

A special meeting of Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2004, at 3:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

Present: Ron Charlton Johnny Morant
 Thomas Earl Drayton Jerry Oakley
 Sel Hemingway Helen Rudolph
 David L. Hood

Staff: Thomas W. Edwards, Jr. Theresa E. Floyd
 John M. Tolar

Other staff members, various Judges and magistrates, courthouse employees, local attorneys, members of the public, and representatives of the media were also present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to newspapers, television and radio stations, citizens of the County, Department Heads, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Courthouse.

Chairman Sel Hemingway called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman Charlton moved to approve the agenda as published. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Presentation of Revised Conceptual Plan for Proposed Judicial Complex

Mr. Michael Walker, Tych & Walker Architects, presented a report regarding the proposed judicial complex for Georgetown County. Mr. Walker stated that the preliminary building layout that was presented to County Council in September has been condensed. The revised plan maintains the old Sheriff's Office building on Cleland Street, now used by the Chief Magistrate and Central Traffic Court, and proposes the construction of new buildings for the Department of Social Services at the Human Resources Site on Lafayette Circle. The Clerk of Court's Office and Register of Deeds would relocate to the judicial facility. If approved by County Council, the revisions to the plan, as proposed, will allow the County to achieve its goal of constructing a judicial complex to serve the residents of the County at a much lesser cost.

County Council conceptually approved the revised plan for the Judicial Complex as proposed by Architect, Michael Walker.

Capital Equipment Replacement Plan

County Council was advised of a Capital Equipment Replacement Plan proposed for the next five years (2005 – 2009). If approved by County Council, the plan could become a formal equipment replacement plan to be updated annually as part of the County's budget process.

Consideration would be given annually to utilize the payment method of lease purchasing when current year revenues and equipment replacement reserves were not sufficient to offset required capital purchases.

County Administrator, Thomas W. Edwards, Jr. proposed that for the duration of this plan, and as the plan is updated annually, a debt service amortization schedule would be required in order to determine the annual cumulative debt service and the availability of funds to meet the Equipment Replacement Plan's financial requirements for each Department within each fund. He recommended that County Council adopt procedures and guidelines by Ordinance in order to assure the stability of the Capital Equipment Replacement Plan, and to prevent the use of revenues identified in the Plan from being used for anything other than to purchase vehicles and heavy equipment. The Plan met with the conceptual approval of County Council.

Councilman Charlton moved to amend the Solid Waste Department's budget, making provisions for equipment replacement through lease purchase, and direct the Procurement Officer to solicit bids for capital equipment as outlined in the Replacement Plan, not to exceed \$554,000. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Councilman Charlton moved to authorize the Procurement Officer to solicit bids for vehicles, as needed, for the Sheriff's Department through lease purchase. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Hood asked for verification regarding how many vehicles would be bid. Councilman Morant questioned whether the motion should include state that purchases should not exceed \$535,000, as previously discussed. Chairman Hemingway noted that the number of vehicles in the FY 05 Capital Equipment Replacement Plan of approximately 21 would not likely exceed the figure discussed. Councilman Charlton noted that the bids will come back to County Council for approval later, and County Council could authorize the number of vehicles purchased or dollar figure at that time.

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FY 05-06 Law Enforcement Budget

County Council reviewed issues related to the FY 05-06 Law Enforcement Budget and pending revenue shortfalls. The County Administrator reminded County Council of ongoing budgetary issues within the Law Enforcement Budget and stated that decisions will need to be made regarding these matters within the next 60 days, prior to the start of the FY 06 Budget Process.

Solid Waste Compost Plan

County Council received a report from Public Services Director, Ray Funnye, regarding the Solid Waste Compost Plan. The original West Georgetown Regional Wastewater Treatment System Agreement placed the burden of the operation of the Compost Facility entirely on the County. The Department is working on a revised plan that will pro-rate the cost among all partners. The Plan met with conceptual approval of County Council.

Being no further business to discuss, Councilman Charlton moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council