



Public Facilities Committee Meeting

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Public Facilities Committee Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2021 at 3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rodman called the meeting to order at 3:27 PM

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Stu Rodman
Committee Vice-Chair York Glover
Council Member Brian Flewelling
Council Member Joseph F. Passiment
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member Chris Hervocho
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

ABSENT

Council Member Logan Cunningham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Rodman called the meeting to order at 3 pm.

FOIA

Chairman Rodman noted that Public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Glover, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the agenda.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Passiment to approve minutes from February 16, 2021.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FUNDING DIRT ROAD PAVING WITH TAG FUNDS AND REPAVING WITH C-FUNDS

Discussion: Jared Fralix explained C-Funds which the Gas tax are funds and what the gas tax funds are covering.

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PUBLIC WORKS LEGACY ROADS AND DRAINAGE (\$878,377.00)

Discussion: Jared Fralix stated due to Beaufort County Stormwater Infrastructure section having a limited field staff, vast geographical area, and vacant positions, it is that much more critical to prioritize work being performed. Based on a preliminary analysis of the cost for drainage maintenance work being done within and outside of established drainage easements, the County uses staff, equipment, and funds to the sum of approximately \$878,377.00 on work being performed outside of County-owned easements. This item was discussed briefly at the Council Retreat both this year and last year. Staff intends to brief Beaufort County Council to formalize a plan to pursue formalized drainage easements and halt maintenance of existing drainage conveyances that are non-essential to Beaufort County stormwater infrastructure.

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RFP SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

Discussion: David Wilhelm stated approximately 3,500 tons of source-separated recyclable materials are collected at the convenience centers annually. Recyclable materials consist of plastic, mixed paper, cardboard, mixed metals, and glass. Waste Management currently has the contract to provide this service. The initial term of the contract with Waste Management expires July 31, 2021, with two one-year options to extend the contract. The FY21 budget for this item was \$880,000.

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CONVENIENCE CENTER CHANGES AND DECAL SYSTEM UPDATE

Discussion: Cindy Carter stated the implementation of operational changes to the Beaufort County Convenience Centers is reflected in the Goldsmith report of November 2019. New hours and days of operation began October 1, 2020. Closure of Pritchardville and Gate Centers December 31, 2020. The decal system was initiated on January 2, 2021.

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ACTION ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD FOR IFB 012621E DIRT ROAD PAVING CONTRACT #52 (YEAR 2 - \$2,077,409)

Discussion: Jared Fralix stated on February 4, 2021, Beaufort County received one bid for IFB #011621E Dirt Road Paving #52 (year2) from J. H. Hiers Construction. Analysis of the bid revealed no apparent cause for rejection. The bid at \$2,077,409 was under the Engineers Estimate of \$2,163,828. The Team of J. H. Hiers and Andrews Engineering has been building the County roads since 2004.

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Glover, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve recommendation of award IFB 012621E Dirt Road Paving #52 (Year 2) to J.H. Hiers Construction and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SOLID WASTE FEE WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE FUND

Discussion: Dave Wilhelm stated An Enterprise Fund Ordinance for Solid Waste and Recycling had 3 readings from County Council: 1st reading May 11, 2020; 2nd reading May 26, 2020, and 3rd reading June 8, 2020. Re: Ordinance 2020/19. Tischler Bise presented the Fee Study dated January 19, 2021. Unanimous approval vote but vote later postponed during the meeting per discussion of commercially improved properties and the decal system. Tischler Bise presented options for a fee associated with the Solid Waste and Recycling Enterprise Fund Ordinance. Report dated January 19, 2021. The fee would be implemented for budget year FY22. The Ordinance

and associated fee structure will take approximately 10 million dollars out of the current General Fund and Department operations will be supported by the new Enterprise Fund.

Colin McAweeney ** Read Solid Waste Enterprise Fee Study**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Glover to approve the ordinance establishing a Solid Waste Fee within the Enterprise Fund, to have staff give recommendations on other properties ability to opt in and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

To see presentation, click on the link below.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND THE BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT (BTFD) FOR THE SUN CITY EMS/FIRE STATION 34 RENOVATION PROJECT

Discussion: Jared Fralix stated Both Beaufort County EMS and the Bluffton Township Fire District (BTFD) operate first responder teams out of the Sun City Station. The current facility is space limited for the number of personnel assigned. It has no workout area, no room for ambulance restocking machines, and no clinic facility for walk-ins (a significant need next to the retirement community being served). It is deficient in the areas of the kitchen, community room, biohazard handling, and office space. Finally, it has a bay for bunks but does NOT have individual bunk rooms which are preferable for separation/privacy and for containment/spread of illness.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Passiment approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Beaufort County and the Bluffton Township Fire District for the Sun City EMS/Fire Station 34 renovation project and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

