

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA



DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 28, 2017
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 5:00 PM

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to nominate Mr. Rose for Chair. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Rose was elected by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: December 20, 2016 – Mr. C. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Policy for Monitoring and Distributing County funds to Non-County Entities – Mr. Seals stated there is a memo and draft policy outlining staff's position on this matter included in the committee agenda packet.

Mr. C. Jackson requested background information on this item.

Mr. Seals stated the request was to review the annual allocation and distribution of County funds due to some consternation in the community as to whether the distribution process had been corrupted. The process in place was informal and could have led to inconsistency.

The recommendation is to standardize the application and request for funding. Each applicant must also possess a current business license.

Council Members Present

Calvin "Chip" Jackson
District Nine

Yvonne McBride
District Three

Seth Rose
District Five

Gwendolyn Davis-Kennedy
District Seven

Dalhi Myers
District Ten

Others Present:

Kevin Bronson
Brandon Madden
Michelle Onley
Kimberly Williams-Roberts
Shahid Khan
Nancy Stone-Collum
Quinton Epps
Janelle Ellis
Daniel Driggers
Larry Smith
Gerald Seals

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Mr. C. Jackson inquired what would be the next step if someone that received funding in the past and is no longer eligible under the new policy.

Mr. Seals stated the applicant would be allowed to re-submit prior to the deadline.

Mr. C. Jackson inquired about the terms of the Hospitality Tax Committee.

Mr. Seals stated that could be addressed at a subsequent workshop.

Mr. C. Jackson stated he does not want to do anything that would impede or encumber anyone from continuing to do good work in the community. Therefore, he would like to see the process as lax as possible.

Mr. Malinowski brought to staff's attention contradictory language in the requirements: ([1] Up to 75% of the allocated funding will be provided upfront. [2] All expenditures or planned expenditures must be made with businesses that have a valid Richland County Business License.)

Ms. Myers suggested using a portion of the funding to incubate the organizations/programs that may not be able to qualify and to receive all of their funding upfront.

Mr. C. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to defer this item to the March 28th committee meeting.

Mr. Seals requested Council members to contact him with proposed changes prior to the committee meeting.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Designing a "Cultural and Historic Room" in the Decker Center – Mr. Seals stated one of the suggestions of staff is to have a hall of fame room where memorabilia can be displayed.

Ms. Kennedy inquired as to why Judge Jones name did not follow the Central Court move.

Mr. Seals stated Council named the building located on Huger Street after Judge Jones and not the function (i.e. Central Court). Therefore, it will require Council action to transfer the name to the Decker Center.

Mr. Rose inquired if the recommended room would be in public view.

Mr. Seals stated the room is not in a publicly accessible area of the building.

Mr. Rose stated he would like to see a publicly accessible area dedicated in Judge Jones honor. He suggested an oil painting and plaque be displayed in this area.

Mr. C. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to create an area in a prominent place in the front of the facility ("Wall of Fame") that would display a portrait and narrative of Judge Jones. In addition, to identify a space in one of front court conference rooms to be utilized as an appropriate location to retain memorabilia that would represent the history of the judicial system in the community to allow school children to learn about Judge Jones, as well as, other prominent heroes who have served.

Mr. Seals stated the Decker Center Dedication is scheduled for March 24th.

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Mr. Livingston suggested naming one of the courtrooms after Judge Jones and to display the bust of Judge Jones in the conference room.

Ms. McBride stated criteria needed to be set regarding the portrait.

Ms. Myers made a friendly amendment to simultaneously develop the criteria for honoring persons.

Mr. Rose made a friendly amendment to name the conference room after Judge Jones.

Ms. Kennedy requested Council members sit on the committee to insure Council's actions are carried out.

Ms. Dickerson is to re-establish the Decker Center Ad Hoc Committee.

Judge Jones' daughter spoke on behalf of her family regarding the committee's proposal.

Mr. Rose requested staff work with Judge Jones' family on the portrait and narrative.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Funding the 2017 South Carolina Guard Air & Ground Expo – Mr. Madden stated this item was referred to the D&S Committee at the February 21st Council meeting. The request is for \$200,000 for the McEntire Joint National Guard Base for their upcoming expo.

Mr. Rose inquired if Council had provided funding for this event in the past and if other entities will be contributing.

Maj. Ryan Madrid, SC ANG, stated he does not believe Richland County has provided funding in the past. Additional funding has not been received to date, but other entities have been requested to contribute.

Mr. C. Jackson inquired if a budget has been submitted outlining how the funding will be utilized.

Maj. Madrid stated a budget has not been provided.

Mr. Malinowski requested a detailed budget prior to First Reading of this item and an explanation on how the statistics listed in the agenda packet were derived. In addition, he Malinowski requested a list of the entities McEntire requested funding from and that all vendors for the event have current Richland County business licenses and submit their hospitality tax to the County following the event.

Ms. Myers stated the 4-day air show is the largest on the East Coast is expected to attract over 150,000 guests, there will be a free day for students from all 46 counties to attend to participate in a STEM program, and hotel rooms have already been booked on Garners Ferry Road, Two Notch Road, etc. to support the show.

Mr. Livingston inquired as to when McEntire became aware of this event.

Maj. Madrid stated approximately a year ago.

Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to forward this item to Council without a recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Award of the contract for the Three Creeks Debris Removal Project – The meeting adjourned prior to this item being taken up.

Award of the Columbia High/Sandel Elementary Sidewalk Project – The meeting adjourned prior to this item being taken up.

Council Motion: Recovery of Funds from Sexually Oriented Businesses – The meeting adjourned prior to this item being taken up.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:58 PM.

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