

Minutes
Finance & Operations Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2024
5:15pm

The York County Finance & Operations Committee met on the above date for a Finance & Operations Committee Meeting at 5:15pm at the Heckle Complex, 1070 Heckle Blvd, Rock Hill, SC. The following Council members were present: Council member Tom Audette, Council member Tommy Adkins and Council member Allison Love. Also present were Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, County Attorney, Michael Kendree and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Teria Sheffield, Procurement Director was also present.

Summary and Actions:

1. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to recommend for consideration by Council the appointment of Dorothy Johnson to the Culture and Heritage Commission. Motion Carried.
2. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to defer the appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals until January 2025. **Council member Allison Love voted in opposition.** Motion Carried.
3. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Allison Love to recommend for consideration by Council the appointment of Valerie Lynch to the Board of Zoning Appeals. **Council member Tommy Adkins voted in opposition.** Motion Carried.
4. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to defer the appointment to the Board of Disabilities and Special Needs until January 2025. **Council member Allison Love voted in opposition.** Motion Carried.
5. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to defer the appointment to the Lake Wylie Parks and Recreation District until January 2025. **Council member Allison Love voted in opposition.** Motion Carried.
6. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to defer the appointment to the Bethel Fire Tax District until January 2025. **Council member Allison Love voted in opposition.** Motion Carried.
7. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to defer the appointment to Keep York County Beautiful January 2025. **Council member Allison Love voted in opposition.** Motion Carried.

8. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to recommend for consideration by Council the appointment of Nancy Nicholson to the York County Library Board (District 1). Motion Carried.
9. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to recommend for consideration by Council the appointment of Laura Milem to the York County Library Board (District 3). Motion Carried.
10. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to recommend for consideration by Council the appointment of Terry Plumb to the York County Library Board (District 4). Motion Carried.
11. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 2 to Habitat for Humanity the amount of \$2,000.00. Motion Carried.
12. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 2 to Greater Things Ministry in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion Carried.
13. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 2 to Bethel Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$3,300.00. Motion Carried.
14. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 2 to Americas Boating Club in the amount of \$1,700.00. Motion Carried.
15. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 2 to River Hills EMS in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion Carried.
16. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 2 to River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club in the amount of \$900.00. Motion Carried.
17. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 2 to Tips and Tails Rescue and TNR in the amount of \$800.00. Motion Carried.
18. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 3 to Newport Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion Carried.

19. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 3 to The Men's Club of York in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion Carried.
20. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve allocation of funds from District 5 to Clemson University/4-H in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion Carried.
21. Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2024 Finance & Operations Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

Procurement Director, Teria Sheffield provided information regarding Council's request to consider a Local Vendor Preference for York County.

Ms. Sheffield explained that Local Vendor Preference (LVP) is defined as: advantage given to bidders/proposers in response to a solicitation for products or services, granted based on pre-established criteria. Preference criteria are established by law and can include suppliers geographic location; residency requirements; or origination of the product or service.

Reciprocal Preference: Advantage applied to match a preference given by another state/county. Reciprocity, defines a bidding situation in which a state/county gives a preference to its resident bidder against the bid of a non-resident bidder, equal to the preference given by the other county to its own resident bidders.

Advantages:

- Stimulate local economy activity
- Support the development, enrichment, growth, expansion and the retention of the local business community
- Statutes generally upheld in court specifically when the state or county can make a reasonable case that the statutes will achieve a legitimate state or local goal
- Attract new businesses into a community and thus favorably impact the tax bas

Challenges:

- Increase cost for products/services for all County taxpayers
- Discourage non-local vendors from investing resources in preparing a proposal (reduces competition)
- Reduce incentive for local businesses to provide the best value for the dollar for the purchased goods/services
- Defining a defensible fair process to determine the definition of a local business
- Demonstrating that preferences will yield the desired results

SC Counties LVP Option

Aiken – Yes
Anderson – Yes
Beaufort – Yes
Berkeley – Yes
Horry – Yes
Richland – Yes
Charleston – No
Greenville – No
Lexington – No
Spartanburg – No

Ms. Sheffield explained that Council should consider the following:

- Defining Eligibility
- Local Preference Options
- Validating Preference
- Program Parameters
- LVP Alternatives

Committee members would like staff to prepare a recommendation and bring back to the Committee for consideration.

Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to defer the finance update. Motion Carried.

There being no additional matters to discuss a motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.