

**MINUTES**  
**HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**July 7, 2005**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley; Mark Lazarus; Marion Foxworth; Mike Ryan; James Frazier; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Howard Barnard; and John Boyd.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Grabowski and Kevin Hardee.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; John Weaver; Anne Wright; Steve Gosnell; Paul Whitten; Bob Kemp; Westley Sawyer; and Lisa Bourcier.

In accordance with the FOIA, notices of the meeting were provided to the press stating the time, date, and place of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Gilland called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** The Honorable Howard Barnard gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE:** Chairman Gilland led in the pledge.

**READING OF ORDINANCES:**

Third reading of **Ordinance 48-05** authorizing the administrator to execute a lease agreement with Fratelli Granite, Inc. for property on MBIA premises. **Mr. Prince moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.

Third reading of **Ordinance 90-05** authorizing the administrator to execute a concession and lease agreement with Open Golf Tee Times at the MBIA. **Mr. Prince moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.

Second reading of **Ordinance 95-05** to approve the request of Harvey & Mary Elizabeth Barnhill, Barnhill Demolition Derby Minor PDD, to amend the official zoning maps. **Mr. Boyd moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Frazier. The motion passed unanimously.

First reading of **Ordinance 106-05** to rescind Ordinance 145-01 wherein there was established a method by which agencies and organizations were to be funded from Horry County’s annual supplemental budget. **Mr. Frazier moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Boyd. Chairman Gilland requested the ordinance be sent to the Administration Committee. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not present</u>
Worley	Ryan	Grabowski
Lazarus	Foxworth	Hardee
Barnard		
Frazier		
Schwartzkopf		
Prince		
Boyd		
Gilland		

First reading of **Ordinance 107-05** to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to the establishment of an overlay in the northeastern section of Horry County along certain portions of Highway 17 and the Intracoastal Waterway. **Mr. Worley moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Frazier. Chairman Gilland requested the ordinance be sent to the Planning Commission. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not present</u>
Worley	Ryan	Grabowski
Lazarus	Foxworth	Hardee
Barnard		
Frazier		
Schwartzkopf		
Prince		
Boyd		
Gilland		

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution R-98-05** supporting Carolina Regional Cancer Center’s Certificate of Need Application for the addition of a third linear accelerator. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-99-05** proclaiming October 15, 2005 as “Take a Kid Fishing Day.” **Mr. Boyd moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS:**

- Betty Lee Lang, Library Board of Trustees
- Reappointment of Thomas Vaught, Museum Board of Trustees
- Reappointment of Sherrie Todd, Museum Board of Trustees
- Reappointment of Julia Kenney, Museum Board of Trustees
- Reappointment of Carl Clayton, Open Space Board
- Reappointment of Melody Adams, Socastee Recreation Tax District
- Reappointment of Marvin Heyd, Socastee Recreation Tax District
- Reappointment of Ozell News, Socastee Recreation Tax District
- Reappointment of Jason Herox, Socastee Recreation Tax District
- Reappointment of Anthony Valvo, Socastee Recreation Tax District
- Reappointment of Robert Gore, Airport Advisory Committee

Mr. Foxworth requested to defer to the next meeting the reappointment of Robert Gore, Airport Advisory Committee. Chairman Gilland requested to add Ari Pieniek, Library Board of Trustees for District 6. **Mr. Ryan moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:**

**New Terminal Complex program at Myrtle Beach International Airport.** Ms. Wright spoke briefly regarding the status of the new airport terminal project. She introduced several consultants including project team members from Skanska, HNTB and Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services. She also introduced the financial advisor, Ken Cushine, Frasca and Associates, and lobbyist Don Fowler. She explained the presentation included the project background, funding, program milestones, program scenarios, staff recommendations, and Council requested actions.

Mr. Kemp presented a summary of funding levels as follows:

Low/No Risk Sources	\$209,213,900
Airport Cash	
Passenger Facility Charges	
Contract Facility Charges	
2004-2010 Entitlement Funds	
Lease Airport Property	
City Airport Fund	
Redevelopment Authority Grant	
Airport Bonds	
FAA Letter of Intent	
Moderate Risk Sources	<u>10,000,000</u>
State of South Carolina Grant	
Transportation Security Administration	
Total	\$219,213,900
Possible Additional Sources	\$ 22,000,000
(Additional bond capacity and sale of airport property)	

Mr. Kemp reviewed the design and construction timeline for the terminal building. Sixty-five percent (65%) design for the terminal building and 100% design for the site work foundations and steel work would be completed in December 2005. In February 2006, the funding sources would be known and the process for the bond authorization ordinances would begin. The guaranteed maximum construction price would be received from Skanska in early March 2006 and construction would begin in mid-April 2006. Construction should be completed in mid-April 2008.

Mr. Jordan Taylor, HNTB, explained the current program elements and identified 3 funding tier levels as follows:

Current Program: \$243-250 Million. Includes dual taxiway, Group IV concrete taxilanes, fuel farm, 24-acre rent-a-car storage, 1487 long-term parking spaces, 890 rent-a-car spaces, 358 employee parking spaces, dual level arrivals/departure roadway, site lighting, 14-aircraft parking positions, ground level RJ boarding, CUTE/VOIP systems, contiguous entry canopy, clerestory concourse, screened HVAC equipment, and FIS facility.

