



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
May 2, 2023

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I, Chairman
Matthew Durham, District II
Mr. Don Mize, District III
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 4:30 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee members present [Mr. Davis and Mr. Hart absent], as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council Jennifer C. Adams present.

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.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

Members of the staff present: Ladale Price / Finance Director, Amber Turner / Accounting Analyst

Call to Order:

Mr. Elliott called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Elliott asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Chaplain

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Durham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 3 - 0, to approve the April 18, 2023 regular minutes as presented.

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Presentation

Mr. Jay Schickling, Chief Financial Officer for the School District of Oconee County (SDOC), addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, “School District of Oconee County Operating Budget Proposal 2023-2024”, [copy filed in backup] and provided the Committee with an overview of the proposed SDOC FY2023-2024 Budget.

At the request of Mr. Durham, Mr. Schickling provided details regarding salary increases and cost savings with the use of Chrome Books, noting revisions would be made to the proposed budget reflecting more formal and truer request for first reading by Council.

Discussion Items

FY2023-2024 Budget Discussion and Review

[copy of updated FY2023-2024 Budget document filed in backup]

Ms. Brock provided the Committee with a summary of the revisions made within the budget, as directed to do so by the Committee at the April 18, 2023 meeting, noting a reduction of the budget by \$1.8 million for a total request of \$65,231,000.00.

Mr. Durham noted that he intends to make a motion at the upcoming Council meeting to reserve the amount of funding that has been set aside in the FY2023-2024 Budget for wage increases and allocate those funds for a 3% cost of living raise to all employees and reserve the remaining amount to distribute as wage increases or salary band increases, to be determined at a later time after a proposed salary study has been performed.

Ms. Brock requested that when the above-mentioned motion is made during the Council meeting, that the effective date for the proposed 3% raise be made for the first full pay period in July.

Adjourn

Mr. Durham made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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