# **RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Kit Smith, Chair District 5

Mike Montgomery **District 8** 

Paul Livingston District 4

District 7

Joseph McEachern Valerie Hutchinson District 9

Tuesday, November 29, 2005 6.00 PM

## **Report of Actions**

CALL TO ORDER – Kit Smith called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the October 25, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - The committee added item F to the agenda by unanimous consent. The revised agenda was adopted as amended.

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- A. Ordinance to Establish a Bond Review Committee The committee directed staff to coordinate with elected county officials and bring an ordinance back to the committee. This item will remain an item "Pending Analysis" until an ordinance is drafted and returned to the committee.
- Consent **B.** Funding for the Newly Appointed Medical Examiner for Richland County – The committee recommended that Council approve the hiring of a medical examiner that would serve within county government under the direction of the Coroner. The committee also recommended that an explanatory letter be drafted and sent to the Legislative Delegation and other interested parties. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
- C. Richland County Neighborhood Council The committee recommended that Consent Council approve alternative number five, which would include providing free meeting space, Neighborhood Leadership Training and the hiring of one temporary employee. The motion was amended to include the addendum to evaluate the program after 12 months. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
- D. Resolution Stating the County's Position on State Tax Reform Initiatives The Consent committee recommended that Council approve the resolution urging the General Assembly to maintain its commitment to Home Rule, and to be mindful of the

potential consequences that a millage cap or elimination of property taxes may have on county government. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Consent E. Reallocation of Funds for pay Increases in the Sheriff's Departments** The committee recommended that Council approve this item, but noted that caution should be given to elected officials that Council retains the ability to reclassify positions due to the fact that such reclassifications create long-term budget implications.
- Consent F. Companion Resolution to Public Hearing to be Held on December 6, 2005 Regarding Bond Issuance – The committee recommended that Council approve the resolution authorizing "host approval" of the bond issue, and to conduct a public hearing on December 6, 2005. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION** There were no items for information / discussion.

## **III. ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS**

## A. Creation of Detention Center Commission

## Adjournment

Staffed by Joe Cronin