

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FY16-17 BUDGET 2ND READING [GRANTS]

MAY 26, 2016
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rush called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05PM

SPECIAL REVENUE

Item #18: Grants – CDBG – DR (Approve \$200,000 for United Way of the Midlands. Funds will be used to support low income flood survivors in unincorporated areas of the County to recover. Fund will be directed to local organizations and Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster [VOAD] repairs to repair flood damaged homes of people in unincorporated Richland County. United Way unites people and resources to improve the quality of life in the Midlands. Note: This CAN be funded with CDBG-DR funds. – Mr. Manning withdrew his motion.

Item #24: Conservation Commission (Approve \$50,000 from the Conservation Commission for Pinewood Lake Park for water quality control and erosion control from the flood. Repair and replace bank meant and 5:1 slope and clear and grub lake bed due to silt buildup from runoff and the flood) – Mr. Malinowski inquired since this deals with a flood-related matter if it had been submitted to FEMA.

Mr. Jackson stated the funding will be to remove silt from the water.

Mr. Livingston stated he shares Mr. Malinowski's concern, as well as, having the Conservation Commission make a recommendation regarding funding of this item.

Mr. McDonald stated the damage done at Pinewood Lake Park has been submitted to FEMA and approximately \$45,000 has been reimbursed to the County.

Mr. Malinowski inquired where the \$50,000 figure for the project came from.

Mr. Jackson stated he spoke with several engineers and it was estimated to cost approximately \$50,000.

Mr. Pearce stated the flood disrupted Pinewood Lake Park; therefore, Mr. Jackson is requesting restoration funding, as well as, funding to finish the project.

Mr. Jackson withdrew his motion until staff has completed their review of the total cost of restoration and identifying a funding source for those repairs.



Council Members Present:

Torrey Rush, Chair
Greg Pearce, Vice Chair
Julie-Ann Dixon
Norman Jackson
Paul Livingston
Seth Rose

Others Present:

Tony McDonald
Daniel Driggers
Michelle Onley
Warren Harley
Roxanne Ancheta
Kevin Bronson
Kim Roberts
Shahid Khan

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the County can determine where the silt came from and may recoup some of the funding for the silt removal.

Mr. Livingston stated there are a lot of flood-related issues and they all need to be vetted to determine which order they should be addressed.

Ms. Dickerson requested that her project be included in the review.

Item #25: Conservation Commission (Conservation funds sponsored will be Pinewood Lake Park Foundation) – Mr. Jackson withdrew his motion.

Item #26: Conservation Commission (Approve Agency funding \$250,000) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve this item.

Mr. Malinowski stated it was requested last fiscal year that more funding go to the unincorporated areas, but there is only 33% going toward the unincorporated areas this year. It is his understanding the funds for the Conservation Commission come from the unincorporated areas.

Mr. McDonald stated the Conservation Commission funding is collected countywide.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to why the Renaissance Foundation was not given any funding for installation of restored stained glass windows.

Ms. Stone-Collum stated the request was denied because it was not timely.

Mr. Malinowski requested to remove the Hangar Preservation Development Group funding.

Mr. Pearce ruled the question would need to be divided in order to remove this item.

Mr. Malinowski moved to divide the question.

The motion died for lack of a second.

The vote was in favor.

Item #28: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Move to fund Forest Heights Community at \$1,000) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item.

Mr. Livingston inquired about available funding in the Neighborhood Redevelopment fund balance. In addition, if a motion was made for funding from Neighborhood Redevelopment he would like to know if the neighborhood submitted an application.

Ms. Hegler stated Forest Heights submitted an application, but it was received late.

Mr. Manning inquired if an application that was received late would be reviewed or automatically no funded due to the application being received after the deadline.

Ms. Hegler stated the applications were reviewed, but does not know if this particular application was complete since the policy is not to provide funding if the application is received late.

Mr. Malinowski stated if Council members make motions for individual communities that do not submit applications or submit applications after the deadline there is no need for communities to apply for funding and follow the rules.

Ms. Dickerson inquired if staff reviews the application to insure the request meets the funding.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to divide \$40,035.43 by 11 to allow individual Council members to allocate funding to the communities in their respective districts.

