

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph McEachern, Chair; Paul Livingston; Anthony G. Mizzell; Joan Brady; James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: J.D. "Buddy" Meetze, Susan Brill, L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Bernice G. Scott, Thelma Tillis, T. Cary McSwain, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Pam Davis, Ralph Pearson, Darren Gore, Larry Smith, Monique Walters, Marsheika Martin, Mullen Taylor, Amelia Linder, Stephany Snowden, Janet Claggett, John Hicks, Mike Byrd

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McEachern called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 24, 2001: Regular Session Meeting
April 30, 2001: Special Called Meeting

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

I. ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Local Option Sales Tax: Should We or Shouldn't We?

Mr. Mizzell and Pam Davis, Research Analyst, gave a brief presentation was given regarding why Richland County should consider the local options sales tax.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to forward this item to Council and direct the Chairperson to appoint a four-member committee to provide Council with a recommendation and an action plan for proceeding.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McSwain cautioned the Committee of the time constraint and the need to move this forward in order for the issue to get on the ballots. He recommended not waiting an

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entire month before bringing this issue back to the Committee. He requested a report back to full Council for a vote and that way the work would be done much quicker.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Auditor's Office: Funds for Mailing Tax Bills

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the purchase of 534,000 pre-printed tax notices required for property tax billing from Data-Tec in the amount of \$54,763.38. The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. City Center Business Improvement District

Mr. Ed Garrison, Vice-Chair of Business Improvement District, briefed Council on the improvements to businesses in the downtown area.

Mr. Pete Cannon, an associate, explained the process of the function of the district.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston to discuss this item during a Budget Work Session before forwarding to full Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

d. Emergency Services

1. **Purchase Orders** – request to approve the purchase orders/contracts with different vendors for the services provided. City of Columbia in the amount of \$74,000.00; Motorola in the amount of \$45,000.00; SCANA in the amount of \$117,000, Carolina Occupational in the amount of \$37,000.00
2. **Ambulance Chassis Purchase** – requested to approve the purchase of five ambulance chassis from Covenant Distributors, Inc. in the amount of \$137,500.00
3. **Ambulance Remount Procurement** – Request to approve the contract renewal to Professional Fabrication in the amount of \$53,808.00 for remounting ambulance vehicles.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the above items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

e. Information Technology

1. **Quality Assurance for Data Conversion Project** – request authorization of staff to negotiate and award a contract for Quality Assurance services to be performed during the upcoming parcel data conversion project in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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2. **University of South Carolina Geography Department Contract –**
Request approval of the renewal of an existing contract in the amount of \$36,085.00 with the University of South Carolina Geography Department for graduate student and faculty assistance on two County projects:
3. providing analysis and technical support in developing geographic solutions to surface water-related problems, and developing an internet-based data request and packaging applications.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the above items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joseph McEachern
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin