

Aiken City Council MinutesSpecial Meeting

September 23, 1999

Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Perry, and Radford.

Absent: Councilmembers Clyburn, Papouchado, and Price.

Others Present: Roger LeDuc, Gary Smith, Pete Frommer, Richard Pearce, Bill Huggins, and Sara Ridout.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the special meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. He stated Council had one item on the agenda for discussion.

BIDS

Mobile Data System
Public Safety Department
Patrol

Mr. LeDuc stated that over the last few years the Public Safety Department has been obtaining some equipment to develop a mobile data system for use in the patrol vehicles in the Department of Public Safety that will allow the officers to do much of their paper work from their vehicles. He said the Public Safety purchased some of this equipment last year. He said the City had obtained a grant to help with the purchase of more of the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) equipment which is used for transferring data from the vehicles directly to the department office. Mr. LeDuc stated the final equipment needs Council approval. He said because the grant expires September 30, 1999, he felt Council needed to have a special meeting to consider approval of acceptance of the grant. The request consists of the purchase of software and licensing for six additional mobile data units. The item was not included in this year's budget and is over \$25,000 so therefore Council needs to approve the purchase.

Mr. LeDuc stated that in August, 1998, Council accepted a bid from Cerulean in the amount of \$42,892 for a portion of the software and licensing and it is important that we follow through with the same company for the remaining phase in order to ensure compatibility of the system and equipment. The project involves block grant funding for approximately 90% of the cost of the project.

Mr. LeDuc stated the cost for the equipment from Cerulean Technology is \$29,161 and is a continuation of the bid which the city had with Cerulean.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilman Perry, that Council approve the purchase of additional mobile data system equipment from Cerulean Technology in the amount of \$29,161.

Council discussed the proposed purchase. Councilman Anaclerio asked several questions about the system. He asked how many units the city will have with the proposed purchase and how much money has been involved in the project.

Mr. Frommer stated with the proposed purchase the city would have 12 mobile data units and would have spent about \$60,000 for the system. Mr. Frommer stated the city had received a grant from the Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Justice. Mr. Frommer stated the city had received about a \$35,000 grant and the city had to provide a 10% match for the grant.

Mayor Cavanaugh called for a vote on the motion to approve the purchase of the mobile data system equipment from Cerulean in the amount of \$29,161. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONContractual Matter

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

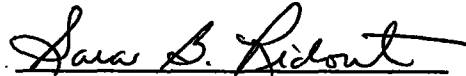
Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Council went into executive session at 5:45 P.M.

Councilmembers Clyburn and Price arrived at the meeting about 5:55 P.M.

After discussion Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the executive session end. No action was taken by Council. The executive session ended at 6:20 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.



Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk