



Minutes
Budget Workshop -- Sumter County Council
Tuesday, May 31, 2011 - Held at 4:00 p.m.
County Administration Building County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Chairman Eugene R. Baten, Council District #7
2. Councilman Larry Blanding, Council District #6
3. Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney, Council District #5
4. Councilman Artie Baker, Council District #2
5. Councilman Jimmy Byrd, Council District #3
6. Councilman Charles T. Edens, Council District #4
7. Councilman Naomi D. Sanders, Council District #1

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

William T. Noonan, County Administrator
Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney
Pam Craven, Finance Director
Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst
Booth Chilcutt, Cultural Commission Director
Luke Lukens,
Robert Galloway, Purchasing Director

Mary W. Blanding, Clerk To County Council
Lorraine Dennis, Deputy Administrator/HR
Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator
The Honorable Carolina B. Richardson
Sheriff Deputy
Tommy Bultman
Doug Mathis

MEDIA PRESENT:

The Item Newspaper

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Two members of the public were in attendance.

Call to Order: Chairman Baten called the meeting to order.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilwoman McGhaney.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present repeated the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: The Chairman stated that he would entertain a motion for action on the agenda. The Clerk asked Council to add one additional executive session matter which relates to A Contractual Matter Pertaining to Patriot Hall; she also asked Council to change the Personnel Matter from one to three Personnel Matters.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilwoman McGhaney, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the agenda as amended.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- (1) Continued Discussions On Sumter County's Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget.

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The County Administrator and the County's financial staff presented the proposed budget to Council. Mrs. Rogers informed Council that the budget presented to Council at its last workshop with expenses at \$40,326,248, and revenues listed as \$37,198,085, thereby the budget was \$3,100,000 over budget. Mrs. Rogers also explained to Council that the information before them is a new slate; starting from the beginning.

After review of all the material and discussion on all items, Council took action on the following items.

Council asked about the possibility of increase in taxes and how it would affect Council in the future especially as it relates to ACT 388. Also, Council members discussed the possibility of using some of the County's reserve fund for nonrecurring expenses and not for operations.

The Administrator also informed Council that 78% of its funding is going towards the Court system, Sheriff's Department, and Detention Center. The Chairman stated that he would like for the Clerk to add to one of Council's upcoming agendas as an agenda item "Crime In Sumter County."

Then Council members discussed the possibility of cutting the Agencies, Board, and Commissions, (see attached document) as recommended by staff.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Council Edens, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and carried by Council to approve the budget figures listed in the May 31, 2011, chart for Agencies, Boards, and Commission. Council members Sanders, Edens, Byrd, and Barker voted in the affirmative. Council members Blanding, Baten, and McGhaney voted in opposition, the motion carried.

Council members then discussed the possibility of changing the collection rate of taxes from 94 percent to 94.5 or 95 percent. Staff was asked to provide the comparables to Council at its next meeting scheduled for June 7, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. Staff was also asked to provide information concerning the following:

1. Mandated items and how much millage would it take to fund these mandates.
 2. Reserve Fund - What are some nonrecurring projects that could be funded out of reserve?
 3. What are the capital projects needs?
 4. What are the capital equipment needs?
- (2) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session And To Take Action Thereafter For One Or All Of The Following: Contractual Matter, Legal Briefing, Employment/Personnel Issue, etc.

The Chairman stated that he would entertain a motion to enter executive session to discuss all executive session matters that are included on the agenda as amended.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Vice Chairman Blanding, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to discuss all items as listed below:

- a. **Budget Items:** Discussion And Possible Action On Personnel Matter.
- b. Discussion And Possible Action On Three Personnel Matter.
- c. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointments To Boards And Commissions.
- d. Contractual Matter - Patriot Hall

At the conclusion of executive session, Council re-entered open session.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Blanding, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to re-enter executive open session.

Report From Executive Session

I-95 WELCOME CENTER:

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Blanding, and unanimously carried by Council to cease operations at the I-95 Welcome Center effective July 1, 2011.

PATRIOT HALL CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Blanding, and unanimously carried by Council to replace the heating and air-conditioning system at Patriot Hall using funds from the Capital Improvement Fund.

ADJOURNMENT:

After all comments, Council adjourned its meeting after a motion and a second to the motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding

Mary W. Blanding, Clerk to Sumter County Council

Approved: June 14, 2011

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AGENCY Boards and Commission	FY 2011 BUDGET	FY 2012 REQUESTS	FY 2012 ADJUSTED PROPOSAL	Difference from FY 11 Budget vs. FY 12 Adjusted Proposal
Small Business Development Center	-	5,000	-	-
Clemson Extension	63,012	63,012	-	(63,012)
National Guard	1,823	1,823	-	(1,823)
Alcohol & Drug Commission	7,873	7,873	-	(7,873)
Community Support	4,704	4,704	-	(4,704)
Genealogical Society	5,233	5,233	-	(5,233)
Vocational Rehabilitation	2,060	2,060	-	(2,060)
Disabilities & Special Needs	7,436	7,436	-	(7,436)
Total Proposed Eliminations	92,141	97,141		(92,141)
Mental Health	36,450	36,450	18,225	(18,225)
Sumter Senior Services	21,816	21,816	10,908	(10,908)
Diamonds- United Way	13,500	15,000	6,750	(6,750)
Wateree AIDS Task Force	18,225	18,225	9,112	(9,113)
Total Proposed 50% Reductions	89,991	91,491	44,995	(44,996)
Sumter County Gallery of Art	32,805	32,805	17,805	(15,000)
RTA Support	12,466	25,000	11,219	(1,247)
Historical Commission	5,718	9,769	5,146	(572)
Little Theater	7,290	7,290	6,561	(729)
Sumter County Museum	35,320	35,320	31,788	(3,532)
Sumter Green	6,579	6,579	5,921	(658)
Soil Conservation	32,832	36,480	29,549	(3,283)
Sumter County Library	1,159,140	1,287,933	1,043,226	(115,914)
Base Defense	30,000		27,000	(3,000)

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		30,000		
American Red Cross	2,187	2,500	1,969	(218)
Sumter-Shaw Community Concert	7,290	7,290	6,561	(729)
Total Proposed 10% Reductions	1,298,822	1,448,161	1,168,941	(129,882)
Grand Total	1,513,759	1,669,598	1,231,741	(282,019)
<i>This Proposal represents funding \$282,019 less than FY 2011 and \$437,857 less than original budget workbook proposal.</i>				