

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SOUTH CAROLINA

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 27, 2016
6:00 PM
County Council Chambers

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pearce called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 PM

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Pearce recognized that Sam Boyd was in the audience.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Dickerson recognized Major Roxana Meetze was in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: July 26, 2016 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Future Management of the Pinewood Lake Property – Mr. Seals stated staff has explored several options. Utilization of the enterprise model does not work well for the management of the Pinewood Lake property. Therefore, staff recommends the phasing out the direct oversight and allowing the County to absorb the Pinewood Lake property through the Conservation Department. The agreement with the Pinewood Lake Foundation would come to an end on June 30, 2017.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve Alternative #3: "Absorb into the County through the Conservation Department." The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sheriff Department: Officer Safety Equipment and Service Agreement – Body Worn Cameras – Mr. Seals stated he has met with the Sheriff to discuss the Sheriff's



Council Members Present

Greg Pearce, Chair
District Six

Joyce Dickerson
District Two

Paul Livingston
District Four

Jim Manning
District Eight

Dalhi Myers
District Ten

Others Present:

Bill Malinowski
Julie-Ann Dixon
Norman Jackson
Torrey Rush
Seth Rose
Warren Harley
Michelle Onley
Gerald Seals
Brad Farrar
Larry Smith
Rudy Curtis

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Department's needs in regards to body cameras. The numbers Administration presented and the numbers the Sheriff's Department have provided are significantly different.

Deputy Chief Cowan stated the Sheriff has researched body cameras for 2 years and Council has been provided updates periodically. The body camera program is very important to the Sheriff's Department, Council, and the citizens of Richland County. The Sheriff's Department needs to deploy 350 officers with body cameras. Aside from the equipment, the evidentiary storage and accessibility to other agencies has to be taken into account. Taser has offered several incentives (i. e. storage capability, activation capability, 2 for 1 cameras).

The request is for \$716,446 for the first year. This amount does not include the \$132,000 the State has provided. In subsequent years the request will be for \$534,498.

Administration provided a proposal for \$400,000 for the purchase of the body cameras and storage, but does not include personnel costs.

Deputy Chief Cowan stated there is additional equipment (i.e. activation capability, docking stations) in the Sheriff's Department quote that is not included in Administration's quote.

Mr. Jackson inquired as to who is responsible for fully funding the program.

Deputy Chief Cowan stated the verbiage of the code is as follows: "A State or local law enforcement agency is not required to implement the use of body worn cameras, pursuant to this section, until the agency has received full funding."

Mr. Jackson expressed frustration over the State mandating programs and not funding them.

Deputy Chief Cowan stated the costs are as follows:

Year 1 Hardware and Services	\$646,428 (\$575,028 – Equipment; \$71,400 – Service Agreement)
Personnel	\$160,000

Mr. Livingston requested a copy of the job description for the requested personnel. Additionally, he inquired if the State would reimburse the County for funding the program.

Mr. Smith stated the statute does not speak to reimbursement, but a definitive answer will be available before the Council meeting.

Mr. Livingston requested the rationale for why sole source is to the County's advantage. In addition, he inquired if purchase of the cameras would be an accepted reason for the County to exceed the cap.

Deputy Chief Cowan stated there are 632 sworn personnel, which 350 are uniformed.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to suspend the millage rate limitation in order to be in compliance with the State enacted statute, as there is no provided appropriation for a method for obtaining an appropriation by Federal or State government, so as to increase the millage rate to fully fund the Sheriff's request for the body worn cameras and officer safety equipment.

Mr. Manning withdrew his motion and made a motion to table this item in committee. The motion to table did not receive a second; therefore, Mr. Manning decided not to withdraw his original motion.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward this item to Council without a recommendation. The vote was in favor.

Sheriff Department: E-Ticket Equipment and Purchasing – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward to Council without a recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Solid Waste & Recycling Department: Solid Waste Curbside Collections and Transportation Contracts for Service Areas 3 & 6 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to authorize staff to negotiate the unit costs in each contracts for curbside collection services with Capital Waste Services and Allwaste Services Incorporated for service areas 3 & 6, respectively. Staff will bring back the negotiated contract to County Council for approval. This will assist in facilitating discussions with the potential vendors to negotiate the costs associated with the services in a manner that is in the best interest of the County and its residents. Due to the time line for acquiring equipment as it relates to the expected service initiation date of January 2, 2017, it is requested of Council that the negotiated contract not be directed to go back through committee but rather directly back to Council for consideration and potential award. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council