

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Minutes – March 22, 2016

Commission Attendance: Carolyn Smith, Andrea Siebold, Mike Sutton, Dean Moss, Mike Tripka, Linda Maietta (Absent: Joseph Kline)

Call to Order:

Chairman Mike Sutton called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. and asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. William Prokop, City of Beaufort City Manager, presented the revised City of Beaufort projects (the revised request is 6% less than the original request (\$1.2 million reduction)) for consideration:

1. Downtown Parking Garage (Priority 1)
2. Waterfront Park and Marina Improvements (Priority 2 – minimum Phase 1 (infrastructure))
3. Park Improvements (Priority 3 – incentives to convert commercial buildings)

The total for City of Beaufort is now \$20,450,000. Discussion followed. Public comment received by Chairman Sutton.

Mr. Van Willis, Town of Port Royal Town Manager, presented the revised Town of Port Royal projects (the revised request removed the project for the Pickleball Court Complex) for consideration:

1. Resurfacing Town Roads (Priority 1)
2. Sidewalk Construction (Priority 2) (Note: 50% share from residents)
3. Port Property Projects:
 - A. Paris Avenue Park (Priority 2 of Port projects) (Note: commitment from Town through TIF)
 - B. Construction of New Port Spine Road (Priority 1 of Port projects)
 - C. Construction of Stormwater and Water Systems
 - D. Waterfront Promenade
 - E. Pocket Parks/Landscaping

The total for the Town of Port Royal is now \$9.26 million. Discussion followed.

Commission discussed future meetings. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Bluffton Library. Town of Hilton Head would like additional 30 minutes at the beginning of the March 29th meeting. Ms. Maietta will contact Mr. Steve Riley to confirm. Cancel meetings scheduled for April 12 and April 26. Schedule meetings for April 5, April 19, May 3. Requested Ms. Maietta to send out an email to all requestors and ask for a list of their projects, with cost, in priority order to be given to the Commission at the March 29th meeting. The goal for the March 29th meeting will be start culling the projects, as well as to review the criteria set by the Commission and compare to each project submitted.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at approximately 11:53 a.m. Meeting called back to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Chancellor Al Panu, University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB), provided an introduction to the project being presented:

1. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Facility – Bluffton (Priority 1)
2. OLLI Facility – Hilton Head (Priority 3)
3. OLLI Facility – Beaufort (Priority 2)

The total project funding request is for \$12 million with a private funds match of \$1.5 million. Dr. Lynn McGee, Chancellor of Advancement, provided background of the OLLI Program. Dr. Andrea Sisino, Director of OLLI provided the specifics of the request. Discussion followed.

Ms. Mary Lee Carns, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Relations, Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) introduced Dr. Richard Gough, President of TCL. Dr. Gough proceeded to present two (2) projects for consideration:

1. Health Sciences Expansion (Priority 2) – estimated cost \$2.5 million
2. TCL Culinary Arts Teaching Institute (Priority 1) – estimated cost \$11.6 million

The total cost for these projects is \$14.1 million. Comments were also provided by members of the hospitality community to support the TCL's request for the Culinary Arts Teaching Institute. Discussion followed.

Sheriff P. J. Tanner, Beaufort County Sheriff, presented the Commission with a revised cost for his communications request for vehicle radios. The Sheriff was able to reduce the cost by \$3 million. The revised total cost of the Sheriff's office projects is now \$8,492,526.

The following meeting dates were confirmed:

- Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – noon, ECR
- Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 2:00 -5:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – noon, ECR

Chairman Sutton asked Ms. Maietta to obtain a legal opinion on whether OLLI falls privy to the CPST (reference the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Section 4-10-330(A)(1)(b)).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:52 p.m.

By:
Linda Maietta
Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Staff Liaison

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 1:30 p.m. at the Bluffton Library, Large Meeting Room

APPROVED March 29, 2016