

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA



DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 23, 2016
5:00 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

Ms. Dixon called the meeting to order at approximately 5:03 PM

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Rose moved to nominate Mr. Jackson for the position of Chair.

Mr. Jackson declined the nomination.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to nominate Ms. Dixon for the position of Chair. The vote in favor was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: January 12, 2016 – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Department of Public Works: 2015 Flood Engineering Services Project – Mr. McDonald stated this item and the next item on the agenda represent 6 of the 7 roads that are not open and have significant damage from the October Flood. This specific item is a request for an Engineering study and Engineering design work for 3 of the roads. The 25% match funding will be provided by the County with the remaining 75% of funding being provided by FEMA.

Mr. Malinowski requested a copy of the bid amounts for the respondents.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why the RFP was only sent to 5 pre-qualified engineering firms on the County's list.

Council Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair
District Nine

Bill Malinowski
District One

Seth Rose
District Five

Norman Jackson
District Eleven

Others Present:

Kelvin Washington
Tony McDonald
Warren Harley
Kevin Bronson
Brandon Madden
Michelle Onley
Roxanne Ancheta
Kim Roberts
Larry Smith
Tracy Hegler
Dwight Hanna
Ismail Ozbek
Kecia Lara
Rudy Curtis
Janelle Ellis
Donny Phipps

Mr. Ozbek stated because of the urgency of these items the firms that were pre-qualified for those types of projects were targeted.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to approve the award of the 2015 Engineering Services Project to AECOM in the amount of \$174,900.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Department of Public Works: 2015 Flood Repairs Project – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to approve the award of the 2015 Flood Repairs Project to Cherokee Inc. in the amount of \$1,413,969.70. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Department of Public Works: ADA Ramp Improvements Project – Mr. McDonald stated this is a Public Works project where the County has received funding from a SCDOT grant to make improvements to sidewalks and make them ADA compliant. The County's portion of the funding would be \$190,193.32.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to award the ADA Ramp Improvements Project to Little Mountain Builders in the amount of \$335,193.32. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Building Inspections – Authorization to Increase Purchase Orders Over \$100,000 – Mr. McDonald stated the funding is available in the departmental budget and will be utilized to demolish structures in the Unsafe Structures Program. The reason the request is coming before the committee is the amount is approaching the limit that Administration has the authority to approve.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if this was due to one of the companies not being able to complete their project.

Mr. McDonald replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if this is becoming a pattern and if there is a plan to avoid this situation in the future.

Mr. Harley will address the issue with the department in an attempt to prevent the awarding of contracts to companies that are not able to complete projects.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the company not being able to complete their project has cost the County.

Mr. Harley stated he would research that matter, but he does not believe it has.

Ms. Dixon inquired about the status of the motion made by Mr. Malinowski regarding a "black list" of contractors that do not complete projects and in turn it costs the County.

Mr. Smith stated he believes Mr. Malinowski's motion was in reference to bonds. He further stated that under the procurement code there are certain penalties that a contractor can subject themselves to (suspension, disbarment, etc.) if they do not complete projects.

Ms. Dixon requested a copy that portion of the procurement code.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to increase the purchase orders for Corley Construction and Carolina Demolition & Trucking Company

from \$94,212.67 and \$104,212.67, respectively. These increases will allow the County to cover the costs associated with performing demolitions of derelict/dilapidated structures. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of the updated Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan –

Mr. McDonald stated the request is to update the Neighborhood Improvement Program to incorporate the addition of the Broad River Road Corridor and Community; Lower Richland and Spring Hill master plans.

Mr. Malinowski stated according to Ms. Hegler it is more of a rewrite than an update.

Ms. Dixon stated due to the vast growth in District 9, she is requesting that Planning work to draft a master plan for the area.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the updated Neighborhood Improvement Program Five-Year Project Plan. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Request to Rename the Jury Assembly Room of the Richland County Judicial Center – Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve renaming the Jury Assembly Room of the Richland County Judicial Center located at 1701 Main Street the Anne Kelly Jury Assembly Room.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the ordinance had been updated to include the naming of rooms.

Mr. McDonald stated the ordinance has not been amended, but there has been a precedence has been set to allow this if Council approves the request.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

12-Month Update on the Curbside Recycling Trends Associated with the County's New Recycling Roll Cart Program (Information Only) – This item was received as information. Mr. McDonald stated the trend has been more recycling taking place since the bigger receptacles were made available.

Resolution approving the honorary naming of the 1000 block of Olympia Avenue from Heyward Street to Alabama Street to "Jim Jaco Way" – Mr. Rose requested to withdraw this item.

Mr. Malinowski suggested approving a resolution supporting the City of Columbia's honorary naming of the 1000 block of Olympia Avenue and Heyward Street.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to reconsider the agenda to take action on this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve a resolution supporting the City of Columbia's honorary naming of the 1000 block of Olympia Avenue and Heyward Street. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Request for Easement – Hiller Road – This item was held in committee.

Motion to Have a Subcommittee Examine the County's EMS Services Department with input from EMS workers – This item was held in committee.

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Motion Related to the Development of a Diversity Statement and the Feasibility of Conducting a Workplace Diversity Study – This item was held in committee.

Comprehensive Youth Program – This item was held in committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:22 PM.

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