



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Budget Workshop

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - Held at 5:00 p.m.

County Administration Building, Third Floor
County Council Chambers -- 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. McCain, Jr., James R. Byrd, Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Chris Sumpter.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Mary W. Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Joe Perry, and James Michaelson.

MEDIA PRESENT: None

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Two

CALL TO ORDER - The Honorable James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman, called the budget workshop to order.

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ACTION ON AGENDA: Chairman McCain asked for a motion concerning the approval of the agenda for Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recap/Update On Budget Discussions Concerning Sumter County's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Revenue Projections And Possible Actions Taken, If Necessary.

The County Administrator, Gary Mixon, gave the following recap of the General Fund for 2019-2020.

General Fund Recap

The following table updates the current version of the General Fund Budget:

	April 30 Version	May 14 Version
Estimated Revenue	\$50,541,170	\$51,612,920
Expenditures		
Personnel Services (wages, payroll taxes, fringe benefits)	30,947,649	30,985,149
Operating Expenditures	20,534,752	20,896,853
Total operating expenditures	\$51,482,401	\$51,882,002
Excess (deficit) of revenues over operating expenditures	(941,231)	(268,082)

The increase in revenue for this version of the budget is a result of updating trend information based upon current activity in ROD fees, EMS fees and building rentals. Adjustments were made to public safety operating expenditures as well as the addition of the summer youth program funding omitted from the April 30 version.

The carryover capital items are the special appropriations for the Sheriff, Detention Center and EMS building projects.

2. Recap/Update On Budget Discussions Concerning Sumter County’s Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Projected Expenditures And Possible Actions Taken, If Necessary.

Mr. Mixon and Mr. Michaelson also gave the following report concerning the projected expenditures for the upcoming year.

The following table shows the historical trends in the budget:

	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2020 Proposed Budget
Revenue and other financing sources				
Taxes	\$ 31,786,395	\$ 31,621,268	\$ 32,491,612	\$ 31,927,520
Licenses and permits	2,665,193	3,997,690	2,491,500	2,724,500
Intergovernmental	7,482,693	8,334,075	8,554,784	7,671,871
Service revenue and charges	6,911,328	6,837,603	6,802,360	6,370,401
Fines and forfeitures	1,750,269	1,488,775	1,661,000	1,682,000
Miscellaneous	792,428	630,224	548,777	414,112
Other financing sources	1,159,670	984,890	776,990	822,516
Total revenue and other financing sources	52,547,976	53,894,525	53,327,023	51,612,920
Operating expenditures				
General government Administration	15,502,465	17,121,490	18,095,057	17,330,985
Public Safety	19,548,052	20,729,813	21,080,558	21,582,653
Health and Human Services	4,970,203	5,191,143	5,603,666	5,756,659
Environment and Housing	304,577	304,673	333,370	321,471
Recreation	4,785,049	5,252,607	5,445,994	5,346,704
Transportation	170,609	202,719	194,314	200,030
Public Utilities	140,000	144,264	150,000	150,000
General Expenditures	839,574	986,825	1,188,500	1,193,500
Total operating expenditures	46,260,529	49,933,534	52,091,459	51,882,002
Revenue and other financing sources over operating expenditures	6,287,447	3,960,991	1,235,564	(269,082)
Debt Service	513,044	521,339	521,684	521,515
Capital outlay	2,258,649	1,401,541	2,839,184	1,375,000
Change in Fund Balance	\$ 3,515,754	\$ 2,038,111	\$ (2,125,304)	\$ (2,165,597)

New Position Requests

The Sheriff’s Office has requested a new position to fill the security slot for the Treasurer’s office. The Treasurer’s office security officer has been accommodated in the FY 2020 budget as a continuation of the status already in place.

The Veteran’s Affairs office has requested one new position estimated to cost \$40,000.

The Coroner’s office has requested one new position that is pending funding by the State.

The Solicitor’s office has requested 4 new non-attorney positions estimated to cost an additional \$280,000.

The Voter Registration/Elections office has 34 temporary part time slots requested and has funded the slot with State aid to cover costs

Council members requested that the Administrator bring back to them at the next budget workshop information concerning the staff requests from the Veteran’s Affairs Office and the Solicitor’s Office.

The next Budget Workshops are going to be held as following:

- May 21, 2019 5:30 p.m., County Council's Conference Room.
- June 4, 2019 5:30 p.m., Sumter Fire Department Training Center
- June 4, 2019 6:00 p.m., Sumter School District Meeting With County Council
- June 11, 2019 5:30 p.m., County Council's Conference Room

3. Executive Session: It May Be Is Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Economic Development Matter, A Legal Briefing, Personnel/Employment Matter, Or To Discuss Other Items Appropriate For Executive Session And Take Actions Thereafter.

Chairman McCain stated that Council will need to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Therefore, he would entertain a motion concerning this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

At the conclusion of the executive session, upon motion by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to re-enter open session.

Chairman McCain stated that Council members discussed the County Administrator's contract and have agreed to approve the contract; therefore, the following motion was made.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Chairman McCain, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the County Administrator's contract.

4. Additional Agenda Item:

No additional information.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

After all business for this particular meeting, MOTION was made by Councilman Sumpter, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary W. Blanding, Clerk to County Council

Approved: May 28, 2019