

**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
November 20, 2012
4:32 p.m.
County Square - Conference Room D**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at County Square and posted on the County's web page for all media and concerned citizens to access and review.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN BUTCH KIRVEN
VICE CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR
JOE BALDWIN
LIZ SEMAN

FRED PAYNE
DAN RAWLS
XANTHENE NORRIS
JOE DILL

JIM BURNS
WILLIS MEADOWS
LOTTIE GIBSON
SID CATES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

JOE KERNELL, County Administrator
MARK TOLLISON, County Attorney
REGINA MCCASKILL, Deputy Clerk to Council
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator
PAULA GUCKER, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works
SHANNON HERMAN, Assistant to the County Administrator
SANDRA YUDICE, Assistant to the County Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT:

LT. COL. LARRY PEEPLES, Facilities and Construction Manager, SC Army National Guard
KEVIN LANDMESSER, Vice President, GADC
JODY BRYSON, President and CEO, SCTAC
JAQUELINE DiMAGGIO, Greenville Technical College

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butch Kirven

INVOCATION

Councilor Sid Cates

Item (3)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Rawls moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting of November 6, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously by all members.

Item (4)

SCTAC PRESENTATION

Mr. Jody Bryson, CEO, SCTAC, stated last year an Economic Impact Study reported companies at SCTAC contributed \$1.4 billion to the annual economy of the State of South Carolina. He then introduced Lt. Col. Larry Peeples, Facilities and Construction Manager, SC Army National Guard, who would provide an update of the SC National Guard project that was currently under construction at the Donaldson Air Park.

Lt. Col. Larry Peeples stated the Upstate Army Aviation Support Facility at Donaldson would be an 111,000 square feet building. The cost of this facility was \$26 million and the estimated completion date was September 2013. This building would house six CH-47 and four LUH-72A helicopters. The facility would also include a 49,094 square foot Regional Field Maintenance Shop. The cost of construction for this facility was \$12.8 million. The estimated start date for this portion of the facility was January 2014 with a completion date of August 2015. The beginning phases for the Greenville Technical College and the SC Army National Guard Joint Use Readiness Center would begin January 2014, and this facility would consist of 93,996 square feet. The cost of construction for the SC Guard share is \$12.7 million and Greenville Tech's share is \$6.0 million. This brings the total military construction funding to \$51.5 million and provides for 163 full-time personnel and 215 traditional Guardsmen and would provide approximately a \$72.5 million economic impact.

Lt. Col. Peeples stated if the Greenville facility expanded its footprint it could allow for training for Boeing and Honda. Currently the diesel mechanic training through Greenville Technical College was held at the previous field maintenance site. Training space for Airframe and Power plant Technician as well as Truck Driving programs were incorporated into the new Readiness Center for Greenville Tech. This would allow Tech to increase student load for A & P technicians, maintenance technology and truck drive programs. Lt. Col. Peeples showed the Committee of the Whole pictures of the facility through a Power Point presentation. He stated previous partnerships between the Guards and Spartanburg County and the Citadel were very successful.

Chairman Kirven asked how the changes being made in SCTAC affected the increase of students at Greenville Technical College.

Ms. Jackie DiMaggio stated currently the program was at capacity (125 students) and she believed that would increase by at least 50%. She stated FAA had strict requirements on the amount of students in a class as well as strict requirements for instructors and how they were certified.

Master Sgt. Hicks stated one of the reasons operations were moved to Greenville was because of higher line scores, meaning there were more people to recruit from in the area.

Lt. Col. Peeples stated another reason for the move to Greenville was due to McIntyre not having enough hard cover to cover all of the equipment, which is why they would move all of it to the new Greenville location.

Councilor Burns asked would any further cuts or actions jeopardize the plans.

Lt. Col. Peeples stated he did not see anything jeopardizing the plans because they were past the 35% design window. He stated the concern of cuts affected the new projects that had not yet received design authority.

Councilor Burns stated if they needed help they should contact County Council for their support with the project.

Item (5)

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Rawls moved to adjourn the meeting.

Without objection, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council