Tier 1: \$200 Million. Includes single taxiway, Group III asphalt taxilanes, privatized fuel farm, 13.3-acre rental car storage, 1190 long-term parking spaces, 590 rental car spaces, 240 employee parking spaces, dual level arrival/departure roadway, leased site lighting, 14 aircraft parking positions, ground level RJ boarding, data backbone system, modified baggage system, segmented entry canopy, flat concourse roof/exposed HVAC equipment, modified floor/ceiling finishes, and shelled FIS space.

Tier 2: \$209 Million. Includes dual taxiway, Group III asphalt taxilanes, fuel farm, 13.3-acre rental car storage, 1190 long-term spaces, 590 rental car spaces, 240 employee spaces, dual level arrivals/departures roadway, leased site lighting, 14 aircraft parking positions, ground level RJ holdroom, CUTE system/phone provider, modified baggage system, segmented entry canopy, modified floor/ceiling finishes, FIS facility/international operations.

Tier 3: \$219 Million. Includes dual taxiway, Group III asphalt taxilanes, limited fuel farm, 13.3-acre rental car storage, 1190 long-term spaces, 890 rental car spaces, 358 employee spaces, dual level arrival/departure roadway, site lighting, 14 aircraft parking positions, ground level RJ boarding, fully functional CUTE/VOIP systems, modified baggage system, clerestory concourse, contiguous entry canopy, modified ceiling finishes, FIS facility.

Mr. Kemp recommended approval of the Tier 2 funding scenario with add/deduct alternatives and requested authorization for HNTB to complete the design, to test piles for the foundation system, and to purchase valves/piping and the wick system. The funding would come from a \$3.5 million grant.

Mr. Barnard requested clarification of the dollar amounts shown in the Low/No Risk Sources section of the Funding Summary. Mr. Cushine offered explanation of the items. Mr. Fowler stated that the \$38 million from the FAA was reasonably safe but was subject to the annual appropriations process. The Department of Airports had applied for several additional grants from federal executive agencies that could also be used.

Mr. Foxworth asked if the 65% design cost would be greater than the originally allocated \$12 million. Mr. Kemp responded the costs may be more but any increase would be funded through the \$3.5 million State grant.

Mr. Foxworth asked if funding for the Harrelson Boulevard improvements had been included in the funding tier scenarios. Mr. Kemp responded by saying, no, and further stated the trust fund agreement between the County and the City of Myrtle Beach stipulated the construction would begin after the terminal was completed. He anticipated the revenue from the trust fund for the roadway construction would be approximately \$4 million.

Mr. Lazarus suggested a decision to move forward should be made after the County received an acknowledgement from the FAA on the \$38 million grant, and received the results from the RFP on leasing airport property.

Ms. Gilland called a recess at 8:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Ryan requested discussion on the airport be placed on a regular meeting agenda so that the public would be informed of the issues. Ms. Gilland assured Mr. Ryan that televised discussions would take place.

**Mr. Barnard moved to establish a base project scope at Tier 1 Level, \$200 million, with add/deduct alternatives to match available funding, as shown on Exhibit 2, seconded by Mr. Boyd. The text of the motion reads as follows:**

- 1. Base project scope be established at Tier 1 Level as outlined in Exhibit 2 with add/deduct alternates to match available funding.**

**Additional alternates can include:**

- A. Parallel taxiway that improves functionality and provides reliable access to terminal in event of closure of one taxiway.**
  - B. Construction of Federal Inspection Service area that will enable the airport to handle additional international flights for Hooters and other air carriers.**
  - C. CUTE (Common Use Terminal Equipment) system that will add needed capacity to accommodate additional/expanded airline services and provide maximum resource flexibility.**
  - D. Fuel farm that will allow airport to control airline operating costs.**
- 2. HNTB be authorized to complete design necessary to receive a Guaranteed Maximum Price from Skanska include:**
    - A. Proceeding with test piles necessary for foundation design.**
    - B. Purchase of valve/piping needed for relocating existing utility lines to preserve critical path.**
    - C. Proceeding with wick system design.**

Mr. Foxworth called attention to the agreement between the County and the City of Myrtle Beach relating to Harrelson Boulevard. He felt the agreement would be broken if the County did not identify a source of funding for the road improvements. Ms. Gilland stated that revenues from the trust fund after Year 4, approximately \$1.1 million per year, would be used. Mr. Foxworth asked if it could be included in the bond. Ms. Gilland responded there was a \$70 million cap on the bond, but Council could amend the motion to include money from future bonds and let the financial consultants recommend when it was better to borrow the money.

Mr. Weaver stated the agreement with the City of Myrtle Beach had been accomplished by a series of ordinances. The appropriate manner in which to solidify Mr. Foxworth's wish was to amend the agreement ordinance.

Mr. Boyd suggested taking the extra \$1 million from recurring revenue and earmark it toward Harrelson Boulevard. Mr. Cushine would review this scenario.

Ms. Gilland asked if the Redevelopment Authority had allocated \$300,000 for engineering design. Mr. Buddy Styers, from the Authority, responded that \$18,000 had been spent on the footprint but the City was not satisfied with it and chose not to consider it. Expenditures for engineering and design were then halted. The \$6 million had been included in the \$10 million that the Authority had allocated to help build the new terminal building. Ms. Gilland asked if the \$6 million had been earmarked for Harrelson Boulevard. Mr. Styers stated the Authority agreed to fund the fuel farm and the CUTE system and that amounted to \$10 million.

Ms. Gilland called for the vote on Mr. Barnard's motion. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Not present</u>
Worley	Lazarus	Grabowski
Barnard	Foxworth	Hardee
Frazier	Ryan	
Schwartzkopf		
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.