

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2001
4:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph McEachern, Chair; Paul Livingston; Anthony G. Mizzell;
Joan Brady

ABSENT: James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Darren Gore, Larry Smith, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Brad Farrar, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Pam Davis, George Wilson, Marsheika G. Martin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:38 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to adopt the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

There were no items for presentation at this time.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Bond for Detention Center Expansion and Other Projects

Mr. McSwain stated this item needed to go before Council for discussion. He stated the issuance of the bonds have not yet been approved for the Detention Center. Mr. McSwain asked the Council to consider the estimates as one lump sum or eliminating certain items.

Mr. Darren Gore, Finance Director, briefed Council on the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds. He stated there is no increase in millage to reissue the bonds. He explained how the \$20,600,000.00 was broken up and it was as follows:

- \$12 million dollars – One of the last estimates on the Detention Center.
- \$1,030,000.00 - Township Auditorium rounded off to \$1.1 million. (If \$400,000.00 were received from the City of Columbia, then the County would bond \$600,000.00).
- \$6,500,000.00 - GIS System and the purchase for hardware software implementation for the Assessor's office.
- \$600,000.00 - Telephone System
- \$400,000.00 – County Voting Machines

Ms. Brady requested for staff to itemize each request for the GIS system, along with estimates, when making the presentation to full Council.

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A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, recommended first reading approval to an ordinance authorizing the sale of General Obligation bonds for the purpose of funding projects. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Police Officers' Retirement

Mr. McSwain briefed the Committee on the conditions of this particular retirement. The conditions were as follows:

- 1) The employee making the request must be retiring.
- 2) The employee must be a member of the Police Officers Retirement System at the time he or she retires.
- 3) The employee must have had previous service under the Regular Retirement System while in the same (or similar) job that he or she is in upon retirement.
- 4) The amount of time that can be converted cannot exceed ten years.
- 5) Only service time with Richland County is eligible to be converted.
- 6) Employees taking advantage of this program must do so by the end of the 2001/02 fiscal year, i.e.; June 30, 2002.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to forward to full Council with no recommendation.

A discussion continued.

Mr. Mizzell requested the number of employees eligible and questioned the long-term costs.

Mr. Mizzell/Ms. Brady withdrew their motions.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to strike out #1 and #6 and directed the County Administrator to recommend an alternative end-date for this benefit. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:58 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Submitted by,

Joseph McEachern
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin