhood. Retrofitting existing developments is an essential part of the program. The Stormwater Management Division has created hotspots that we are addressing around the county. There is a specific plan to go into different neighborhoods. The next one will be the Newcastle neighborhood.

In Favor: McBride, Livingston, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham and Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Livingston moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. McBride.

In Favor: McBride, Livingston, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham and Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 PM.