PATHWAYS PUBLIC MEETING NO. 1 SUMMARY AND REVISED RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Jared Fralix stated Beaufort County collaborated with NP Strategy, J.Bragg Consulting, Inc., and Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering, PLLC. to host the first Pathways Public Meeting virtually from October 19, 2020, through November 20, 2020. A summary and recommendation were presented to Public Facilities Committee on January 19, 2021. Due to discussion, the recommendation has been revised.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the recommendation by County staff and J.Bragg Consulting, Inc.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD FOR RFQ #092520E; A&E SERVICES; BUCKWALTER RECREATION ATHLETIC COMPLEX EXPANSION (BRACE) PHASE 1 (\$665,930)

Discussion: Jared Fralix stated Parks and Recreation desires to continue the implementation of phase 1 of the master plan for the Buckwalter facility. The master plan suggests a 7 field soccer complex as well as a 16 court tennis center. The soccer complex was constructed with three turf fields, however; these will be evaluated for possible conversion to artificial turf and four additional fields to be completed. The tennis center has yet to be implemented. Current funding from Bluffton Parks and Recreation Impact Fees will allow for the completion of the soccer complex and partial development of the tennis facility (Phase 1) with the completion of the tennis center as Phase 2 as funds become available within the next 36 months.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the recommendation of award RFQ #092520E to Wood + Partners, Inc and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL NUTANIX HCI SERVER SYSTEM NODES – \$132,940.18

Discussion: Patrick Hill stated the Beaufort County IT Division is requesting approval to use the 2019B GO Bond "Information Technology Infrastructure" allocation to purchase 2 additional nodes to augment our existing Nutanix cluster (put into production in Dec. 2018) for \$132,940.18 (includes SC tax). Beaufort County IT will migrate 22 virtual servers used by County departments from the older HP system over to our Nutanix System. The Beaufort County departmental servers that this system will support will be the Detention Center, the Assessor's Office, Record Management, Libraries, Register of Deeds, DSN, and IT.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Howard for the Information Technology Systems Management Department that the County Council approved to the purchase of the additional Nutanix HCI Server System nodes for the cost of \$132,940.18 and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION REGARDING 278 OVERSIGHT

Chairman Rodman provided an update on 278.

Steve Baer provided a citizen comment on Highway 278 Oversight.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND (TOHHI) FOR THE SUMMIT DRIVE/GATEWAY CIRCLE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DISCUSSION

Discussion: Jared Fralix stated the Memorandum of Agreement between Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island for the Summit Drive/Gateway Circle traffic improvement project was discussed and approved at Public Facilities Committee on February 16, 2021. The item was moved forward for County Council approval on March 8, 2021, however; prior to the meeting, it was removed due to the Town of Hilton Head Island requesting a long-term commitment from Beaufort County to continue operations of the Hilton Head Island convenience center as a part of the agreement. The initial term proposed to maintain the center for a twenty-year commitment.

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT (HXD) TERMINAL FUNDING DISCUSSION (FISCAL IMPACT: TBD)

Discussion: Jon Rembold stated the terminal project will deliver a vastly improved facility to residents and visitors at the airport. Currently, the airport is working with a 26-year-old, pre-9/11 building that does not meet the customer needs or security needs of the airport. The airport has secured the maximum amount of FAA funding for the project but terminals are funded differently than other airport projects, resulting in significant funding need even with the FAA grants. The airport is working with local, state, and federal delegations to

secure funding. The project is projected to be ready to bid this summer (2021). It is in the best interest of the project (financial, schedule, efficiency) to be able to bid and execute the entire project at one time rather than breaking it into multiple phases with separate bids. Funding must be identified in order to proceed to the bid phase.

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RENEWAL OF COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT LEASE FOR A TEN-YEAR RENEWABLE TERM.

Discussion: Committee Chairman Rodman asked what the highest and best use of the property?

Council Member Sommer stated the property should be purchased, not leased.

Eric Greenway stated the Facilities Use Report is completed and will be reviewed during the Budget Workshop.

Status: To discuss with the owner about the purchase

PUBLIC WORKS SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (SMA) WITH SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SC DOT).

Discussion: Neil Desai stated Beaufort County has historically entered an SMA with SC DOT that allows Beaufort County staff to maintain all of SC DOT's intersections within the County for qualified reimbursements as compensation. Currently, there are 47 intersections within Beaufort County with 35 being SC DOT intersections and the remaining 12 Beaufort County intersections. The qualified reimbursements do not cover all of Beaufort County's expenses such as overtime/on-call salary, benefits, employee insurance, vehicle insurance, fuel, and maintenance of traffic operation vehicles. The requirements to obtain qualified reimbursements are extremely specific and lack flexibility.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizens Comments

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5 PM