

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 2015
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. Rush called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: March 24, 2015 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Alcohol on County Property: Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival; Development of Process Moving Forward – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request, via resolution, to allow for the consumption of beer on County property for the Tasty Tomato Festival and direct staff to develop a process by which approval to consume alcohol on County property is obtained moving forward.

Mr. McDonald stated the alcohol will be purchased on City Roots property or from a vendor in the street and then once the alcohol is obtained the attendees could move onto County property to consume the alcohol.

Mr. Washington inquired if the Airport Commission was recommending denial.

Mr. McDonald stated the Airport Commission has not met to take a vote on the matter. Their next scheduled meeting is May 11th.

Mr. Washington inquired if staff had received any feedback from the Airport Commission on the issue.



Council Members Present

Greg Pearce, Chair
District Six

Joyce Dickerson
District Two

Paul Livingston
District Four

Kelvin Washington, Sr.
District Ten

Others Present:

Bill Malinowski
Norman Jackson
Torrey Rush
Julie-Ann Dixon
Tony McDonald
Sparty Hammett
Warren Harley
Monique Walters
Brandon Madden
Michelle Onley
Monique McDaniels
Larry Smith
Michael Byrd
Daniel Driggers
John Hixon

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Mr. Hammett stated the Airport Director has had informal discussions with the Chair and Vice Chair and they were not supportive.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward to Council without a recommendation and to place the item on the May 19th agenda to allow time for the Airport Commission to meet and take up the proposal at their May 11th meeting.

Mr. Malinowski requested information regarding vendors' fees being charged and clarification on if the Airport property is located in the City or the County.

Mr. Malinowski suggested the following language in the resolution be stricken: "...as much as practicable..."

Mr. Malinowski also suggested removing the following language from the resolution: "...to obtain the requisite Special Event license from the South Carolina Department of Revenue for the sale of beer and wine..."

Mr. Smith stated the language dealing with the license requirement protects the County.

The vote in favor to forward to the May 19th Council meeting without recommendation was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Jackson recognized his wife was in the audience.

Judicial Center Flooring Contract – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to enter into a contract with O'Neal Flooring in the amount of \$695,863 to provide the labor needed to remove the existing flooring in the Judicial Center and to replace with new flooring materials.

Mr. Pearce stated he was contacted by someone that was concerned about the way the bid was structured and method the County uses to bid carpet and flooring. The County uses the "basis for design" and actually has a carpet by name listed as a standard, which doesn't offer everyone a fair and equal opportunity to bid.

Mr. Washington inquired if the brand name was used as a generic name.

Mr. Fosnight stated there is a specific specification, which from a maintenance standpoint is much easier if you utilize a single type of product.

Mr. Washington inquired about who sets the specifications of the carpet.

Mr. Fosnight stated Support Services staff sets the specifications.

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Mr. Malinowski inquired about the approximate time when the carpet was last replaced.

Mr. Fosnight stated different areas were replaced at different times.

Mr. Malinowski requested a cost difference of using tile vs. carpet and luxury tile vs. vinyl tile.

Ms. Dickerson inquired if this was the lowest bidder and expressed her concern with always going with the lowest bidder.

Mr. Fosnight stated this was the lowest, responsive bidder and that other criteria (i.e. previous experience, current workload) were also evaluated in order to make a final recommendation to the committee.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion to forward to Council without a recommendation. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion to forward to Council to approve staff's recommendation. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to enter into a contract with O'Neal Flooring in the amount of \$695,863 to provide the labor needed to remove the existing flooring in the Judicial Center and to replace with new flooring materials. The vote was in favor.

Lease Agreement with Non-County Entities that are Occupying and Utilizing County Owned Property

– Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to forward to Council with a recommendation to direct staff to obtain formal lease agreements with all non-county entities that are occupying and utilizing county owned property. Staff is to proceed with drafting the formal agreements and begin discussions with the non-county entities to enter into the agreements. The agreements will be brought to Council for review and action. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

McCrary Training Center – Mr. Harley stated staff has been meeting with personnel from the South Carolina Army National Guard to discuss a partnership that would have onsite an ambulance or advance life support capability.

McCrary Training Center personnel stated they lost their Federal funding for the full-time Army medics at McCrary in January.

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Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to fully vet this item and bring back recommendations at the May 5th Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43 PM.

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

