

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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*Tuesday, February 25, 2003
6:00 PM*

Report of Actions

Call To Order – Kit Smith, the Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the January 28, 2003 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was adopted as submitted.

Presentations

- A. Historic Columbia Foundation – The Committee accepted the presentation as information and scheduled a Committee work session for Tuesday, March 11 at 4:00 to discuss their request to implement a hospitality tax in Richland County to attract more visitors and benefit the quality of life for County residents.

Items for Action

- A. Airport Terminals & Hangars – The Committee recommended that Council give first reading approval to an ordinance authorizing the County to issue bonds in the amount of \$2,837,871 for the construction of a new Terminal Building, 18-T Hangers, and 6-Corporate Box Hangars at the Columbia Owens Downtown Airport.
- B. CASA: Request for Full-Time Employee – The Committee recommended that Council approve the creation of a full-time employee position for CASA. Appropriated Victims Assistance funds will be used to cover the approximately \$15,000 for the rest of FY 02-03. Any additional costs, including benefits, will be covered by CASA.
- C. Sheriff's Department: Storage Building – The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Administrator to use \$158,000 of Bond proceeds (from the 1997 Bond) and \$42,000 (from the 2002 Detention Center Bond) to fund the Storage Shed project and authorize the resubmittal of bids for the project.
- D. East Richland County Public Service District: Bond Issuance – The Committee recommended that Council approve the resolution and petition for a Public Hearing, and recommended that the Public Hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 18th. The District is ultimately seeking Council approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$13 million in general obligation bonds to be paid by property owners in the District. These bonds would cover about half of the cost of a DHEC-ordered expansion of the Gills Creek

Wastewater Treatment Facility which serves the northeast area of the County, which is serviced by the District.

Items Pending Analysis

The Committee moved the following items to the Special Called A&F Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 4:00 PM.

A. List from Council Retreat of New and/or Increase-able Fees

1. Per diem detention center fees
2. C&D Landfill tipping fees
3. Pet Licensing fees
4. BellSouth 9-1-1 tariff
5. Contractors exemption
6. Impact Fees
7. Business License fees
8. Local Option Sales Tax

B. South Carolina Association of Counties List of Alternative Revenues

1. Local Accommodations Tax
2. Local Hospitality Tax
3. Business License Taxes
4. Franchise Fees
5. Development Fees:
 - a. County Public Works Improvement Act
 - b. Front Foot Assessment for Sewer Improvements
6. Impact Fees
7. Tax-Increment Financing
8. Tourism Infrastructure Admissions Tax Act
9. Sales and Use Taxes:
 - c. Capital Project Sales Tax Act
 - d. Local Option Sales Tax
 - e. Personal Property Tax Exemption Sales Tax Act
 - f. Sales and Use Taxes or Tolls for Transportation Facilities
10. Tax Districts
 - g. Special Tax Districts
 - h. Community Recreation Special Tax District
 - i. User Fees

C. South Carolina Association of Counties List of User Fees

D. Feasibility of Metal Detectors at 2020 Hampton Street

Items for Discussion / Information

There are no items for this section.

Adjournment - Kit Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:00.