



Minutes
Budget Workshop -- Sumter County Council
Tuesday, June 7, 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

Mary W. Blanding, Clerk To County Council
Lorraine Dennis, Deputy Administrator/HR
Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator
The Honorable C. B. Richardson, Treasurer
Sheriff Deputies (Bradford)

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.

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

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

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

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The County Administrator, Mr. William T. Noonan, and staff members presented budget information to members of Council which included the following information:

- ◆ 2012 Budget Proposal as of May 32, 2011 -- \$38,411,894 - expenditures and expenses.
- ◆ 2012 Budget Proposal As of June 7, 2011
- ◆ General Fund Millage Requirements For Fiscal Year 2012
- ◆ Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Proposal
- ◆ Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Proposal Funded By Other Funds
- ◆ Sumter County Debt Schedule Fiscal Year 2012

Councilman Byrd also asked Mr. Noonan and staff to make sure that all unfunded mandates are listed in a section so that Council will be able to see the mandates. Mrs. Craven, the Finance Director cited the unfunded mandates as listed on page 2-7 in the budget book. It would require a 1.0 mill to be levied to cover the mandates for Point of Sale and Identity Theft Protection:

◆ Assessor -Point Of Sale-Reassessment	\$85,000.00
◆ Information Technology – Identity Theft Protection	\$200,000.00
◆ Landfill Recycling (E-Waste)	\$135,360.00
◆ Four Canopy Covering And Concrete Slabs	\$48,000.00
◆ Fluorescent Bulb Prohibition -	\$12,480.00
◆ Voter Registration I.D. Requirement And Early Voting	\$10,000.00
◆ Information Technology-Programming Reports, Etc.	\$20,000.00

Councilman Baker asked if Council added a mill for the unfunded mandates, would the mill remain on the Counties levied taxes or would it roll off? Mrs. Craven stated that the mill would remain on the books for next year.

Council also discussed the funding requirements from the agencies, boards, and commissions. It was suggested that each of the agencies receive a 10 percent reduction -- \$1,331,627 was budgeted in 2011; the request for 2012 is \$1,480,966). The Administrator stated that last year and the year before, Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority funding was reduced by 10 percent and was informed that they would receive in-kind-services from the County. The in-kind-services never occurred; therefore, SWRTA technically received less funding during that period of time. The proposal presented on June 7, 2011 represented funding \$282,019 less than Fiscal year 2011 and \$437,857 less than original budget workbook proposal.

Council also talked about capital Improvement Needs. Mrs. Craven informed Council that over \$1,500,000 was budgeted to handle expenses for the landfill project. However, bids came in at \$400,000, which leaves over \$1,000,000 that could be used for other capital projects. Council members asked whether or not the County can use these funds from RZEB to purchase police cars or used for other projects. Mrs. Carven and Mr. Bryan will follow-up on this matter with the County's Bond Counsel.

The County Treasurer, the Honorable Carolina B. Richardson, gave the following report pertaining to Tax Collection Status and Fee Collection Status Reports as of June 6, 2011:

Tax Collection	2011 Budget	Percent Collected	2011 Collected	Difference
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$17,266,350	102%	\$17,550,516	284,166
Legislative Mandate	257,600	99%	255,943	(1,657)
LOST	<u>5,900,000</u>	<u>93%</u>	<u>5,505,569</u>	<u>(394,431)</u>
	23,423,950	100%	23,312,028	(111,922)

Name of Fee	2011 Budget	Percent Collected	2011 Collected	Difference
Technology Fee	\$265,765	88%	\$233,093	(\$32,673)
Solid Waste Fee	\$1,520,003	98%	\$1,485,970	(\$34,033)
Stormwater Utility	<u>\$507,303</u>	<u>85%</u>	<u>\$430,560</u>	<u>(\$76,740)</u>
Total	\$2,293,068	94%	\$2,149,623	(\$143,446)
Late Fee Ordinance			\$85,250	

Council also had dialogue about the following items; however, no action was taken:

- ◆ Worthless Check –Solicitor’s Office Or Sheriff’s Office.
- ◆ Election Commission – Stipend For Each Commission Member.
- ◆ Sheriff’s Office And Dispatch (Organizational Changes Need To Be Made In Writing.)
- ◆ Other Agencies And Boards Need To Be Reviewed.
- ◆ Landfill Tipping Fee – Need And Increase To Cover The Ever Growing Deficit.
- ◆ School Millage – Department Of Revenue Will Set The Millage For The 2011-2012 School Year. However, staff has been asked to bring all information to council about the school’s budget as quickly as it is received.

(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 the executive matter items as listed below:

- A. **Budget Items:** Discussion And Possible Action On Personnel Matter.
- B. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointments To Boards And Commissions.
- C. Discussion And Possible Action On A Personnel Matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to discuss the aforementioned executive session matters.

ACTION After executive session, on motion of Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to re-enter open session.

Report From Executive Session: The Chairman called for motions on the executive session matters.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and carried by Council to authorize the County Administrator to secure \$500 from the County's Infrastructure Account to be used as earnest money on a real estate contract.

NOTE: Councilman Edens did not participate in the discussion or action on this matter at anytime during the meeting.

Appointment To Board:

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilwoman McGhaney, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by County Council to appoint David Reeser to the Building Codes Board of Appeals.

Mayesville Community Center:

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilwoman McGhaney, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by County Council to approve the funding for Mayesville Center for the remainder of this summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

After all comments, Council adjourned its meeting after a motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, 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