



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, Walhalla, SC
April 26, 2016

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman
Ms. Edda Cammick District I Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Administrator Scott Moulder, Finance Director Ladale Price and Elizabeth G. Hulse Clerk to Council present.

School District of Oconee [SDOC] Staff Present: Dr. Michael Thorsland, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Hanvey, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; and, Ms. Gloria Moore, Finance Director.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG, Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Steven Bradley – Daily Journal.

Call to Order: Mr. Cain called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2016 meeting as presented.

Presentation to Committee

Mr. Cain noted that Mr. Stanley King was not present at the meeting; therefore, he requested a motion to defer the presentation to later in the meeting upon his arrival.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0, to defer this presentation to the end of the meeting. [NOTE: Mr. King never arrived at the meeting.]

Budget Discussions re: Oconee County FY2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Cain opened the floor to Council members for comments, suggestions or questions related to the FY2016-2017 budget.

Mr. Dexter addressed Council reading from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting his suggestions for budget cuts to negate a millage increase. Discussion followed.

Ms. Cammick addressed Council reading from a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting her suggestions for budget cuts. Discussion followed regarding various aspects of her presentation to include but not limited to: request for validation for need for Clerk of Court part time position to be converted to full time position; Council's commitment to Tri County Technical College related to funding for Student Success Center; professional services for the parks for part time seasonal staffing; Solid Waste; Broadband, Vehicle rotation policy; LGF [local government fund], etc.

Council also discussed at some length OPEB [other post-employment benefits] i.e., health insurance for retirees to include increasing the years for eligibility and a suggestion to have employees with 10 years continuous employment as of July 1, 2016 eligible for the program, etc.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to remove the two shared planner positions from the budget.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to fund one part time magistrate judge [removing one part time judge from the budget] for bond hearings at the detention center.

Ms. Cammick made a motion to direct the Administrator to provide Council with the vehicle policy for re-evaluation. Discussion followed. Mr. Moulder stated that a vehicle policy existed noting he would forward to Council for review/discussion. Ms. Cammick rescinded her motion.

Ms. Cammick made a motion to direct the Administrator to take advantage of donated equipment when possible. Discussion followed. Mr. Moulder stated that it is policy to use appropriate donated equipment; noting that he was unaware of the specific example provided. Ms. Cammick rescinded her motion.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to remove \$446,400 for a bond payment to Tri County Technical College for their Student Success Center.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to direct the Administrator to review fees charged at the County Parks to identify if the county is competitive with state and federal parks.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to direct the Administrator to provide Council with the job descriptions for all department heads and to provide a summary showing that the department heads met the stated qualifications.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to direct the Administrator to incorporate Mr. Dexter's suggestions as presented on the handout into an updated budget document as Version #2.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0 to direct the Administrator to review the Emergency Services vehicle rotation plan.

Break:

Council took a brief break from 7:00 – 7:11 p.m.

Budget Discussions re: SDOC FY2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Cain opened the floor to Council members for comments, suggestions or questions related to the SDOC FY2016-2017 budget.

Ms. Cammick questioned SDOC staff regarding descriptions and services provided under various line items. Discussion followed regarding various issues related to the budget.

Other Business

None discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn

Ms. Cammick made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council