

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Gregory Pearce, Jr, Bernice G. Scott, Thelma M. Tillis, J.D. "Buddy" Meetze, Susan Brill, T. Cary McSwain, Monique Walters, Pam Davis, Ashley Jacobs, Sherry Wright-Moore, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Amelia Linder, Larry Smith, Michael Criss, Rodolfo Callwood, Chief Harrell, Mike Byrd, Dan Lane, Marlin Compton, Brad Farrar, Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 25, 2001

Mr. McEachern requested for the minutes to reflect that he voted for the issue regarding Carolina Carillon Holiday Parade on page three of the minutes and not Mr. Meetze.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. McSwain requested to add the following items to the agenda under Items for Discussion:

- Information regarding TIF Bond Ordinance
- Cultural Council Letter

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

I. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Providence Hospital: JEDA Loan

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to approve a resolution supporting JEDA's issuance of revenue bonds for Providence Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$150 million for several hospital projects. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. EMS: Grant for Improvements

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to recommend the South Carolina DHEC grant of \$69,401.00 and pay the match grant of \$10,000.00 using budgeted funds for this purpose in order to improve the operations of the EMS Department. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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C. Sheriff's Department

1. K-9 Vehicles

Mr. McSwain stated this item is currently in the budget.

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to authorize the purchase of ten (ten) Crown Victoria vehicles in the budgeted amount of \$250,000.00 to replacing aging, high mileage vehicles in the K-9 Division. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- 2. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant** -Mr. McSwain stated this grant requires a \$47,002.00 match.
- 3. Forensics Lab Services Grant** - Mr. McSwain stated this grant requires \$61,874.00.
- 4. Technology Grant** - Mr. McSwain stated this grant requires \$250,000.00.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the above grants.

After discussion, Mr. Livingston/Tuten withdrew their motion.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the above items as follows: items 2 and 3 would come out of the current budget and item-4 would come out of the Fund Balance.

Mr. McSwain suggested exploring the possibility of taking \$250,000.00 out of the 6-1/2 million-dollar grant rather than go into the fund balance.

Mr. Livingston amended his motion, accepted by Mr. Mizzell, to include any recommendation from the County Administrator to be discussed at the next Council meeting and challenged the Sheriff's Department to look at any particular savings as a result of these results that could be used toward the match. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

There are no items pending at this time.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

a. TIF Bond Ordinance

Mr. McSwain stated he received a copy of the tax increment financing district for the Vista from the City of Columbia for the \$25,000,000.00 new portion of the Vista.

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The Committee requested a copy of the bond ordinance before the next committee meeting.

Mr. McSwain requested for Council to forward to the next Council meeting. He stated this document need to be executed and Council needs to review it in case of questions.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to forward this item to the next Council meeting without a recommendation.

A discussion took place whether this item should be forwarded to Committee or to full Council.

Mr. Livingston amended his motion, accepted by Ms. Brady, to forward this item to full Council if it is necessary. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Cultural Council

Mr. McSwain stated he received a letter from the Cultural Council thanking the County for the Accommodations Tax funding of \$35,000.00. They are requesting an additional \$15,000.00.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to accept this as information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joseph McEachern
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin