

MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
Special Council Meeting
August 26, 2004
Myrtle Beach International Airport Conference Room
8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley; Mark Lazarus; Marion Foxworth; Howard Barnard; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Kevin Hardee; and John Boyd.

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Frazier, Mike Ryan, and Gene Smith.

OTHERS PRESENT: Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; John Weaver; Steve Gosnell; Anne Wright; and Bob Kemp.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gilland called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

INVOCATION: The Honorable Howard Barnard gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Honorable Mark Lazarus led in the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS: Mr. Hardee requested to add a discussion on Harrelson Blvd. Mr. Prince **moved to approve the agenda**, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Update on the progress of the new Terminal Facility. Mr. Kemp provided an update on traffic activity and the status of the new terminal complex design, as well as funding requirements. He reported enplanements at MYR were approximately 20% higher than the national trend.

Mr. Kemp explained that the key objectives of constructing the new terminal facility were to provide capacity to serve a growing market and to generate sufficient revenues to pay operating expenses and debt service. A goal was to maintain competitive airline rates and charges (\$8-9 per passenger).

Construction of the new terminal was scheduled for completion in February 2007. The Request for Proposals for the selection of the prime contractor would be available in September 2004. The prime contractor would be selected in November 2004.

Mr. Kemp displayed the site layout that included the terminal building, taxiways, and ramps. He reported this layout had been revised to make certain the project was entirely in the PUD area. He pointed out the fuel farm had been relocated due to concerns from the neighboring residents.

Mr. Ken Cushine, project analyst with Frasca Associates, the airport's financial consultant, reviewed the Financial Plan stating the preliminary terminal and related costs were estimated to be \$185 million. The Harrelson Boulevard extension would add \$6 million to that total. The projected major sources of funding included PFC reserves, airport improvement grants, federal/state grants, city trust fund, revenue bonds, sale of surplus land, and appropriations from the Air Base Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Kemp explained the allocations of funds of the \$12 million previously authorized by county ordinance and a grant from the FAA. Total funds allocated were approximately \$11.8 million leaving a balance of approximately \$283,000.

Mr. Barnard questioned the use of the Harrisburg, PA airport as an example to MYR and requested the financial consultant to seek out another comparable airport and share the results at the next meeting. He was not in favor of the County selling airport property as a means of raising funds to construct the new airport.

Mr. Lazarus questioned if the use of regional banks for financing would be appropriate. Mr. Cushine agreed to research that possibility and report his results. Mr. Lazarus requested a monthly report on expenditures versus budget.

Mr. Worley requested spreadsheets and back-up documentation on the funding requirements that had been discussed, as well as for years 2002 and 2003.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R-120-04 approving and authorizing the county administrator to execute a contract for professional services for governmental relations consulting services. Mr. Lazarus **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gilland reported that the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce was planning a trip to Washington to meet with congressional members on funding for I-73 and to lobby for a trade center. The Chamber had invited Council Members to join this trip to lobby for federal funding for the airport. The trip was scheduled for September 13-16, 2004.

Resolution R-121-04 to approve the Solid Waste Authority's sale of a 1.7- acre tract of land located on Highway 57. Chairman Gilland stated this was a portion of land that was landlocked and the landowner on the other side wanted to purchase it. Mr. Prince **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Legal Briefing on the enforcement of the Adult Entertainment ordinance. Mr. Barnard requested that instead of an Executive Session, Mr. Weaver should prepare the information in writing and give it to Council. Mr. Lazarus **moved to approve**, seconded by Mr. Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

Harrelson Boulevard. Mr. Hardee asked if the agreement with the City of Myrtle Beach required the County to perform the design work. Chairman Gilland responded that if the City paid for the design, they could build it any time. If the County performed the design work, it would have to wait. It was her understanding that the design would not need to be done until after the new terminal was built and the old terminal was vacated. Mr. Hardee reiterated his question that if the City paid for the design, then they could proceed. Chairman Gilland said the City could perform the design if they paid for it.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.