Mr. McDonald stated the \$40,035.43 is the total of the amount recommended to be allocated to the neighborhoods that submitted on-time applications for Neighborhood Redevelopment funding. There is \$940,000 in the Neighborhood Improvement Program fund balance.

Mr. Manning withdrew his substitute motion.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Manning, to fund the communities in the amount of \$40,035.43 that were recommended for funding through Neighborhood Redevelopment and strike Items 28-34. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #29: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Approve \$1,500 for East Bluff Community Association. Funding source is use of fund balance) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #30: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Approve \$1,500 for Starlight Community Association. Funding source is use of fund balance) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #31: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Approve \$1,500 for Atlas Road Community Association. Funding source is use of fund balance) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #32: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Approve \$1,500 for Richard Street Community Association. Funding source is the use of fund balance) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #33: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Approve \$1,500 for Washington Park Community Association. Funding source is use of fund balance) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #34: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Approve \$1,500 for Eastway Park. Funding source is use of fund balance) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #35: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Fund SC Uplift Community Outreach in the amount of \$45,000. Consider splitting the costs between NIP - \$25,000 and General Fund - \$20,000) – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item.

Mr. McDonald recommended taking the \$45,000 in funding from the NIP Fund Balance.

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Ms. Dixon amended her motion to fund SC Uplift Community Outreach in the amount of \$45,000 with funding from the NIP Fund Balance.

Mr. Livingston made a friendly amendment to approve this item contingent upon an application being completed and submitted to staff for review.

Ms. Dozier stated SC Uplift Community Outreach submitted an application for Hospitality Tax in the amount of \$31,470 and were recommended for \$3,000.

Mr. Manning inquired if there was a policy regarding the Neighborhood Improvement fund balance.

Mr. Driggers stated there is a policy that states at least 60 days' worth of operating funding must remain in fund balance.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to table this item until Item #56 is taken up.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Rose	Dixon
Malinowski	
Jackson	
Pearce	
Livingston	
Manning	

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

Item #36: Neighborhood Redevelopment (Approve Agency Funding \$40,035.43) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #38: Hospitality Tax (Request approval of \$75,000 for Carolina Sunsplash (SCALES)) – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to divide \$1,683,350 by 11 Council members and each Council member will decide the allocation of their portion of the funding.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to allow SERCO's funding to remain at \$275,000 and divide the remaining Hospitality Tax funding by current 10 Council members.

Mr. Jackson stated he believes the funding needs to be divided by all of the Council districts.

Ms. Dickerson made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to add the \$275,000 set aside for SERCO back into the overall funding and then divide by 11, which will allow each Council member to allocate \$178,031.82 in Hospitality Tax.

Mr. Driggers stated there are three (3) points to be clarified regarding the second substitute motion: (1) Pinewood Lake would not be funded for operation; (2) SERCO funding would be eliminated; and (3) CVB would be funded at \$24,000.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Rose	Jackson
Malinowski	Livingston
Dixon	Manning
Pearce	Jeter
Dickerson	

