

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
JUNE 15, 2010

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:35 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman	William B. Banning Sr., V Chairman
William C. Derrick	George H. Davis
Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
Johnny W. Jeffcoat	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Overview of the Operations of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center - Ric Luber, President & CEO - Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism - Mr. Luber presented an overview of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center operations and its impact on the community. The Committee asked if funds were “comingled” between the Convention Center, sports operations, or visitors’ center. Mr. Luber replied there was no commingling of funds between the three separate entities and each has their own separate financial accounts maintained by the Convention Center with the local banks. Mr. Luber also responded a black and white income statement is provided monthly. Mr. Jeff Anderson, County Attorney, asked about the reserve amount of about \$5 million. Mr. Luber said the balance is approximately \$8.5 million and out of that there are dedicated funds that have to be withheld in reserve. By mid August, after the books are closed, they should be able to determine the exact surplus amount. If there are surplus funds available, as defined in the agreement, it will be prorata shared back with the two counties and the city (sometime in mid August). The Committee commented on the wonderful job and representation by the Convention Center and its staff. For information only, no action taken.

Resolution in Support of the Emergency Planning for the VC Summer Nuclear Plan and Proposed Expansion - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend that full Council approve the resolution.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Cullum was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of April 27, 2010 and May 11 and May 18, 2010 Budget

Worksessions - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the minutes for the April 27, 2010 and May 11 and May 18, 2010 Budget Worksessions as submitted.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Cullum was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Possible Executive Session if Time Permits - Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss seven legal and two contractual matters.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Cullum was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Old Business/New Business - Local Contractors Procurement, Fire Service Volunteer Incentives - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk