



Richland County Council
Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
MINUTES
February 7, 2023 – 4:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Jason Branham, Paul Livingston, Don Weaver, and Jesica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrek Pugh, Ashiya Myers, Michelle Onley, Michael Maloney, Jeff McNesby, Angela Weathersby, Tamar Black, Anette Kirylo, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, Dale Welch, Abhijit Deshpande, Stacey Hamm, and Nathaniel Miller

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** - Mr. Livingston nominated Mr. O. Walker for the position of Chair.
In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey
The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **December 6, 2022** – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Mackey.
In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey
The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Mackey moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Livingston.
In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey
The vote in favor was unanimous.
5. **ITEM FOR ACTION**
 - a. **Blythewood Road Widening Award of Construction** – Mr. Maloney stated that this project is the award of construction for the Blythewood Road Widening from the I-77 ramps over to Syrup Mill Road. The road will be widened from a two-lane road to a five-lane road and include shared-use paths. Two bids were received, and the lowest responsive, responsible bid was from Cherokee, Inc in the amount of \$10,061,778.01. Transportation staff is requesting a 10% contingency in the amount of \$1,006,177.80. Additionally, there will be professional services in the amount of \$1,250,188.19, bringing the total cost to \$12,318,144.00. He noted the road would continue to be a SCDOT maintained road.

Mr. Pugh thanked the transportation staff for their work in seeing these Penny Projects completed. He inquired if the contractors were notified of the contract award prior to Council's approval.

Mr. Maloney responded the contractors do know they were the apparent low.

Mr. Pugh inquired as to what happens if the contingency is not used.

Mr. Maloney responded the funds would stay in the fund balance.

Ms. Mackey inquired about the timeframe of the project if approved by Council, and how the public will be notified.

Mr. Maloney responded, after Council's approval, they would schedule the contracting with Procurement, which would take approximately two to three weeks. Then the preconstruction meeting with the contractor will be held, whereby a detailed construction schedule will be provided. Once the schedule is established, a press release could be given to the public. They will likely break ground in early March.

Ms. Mackey moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to award the construction contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Cherokee, Inc., in the amount of \$10,061,778.01, with a 10% contingency in the amount of \$1,006,177.80 to cover costs related to unforeseen conditions, for a total to be managed by staff of \$11,067,955.81, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Mackey moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:09 PM.