The vote was in favor.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to subtract \$150,000 from the overall Hospitality Tax funding and allocate the \$150,000 to the Pinewood Lake Park.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #39: Hospitality Tax (Request approval of \$75,000 for Horrell Hill Festival (SCALES) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #40: Hospitality Tax (Request approval of \$75,000 for Carolina Wet and Wild (Pinewood Lake Park Foundation) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #41: Hospitality Tax (Request approval of \$10,000 for Widows of Opportunity [3-year discretionary grant]) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #42: Hospitality Tax (Request to release the remainder of funds set aside for capital Phase II for Pinewood Lake Park) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #43: Hospitality Tax (Request approval of \$110,000 to fund the STEMS program at Pinewood Lake Park [Pinewood Lake Park Association]) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #44: Hospitality Tax (Fund the Ordinance agencies [Columbia Museum of Art, EdVenture, Historic Columbia Foundation, Township Auditorium, Community allocation] at the FY2016 level) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #45: Hospitality Tax (Move to fund the Antioch Senior Center in the amount of \$25,000 which is the same amount they were funded at in the prior fiscal year) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #46: Hospitality Tax (Move to fund the African American Museum at \$10,000,000) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #47: Hospitality Tax (Move to fund the Black Pages at \$50,000) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #48: Hospitality Tax (Move to fund the Workshop Theater at \$50,000) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #49: Hospitality Tax (Approve Special County Promotion Category \$275,000 for SERCO - South East Rural Community Outreach) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #50: Hospitality Tax (Approve \$75,000 for Kingville Historical Foundation) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #51: Hospitality Tax (Approve \$75,000 for Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #52: Hospitality Tax (Approve \$75,000 for the Town of Eastover) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #53: Hospitality Tax (Approve \$850,000 for Amphitheater at the property at Marley Drive) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #54: Hospitality Tax (Add to Tier Three (p. 174) as a Special County Promotions - Pinewood Lake Foundation for \$150,000 for operating costs) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #55: Hospitality Tax (Add to Tier Three (p.174) as a Special County Promotions - Northeast Regional Community Outreach [NERCO] for \$275,000) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #56: Hospitality Tax (Approve as Tier Four - Other Council Discretionary Funding - Allocate the total remaining recurring dollars to the 9 remaining districts [Available after tier four = \$1,693,350 - Pinewood \$150,000 - NERCO \$250,000 = \$1,258,350/9]. This equates to \$139,817 for the 9 remaining districts) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #57: Hospitality Tax (Approve the Wateree Community action cooperative for \$100,000) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #58: Hospitality Tax (Approve the SC Army National Guard Museum Vietnam War Veterans parade for \$75,000) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #59: Hospitality Tax (Approve the New Beginnings Foundation \$10,000 per year for three years) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #60: Hospitality Tax (Approve Elevations for \$10,000 per year for three years) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #61: Hospitality Tax (Approve \$11,000 for the North Columbia Business Association Cornbread Festival) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #62: Hospitality Tax (Approve \$50,000 for National Association of Minority Contractors for Annual National Conference) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #63: Hospitality Tax (Approve \$25,454.54 for Northeast Community Festival with SC Uplift serving as fiscal agent) - This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #64: Hospitality Tax (Approve estimated costs for Kelly Mill project for \$1,230,058.80. Special events and meeting center estimated renovation, construction, operational and maintenance costs are \$819,262.00; Sports Complex Estimated Operational and Maintenance Costs are \$410,796.90) – This item was withdrawn from consideration.

Item #65: Hospitality Tax (Approve Agency Funding \$347,516) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #66: Hospitality Tax (Approve funding level of \$4,716,650) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #67: Accommodations Tax (Approve Agency funding \$630,000) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #68: Accommodations Tax (Approve funding level of \$630,000) – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

GENERAL FUND

Item #76: Contractual & Statutory (Fund Transitions Homeless Center at \$100,000) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #77: Contractual & Statutory (Fund the Midlands Area Housing Trust Fund at \$100,000) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #78: Contractual & Statutory (Fund the two ballet companies [Columbia Classical Ballet and Columbia City Ballet] at the FY15-16 year level. [FY16 - \$48,956, FY17 recommended - \$25,000, Difference - \$23,456 x 2 = \$46,912]) – Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.

Item #79: Contractual & Statutory (Move that Richland County align with the City of Columbia and match their appropriation of \$40,000 to support the Wright Wellness Center treatment clinic located in Richland County. This appropriation will serve as official documentation that Richland County Council stands in support of the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council and strategic plan to reduce unnecessary spread of infectious diseases throughout the county and impact the quality of life of our citizens) – Mr. Rose stated he spoke with Dr. Bambi Gaddist regarding the serious HIV problem in Richland County. Dr. Gaddist was attempting to go through the State Legislature to obtain funding. Some of the legislators inquired about what the City and County were doing to assist with this issue. The legislature did not seem willing to assistance unless the City and County contributed as well. The City of Columbia has allocated \$40,000. The request is to match the allocation of the City.

Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$40,000 for this item.

Ms. Dickerson requested additional documentation on this item.

Mr. Manning stated the State government has not provided the County with the necessary funding and now they are promising to use the County's funding of this issue as leverage. The legislative session will have

ended by the time the County holds 3rd Reading; therefore, he requested documentation of a proviso being put in place stating the State will add the funding once the County has completed their budget.

Ms. Dickerson inquired if the SCAC or the County’s lobbyist assisted the County with this request.

Ms. Dickerson made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the item contingent upon receipt of additional information from Dr. Gaddist.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Rose	Malinowski
Dixon	
Jackson	
Pearce	
Rush	
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Jeter	

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

Item #80: Contractual & Statutory (Approve \$15,000 for St. John Foundation Senior Citizen Nutritional Program in Lower Richland Community) – Mr. Jackson stated he received a request at the District 10 Town Hall meeting for this item.

Mr. Livingston inquired if this organization was funded last fiscal year.

Ms. Dozier stated it was funded \$15,000 from the Discretionary Grant fund.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the organization applied for Discretionary Grants this year.

Ms. Dozier stated they did apply, but they were not recommended for funding by the committee.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Dixon	Rose
Jackson	Malinowski
Rush	Pearce
Livingston	
Dickerson	
Jeter	

The vote was in favor.

Item #81: Contractual & Statutory (Approve \$15,000 for Mt. Pilgrim Foundation, Inc. The Empowerment Project – provides a summer enrichment camp [tutoring/mentoring] that empowers

at-risk students to increase academic performance, personal growth and a positive attitude) – Mr. Jackson moved to approve this item. The motion died for lack of a second.

Item #82: Contractual & Statutory (Approve \$20,000 Gadsden Farm Festival – [Fiscal Agent South East Rural Community Outreach]) – This item was withdrawn.

Item #83: Contractual Statutory (Approve \$20,000 Elevations – A community endeavor that encourages and empowers at risk youth between the ages of 12-19 to excel and achieve their maximal potential) – Mr. Jeter inquired if this organization was funded last fiscal year.

Ms. Dozier stated they received Discretionary Grant funding in the amount of \$10,000. In addition, they submitted an application for Discretionary Grant funding for FY16-17 and were not recommended for funding.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve this item.

Mr. Jackson made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$10,000 for this item.

Mr. Manning inquired if there were other organizations in District 10 that were encouraging and empowering at-risk youth to excel and achieve their maximal potential.

Mr. Jackson stated he supports this organization because they participate in Council meetings, Richland 101 and Town Hall meetings. Therefore, there is proof they are engaged in County government.

Ms. Dickerson made a friendly amendment to approve this item contingent upon receipt of a copy of the organization’s operating budget.

Mr. Jackson accepted the amendment.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Dixon	Rose
Jackson	Malinowski
Dickerson	Rush
	Livingston
	Jeter

The motion failed.

Item #84: Contractual & Statutory (Approve \$75,000 for JUMPS to provide year round youth mentoring program for rural areas of Lower Richland to include health education, summer jobs, jobs coaching counseling. Specifically, program will target Elementary and Middle school students) – Mr. Jackson moved to approve this item. The motion died for lack of a second.

Item #85: Discretionary Grant (Approve \$20,000 for Midlands Mediation Center. Funds will be used for general operating needs that are needed to sustain smooth operations related to service delivery. Services include helping organizations resolve conflict, improve relationships and strengthen communities. [Organization also applied for two years of funding and has been recommended funds

for a Discretionary Grant for FY17]. The Discretionary Grant Committee has recommended \$9,182.40. The Discretionary Grant Application project title is Conflict = Opportunity. The total project cost is \$16,000 per year and the organization is requesting \$10,000 per year. The objective of the project is to provide individuals in both formal and informal groups throughout Richland County with conflict-resolution training and the opportunity to join a larger community of individuals of all ages and backgrounds who believe people are capable of resolving their own disputes and are practitioners of using a process to bring people together to find lasting and effective solutions. Funds are being requested for the project manager’s salary, venue rental for training spaces and program supplies – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$20,000 from the General Fund.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$10,000 from the General Fund.

Ms. Pat Forbis explained the organization’s specific request for funding. The \$20,000 in funding is for operations, whereas the funding from the Discretionary Grant program is for the specific program.

The substitute motion failed.

The motion to approve \$20,000 for this item was unanimous.

Item #86: Outside Agencies (Approve \$10,000 to fund Cervical Cancer) – This item was withdrawn.

Item #87: Discretionary Grant (Approve Agency Funding \$200,000) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Item #88: Outside Agencies (Approve Agency Funding \$1,636,582) – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McDonald stated the School Resource Officer information was distributed to Council prior to tonight’s meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:18 PM

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