

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

Office of Small Business Opportunity Ad Hoc Committee

June 15, 2016
12:30 PM
4th Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at approximately 12:31 PM

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to elect Mr. Manning as Chair of the Office of Small Business Opportunity Ad Hoc Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTIONS

SLBE Ordinance Revision: Sheltered Market Cap (\$250k → \$500k) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SLBE Size Standards Revisions – Ms. Ancheta stated staff recommends amending the SLBE Size Standards as follows: (1) remove the following language “within its largest primary NAICS commodity code” and instead base the size standards on the annual gross revenues. This closes a loophole that could potentially allow non-eligible businesses to participate; and (2) revise the engineering firm dollar amount from \$2.5 million to \$3 million. Currently we have professional services at \$3 million. Engineering could be seen as professional services; therefore, it is recommended to make those amounts consistent.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval.

Mr. Jackson requested clarification regarding the NAICS codes and how it will affect businesses.

Mr. Chao from Chao & Associates expressed his concern with the changes in the SLBE Size Standards as it relates to the NAICS codes.



Committee Members

Jim Manning, Chair
District Eight

Paul Livingston
District Four

Norman Jackson
District Eleven

Others Present:

Michelle Onley
Tony McDonald
Beverly Harris
Roxanne Ancheta
Brenda Parnell
Kristen Hutto
Eva Prioleau

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Mr. Livingston stated his concern has always been that there is a possibility that a business may have \$10 million small business because of the different NAICS codes that applies to their business.

Mr. Jackson stated his concern is that some companies have to utilize multiple NAICS codes because they may not be able to obtain a contract in one code, but may be able to obtain a contract under a different code.

Ms. Ancheta stated the purpose of the SLBE program is to graduate businesses from it and not keep small businesses small, but to grow them.

Mr. Livingston requested the average income for participants in the SLBE Program.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to defer this item to allow staff and industry representatives to meet to discuss this item in more detail. The vote in favor was unanimous.

County Annual Asphalt/Concrete Contracts – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SLBE Goals—Extend Countywide July 1, 2016 – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

On Call Maintenance Contract for Public Works – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Jackson inquired about the Mentor Protégé Program.

Ms. Ancheta stated the program will be implemented in the fall. Staff has set up a meeting with the City of Columbia to discuss their program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 PM.