



MINUTES
Budget Workshop and Special Meeting
Sumter County Council
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 - Held at 4:30 p.m.
County Administration Building -- Third Floor
County Administration Conference Room
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

Council Members, Staff, And The Public Will Be Asked To Wear A Facemask At The Meeting. Social Distancing Is Required At All Of County Council's Meetings. Seating Is On A First Come First Serve Basis.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman; James R. Byrd, Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Carlton B. Washington

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Mary W. Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Joe Perry, Lorraine Dennis, Kelsey Andrews, Lorraine Dennis, Keysa Rogers, and Lauretha McCants.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item Newspaper, Shelby Goulding

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Eight members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman James T. McCain, Jr., called the meeting of May 17, 2022, to order.

INVOCATION: Mary Blanding, the Clerk to Council, gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budget Workshop and Special Meeting -- Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Chairman McCain called for a motion on the approval of the agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Prior to beginning the budget deliberations, Councilman Baten asked about when the School District would be present before Council. The County Administrator and the Clerk to Council have been working together to coordinate a schedule between the School District and County Council. Mr. Mixon stated that the meeting will probably be held on one of the meetings in June (June 7, June 14, or June 28). The Administrator also stated that he will keep Council up to date as to when the meeting is scheduled with the School District.

(1) Budget Deliberations For Fiscal Year 2022-2023:

Mr. Mixon and Mrs. Andrews provided Council members with recommendations for Council to act on concerning the proposed budget. See information below.

- a. **Other Agencies Funding.** Mr. Mixon presented the budget request for the other agencies equaling a total of \$3,153,173 which is an increase of \$39,163. It was noted that the

Elizabeth Pettigrew Durant Children's Center was deleted from the request which was a new agency's request.

After reviewing the budget for Other Agencies Requests, Council provided the following motion:

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the Other Agencies' Budget Requests as presented at an expense of \$3,153,173. (See attached sheet.)

b. Personnel Summary Funding:

The Administrator stated that the recommendation for Personnel Summary is as follows:

- 18% increase in health insurance at a cost of \$465,158 (January to June 2023)
- 1% increase in retirement at an expense of \$232,430 (July 2022 to June 2023)
- 3% COLA (this was approved at Council's May 10, 2022, Budget Workshop).
- Delete the request from the Solicitor's Office.
- New position requests \$222,727 - offset by income
- Salary adjustment requests \$6,510 - offset by income.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the Personnel Summary at an expense of \$465,158.

Approved New positions area as follows:

1. Probate's Office -- New Clerk
2. Recreation's Office - New Receptionist
3. Coroner's Office -- Deputy Coroner - (Salary Offset by State Funding)
4. Public Defender's Office -- Assistant Public Defender - ARPA Funds
5. Public Defender's Office - Secretary - ARPA Funds

c. Capital Requests For Other Funding:

- Public Works \$181,500 Road User (*Still under consideration by State*)
- Landfill \$ 4,871 Solid Waste Fund
- Airport \$190,000 Infrastructure
- Airport \$1,000,000 Fund Balance Reimbursable

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the Capital Requests for Other Funding at an expense of \$1,376,171.

d. ARPA Funding

ARPA Funding Available	Amount
From Capital Requests	\$3,808,465
From Personnel Requests	\$368,223
Water Utility Infrastructure	\$2,687,963
Broad Band Infrastructure	\$1,000
Total ARPA Expense	\$10,364,651

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the ARPA Funding Requests Funding at an expense of \$10,364,651.

e. Central Carolina Technical College Funding:

Central Carolina Technical College requested an increase of 7 mills. Council took the following action.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to maintain the current funding for Central Carolina Technical College.

f. Overall County Budget And Use Of Fund Balance:

Council decided to wait until next meeting of Sumter County Council concerning agreeing on how to balance the budget with a one mill increase and use of Fund Balance.

- (2) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Employment Matter, An Economic Development Matter, Or Receive A Legal Briefing And Other Matters Pertaining To An Executive Session. Council May Need To Appropriate Actions Thereafter.

No executive session was held.

OLD BUSINESS

- (1) None

ADJOURNMENT: After a MOTION by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council, the meeting of was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding
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Approved: May 24, 2022

AGENCY	FY22 APPROVED	FY23 REQUEST	VARIANCE
Legislative Delegation	\$40,000	\$40,000	-
Planning Commission	520,753	541,578	20,825
Building Department	576,167	534,422	(41,745)
Small Business Development Center	10,000	10,000	-
Saving Sumter Strays - Animal Shelter	52,000	62,000	10,000
Mental Health Center	50,000	50,000	-
United Way/Diamonds	25,050	25,050	-
Sumter United Ministries	8,100	8,700	600
Fatherhood Program	34,000	36,000	2,000
American Red Cross	5,000	10,000	5,000
Sumter Senior Services	19,565	20,000	435
Soil and Water Conservation District	29,549	29,549	-
Clemson Extension	50,410	50,410	-
Base Defense	34,500	34,500	-
Santee Lynches	87,012	82,460	(4,552)
Sumter County Museum	60,000	69,500	9,500
Library	1,193,979	1,193,979	-
Sumter Little Theater	25,000	25,000	-
Sumter County Historical Commission	18,125	27,225	9,100
Genealogical Society	5,000	8,000	3,000
Sumter Green	5,000	5,000	-
Gallery of Art	55,000	55,000	-
Santee Wateree RTA	150,000	175,000	25,000
Scholars Programs	50,000	50,000	-
Disabilities and Special Needs Board	10,000	10,000	-
Elizabeth Pettigrew Durant Children's Center**	-	5,000	5,000
Total	\$3,114,210	\$3,153,373	\$39,163