



## Richland County Council

### SPECIAL CALLED MEETING BUDGET – 3<sup>rd</sup> READING July 13, 2017 – 6:00 PM Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Dickerson, Chair; Bill Malinowski, Vice Chair; Calvin “Chip” Jackson; Norman Jackson; Jim Manning; Yvonne McBride; Dalhi Myers; Greg Pearce; and Seth Rose

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Harris, Brandon Madden, Michelle Onley, Gerald Seals, Jamelle Ellis, Kim Roberts, James Hayes, Kevin Bronson, Tracy Hegler, Elizabeth McLean, Sandra Yudice, Shane Kitchens, Stacey Hamm, and Liz McDonald

**CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Dickerson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

#### **AMENDED ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING**

- a. **An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt a budget for Richland County, South Carolina for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019**

Mr. Seals stated Council has reviewed the budget for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium during 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading approval. You will note on the ordinance that we have made a notation, per Council direction, that the Conservation Fund, Neighborhood Redevelopment Fund, Hospitality Tax, Accommodations, Tax and millage agencies will be budgeted later during the fiscal by amendment to the budget. This will be done no later than June 8, 2018. The total, without those entities, comes to \$474,135,505.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Biennium Budget I, as distributed.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Pearce	Manning
Rose	McBride
C. Jackson	
Malinowski	
Dickerson	
Myers	

The vote was in favor of approving the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Biennium Budget I, as distributed.

Ms. Dickerson informed Council and staff that Mr. Livingston is traveling and could not attend tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Pearce stated for clarification that he made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Biennium Budget I, as distributed; therefore, that motion would negate discussion.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to reconsider the motion. The vote was unanimous for reconsideration.

Ms. McBride inquired if the motions and amendments to the General Fund approved in Biennium Budget FY17-18 be automatically moved over to FY18-19. Some of them indicated it was for both parts of the biennium budget. Others did not indicate that.

Mr. Seals stated, if you recall, it was made clear you wanted to look at those things as amendments to the budget when it is brought back. We have a record of the motions that were made and we will carry that forward. However, as I understand the direction from Council, it wants to take a fresh look at those items when the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the budget is looked at in June.

Ms. McBride stated that puts her at a disadvantage because she did not understand that. She assumed when the motions were made that they would be carried on. If you put in a motion for 2 or 3 positions you would automatically assume they would be a part of that budget.

Mr. Seals stated for clarification, it is going to be carried forward. However, Council made it clear they wanted all of those agencies to have a chance for amendment during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the budget process.

Ms. McBride inquired if that included every General Fund motion made and that next year they would have an opportunity and it would not be a part of FY18.

Mr. Seals responded in the affirmative.

Ms. McBride inquired, for example, the funding for St. Lawrence and Transitions was requested for both years of the biennium. So in FY18, it will come up for discussion.

Mr. Seals stated it will come up for discussion, but we have tracked it per the motion.

Ms. McBride stated that is what she needed the clarification on because she was not sure whether those that requested 2 years and those that did not state the 2 years there would be a difference.

Mr. Seals stated because of a staff error some did not receive the instructions to provide a 2-year budget. The cure of that is to make sure to capture and not lose your motion, but those items would be subject to amendment. That does not cancel out the action that Council took.

Ms. McBride stated she wanted to ensure that it is consistent.

Mr. Manning requested the following friendly amendment: that the motions made that said they were for FY17-18 and FY18-19 when Council took up year 1 of the Biennium Budget I be included in this 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

Ms. McBride stated Mr. Seals stated the instructions were not given to everybody. Therefore, some people did not include both years. So it appears it would not be fair to those that did not include both years to not get the same opportunity as those that included both years.

Ms. McBride further stated that she assumed, for example, the Clerk of Court's, Solicitor's and Public Defender's positions would be for both years, but she did not state it.

Ms. Myers inquired if Ms. McBride was saying that each of those offices would get the same number of positions every year.

Ms. McBride stated you do not request a position for one year, unless it is a special position. You assume that it is going to be encumbered for every year.

Ms. Myers inquired, for example, if you requested 3 positions in the biennium for FY17-18 then you would have all 3 position and the funding would continue.

Ms. McBride stated, given the annual process, she was thought that Council voted on each year separately for two years. Therefore, legally how are both years in FY17....either you accept all of them or you accept none because in FY17 you put in FY18 budgeting.

Mr. Seals stated the explanation given by Ms. Myers is correct. Authorized personnel is not reduced. It continues from that point forward. And the reason for the way the budget is adopted is that the budget was adopted last fiscal year for this current fiscal year. We are now in a new fiscal year. What you are doing now is adopting the budget for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium.

Ms. McBride stated the bottom line is the motions that she did, and several others did, should be included for both years if we are going to include the others for both years.

Mr. Rose called for the question, seconded by Mr. Pearce.

Ms. McBride requested Mr. Manning to restate his friendly amendment.

Mr. Manning requested the following friendly amendment: that the motions made that said they were for FY17-18 and FY18-19 be included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the budget since they were clearly specified for both years. In addition, positions (i.e. Social Worker position for the Public Defender's Office) approved during 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be added to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Biennium Budget I.

Mr. Pearce stated for clarification that approving the ordinance as distributed with the friendly amendment covers those 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading items that specified two years and those items added during 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. The items would have been in there anyway since when you add a position it is carried to the next year unless it was specified for only one year.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Pearce	
Rose	
C. Jackson	
Malinowski	
Dickerson	
Livingston	
Myers	
Manning	
McBride	

The vote in favor of calling for the question was unanimous.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Pearce	Malinowski
Rose	Manning
C. Jackson	McBride
Dickerson	
Myers	

The vote was in favor of approving the ordinance as distributed with Mr. Manning's friendly amendment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council