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with another project, that request would be taken to the Authority and would probably prevail. Another purpose of the Authority is the oversight of expenditures and collections of monies from Boeing, assuming we are successful in getting Boeing. If the package passes and Boeing decides not to come to Tulsa, the tax would never go into effect. The Sales Tax Overview Committee will play a strong role, to make sure the job is done correctly. Two-hundred-fifty-million dollars (\$250 million) of the money will begin to be repaid starting the 11th year. The Authority will decide what to do with those funds as they start coming in. Commissioner Dick pledged to endorse and support the leadership team's recommendations stated here today. Dick said the five-ballot process was proposed with a unanimous decision to do what is on the agenda today.

Commissioner Miller stated she was casting her vote as a leadership team member, and that she had more questions. She supported phasing, but believed Medlock's request would allow citizens to make a choice on what they would like to have. Miller was in favor of American, Boeing, and Higher Education standing alone.

Commissioner Collins stated that with all due respect to the Mayor and Councilmen, he was not here to question projects that are being requested to be included, nor to question the ballot as it appears today, simply because he thinks it undermines the integrity of the process to spend 12 months listening to not only the people, but representatives of the people, leadership team, governance committee & finance committee and asking them to come up with a ballot. Commissioner Collins stated that "they have done that - it is my choice today to make sure the people vote this ballot up or down - I voted in support as it appears after some serious considerations & discussions with friends - I think my integrity is more important than trying to assist & help a few friends."

Moved by Dick, seconded by Collins, to approve the five (5) Resolutions as submitted. Upon roll call, Dick, yes; Miller, yes; Collins, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller stated after the vote that she had always supported the Vision 2025, and that her objections had nothing to do with the projects and package. She still stood by Boeing and American, and feels the citizens should always be able to vote on what they wanted.

Commissioner Miller added that her vote in support did not mean she was in agreement with the entire package as it stands now. She stated she felt Boeing and American were crucial, and that she had been forced to vote for the whole package in order to stand by her support for them. Miller stated she felt strongly about the river development, and wanted to have funds available next year for the river study, and then its development.

Moved by Dick, seconded by Miller, to approve request from Personnel for authorization to participate in the upcoming *Diversity Job Fair 2003* to be held at Tulsa Civic Center on 9/22/03, at a cost not to exceed \$515.00. Upon roll call, Dick, yes; Miller, yes; Collins, yes. Motion carried.
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