

**SUMMARY REPORT - EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Executive Finance Committee met on September 17, 2015 in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The minutes from the June 2015 Executive Finance Committee were approved. The Committee addressed the following items:

1. Status of the CY2015 budget expenditures

Bob Mahood gave a brief overview of the status of CY2015 expenditures and obligations for the remainder of the year. He noted that the Council is in good shape and should have unexpended funds available at the end of this year to carry forward into 2016.

2. Webinar format used in recent public input sessions

Bob provided background information and a summary on the use of a new webinar format for receiving public comment. Mike Collins had conducted a cost comparison between the new webinar format and the in-person public hearings and determined that the new format only cost about a third as much as in-person public hearings.

Council members liked the new format and spoke very favorably about the positive aspects of receiving public comment in this manner. However, there was agreement among Committee members that sensitive issues and certain circumstances would still require in-person public hearings. Council members and staff that had participated provided a number of excellent recommendations as to how to improve the new webinar format based on their initial experiences in various venues. The Council instructed staff to continue with the webinar format in the future when and where appropriate.

3. Council Follow-Up and priorities

Gregg Waugh directed the members to Attachment 2a and 2b that show the Council's operations agreement and the previously approved priorities for 2015 and 2016. He provided an overview of where the Council stands relative to the approved priorities schedule. Various options and scenarios were suggested for proceeding with scheduled priorities, while adding new amendments to the priorities schedule.

There was a significant amount of debate among Council members relative to the pros and cons of expediting and/or delaying various amendments and actions. There was also discussion as to how to rank priorities in the future. It was agreed that the Council needed to start making hard decisions as what actions can be completed in specific timeframes. Ultimately, it was agreed the Council would address modifying the priorities after the Snapper Grouper Committee finished its business during the Council session.

To be complete during the Council session.

4. Motions