



Richland County Council

RENAISSANCE OVERSIGHT AD HOC COMMITTEE
April 10, 2018 – 1:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

Yvonne McBride	Paul Livingston	Greg Pearce	Gwen Kennedy	Dalhi Myers
District Three	District Four	District Five	District Seven	District Ten

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Greg Pearce, and Gwen Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT: Norman Jackson, Tracy Hegler, Michelle Onley, Ashley Powell, Jennifer Wladischkin, Kecia Lara, Brandon Madden, Michael Niermeier, and Sandra Yudice

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 PM.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to defer the election of the Chair until a subsequent meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **PURCHASE ORDERS FOR DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES** – Ms. Hegler stated the item is related to revivification. We are working on, and have identified, a number of structures throughout the County in need of demolition. We have identified funding through CDBG. They are setting aside \$385,000 to do the work. No single project or demolition will equal more than \$100,000, but it is likely that any one of the contractors could cumulatively total more than \$100,000. The request is for the committee to approve creating the purchase orders and getting bids from the 4 qualified firms to allow the demolition of these properties.

Mr. Pearce stated the Blue Ribbon Flood Committee approved a list of qualified people for the demolition of flood-related. Is this the same list?

Ms. Hegler stated this is other homes and properties that have been identified through our unsafe housing program.

Mr. Pearce inquired if any of the firms that are on the Blue Ribbon list the same as on this list.

Ms. Hegler stated she believes they are.

Mr. Pearce stated the question he has is if they are on the Blue Ribbon Committee list and they got a big contract and now they are going to be on this one and have a big contract, does that create any kind of technical bidding problem.

Ms. Hegler stated she does not think it would.

Ms. Wladischkin stated the Blue Ribbon is demolition for green space, so there was additional work that had to be performed on that contract.

Ms. Hegler stated they can get the list and compare it for you. Even if they are the same, there would not be an issue because you have approved those contracts from recommendations of the Blue Ribbon committee. These have all gone through the same proper procurement process to be qualified. At this point, they will be individually bidding on individual demolition projects just like they would the flood. Each of the bids will come back to us. She knows with \$385,000, and 4 firms qualified to do it, cumulatively one or two will have something over \$100,000.

Mr. Pearce stated, for clarification, these are CDBG funds. He inquired as to how we managed to get that?

Ms. Jackson stated the CDBG funds were received for FY17-18. Council approved those funds to be used in revivification efforts, so we are now requesting to utilize the funding source.

Mr. Pearce stated this is the same funding Ms. Jackson spoke about.

Ms. Jackson stated the funding was approved July 2017.

Mr. Pearce stated, for clarification, Council approved it conceptually and now we are approving it operationally.

Mr. Livingston inquired as to how the sites were selected.

Ms. Lara stated these are properties that Property Maintenance had cases on. We took the ones that were severely dilapidated.

Mr. Pearce inquired if all of these properties are in unincorporated Richland County.

Ms. Lara responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to issue purchase orders over the amount of \$100,000, not to exceed \$385,00 in total for the purposes of demolishing unsafe structures throughout the County.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:09 PM.