

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FY16-15 BUDGET 3rd READING

JUNE 11, 2015

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rush called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 28, 2015: 2nd Reading [Grants] – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to reconsider the following motion on p. 3 of the minutes: “Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to set aside \$300,000 and afford every organization that wishes to submit an application for up to \$1,500 to do so. All organizations that have previously submitted an application will be considered. The vote in favor of the second substitute motion was unanimous.”

The vote in favor of reconsideration was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer action on the portion of the minutes that were reconsidered until Third Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve the remaining minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

June 4, 2015: 2nd Reading [Non-Grants] – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the June 4th second reading minutes to reflect that all funds appear at the same appropriated amounts as fiscal year 2015. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MILLAGE AGENCIES

School District One: FY15 Approved - \$192,927,437; FY16 Request - \$198,221,400; FY16 Cap - \$197,194,319 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve \$198,221,400 for this item.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$199,439,620 for this item.



Council Members Present:

Torrey Rush, Chair
Greg Pearce, Vice Chair
Joyce Dickerson
Julie-Ann Dixon
Norman Jackson
Damon Jeter
Paul Livingston
Bill Malinowski
Jim Manning
Seth Rose
Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

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Mr. Manning made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to fund School District One and School District Two to the cap.

Mr. Rush ruled the second substitute motion out of order.

Mr. Malinowski stated there were four options outlined in the budget work session agenda and he was under the impression Council was going to choose an option and it would cover all of the millage agencies.

FOR

Rose
Jackson
Dickerson
Washington
Manning
Jeter

AGAINST

Dixon
Malinowski
Pearce
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The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

School District Two: FY15 Approved - \$133,208,281; FY16 Request - \$137,159,263; FY16 Cap - \$136,226,708 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$136,226,708 for this item.

Mr. Malinowski stated School District Two has had an increase in the mill rate in the last several years and has added \$1.3-\$1.5 million to their unassigned fund balance every year to the point their fund balance is approaching \$40 million; therefore, he cannot support the motion.

Ms. Dixon made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$134,373,726 for this item.

FOR

Dixon
Malinowski
Rush

AGAINST

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The substitute motion failed.

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FOR

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Livingston
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Manning
Jeter

AGAINST

Dixon
Malinowski
Rose
Rush

The vote was in favor of approving \$136,226,708.

GENERAL FUND

Recreation Commission: Move to transfer \$36,000 from the Recreation Commission's millage to the Support Services budget for the maintenance of the Crane Creek Park. Support Services is currently providing landscape maintenance with limited resources and without proper tools. These funds will enable Support Services to better maintain the park at an appropriate level that is consistent with County standards. – The motion was withdrawn.

Recreation Commission: FY15 Approved - \$12,814,400; FY16 Request - \$13,172,091; FY 16 Cap - \$13,172,091 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$13,351,700 for this item.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$13,172,091 for this item.

FOR

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Pearce
Rush
Livingston
Dixon

AGAINST

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Jeter

The substitute motion failed.

FOR

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The vote was in favor of approving \$13,351,700.

Midlands Technical College (MTC) Operating: FY15 Approved - \$5,119,600; FY16 Request - \$5,324,384; FY16 Cap - \$5,310,938 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$5,346,500 for this item.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
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The vote was in favor.

MTC – Capital & Debt Service: FY15 Approved - \$2,182,898; FY16 Request - \$2,240,500 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve MTC-Capital & Debt Service to the cap.

Mr. McDonald stated the agreement was 0.5 mil for debt service and 1 mil for capital.

Mr. Manning withdrew his motion.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$2,240,500 for this item.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Dixon		Livingston
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Manning		
Jeter		

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Library: FY15 Approved - \$23,764,000; FY16 – 24,555,892; FY16 Cap - \$24,629,200 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$24,629,200 for this item.

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Mr. Jeter made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$24,555,892 for this item.

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AGAINST

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The substitute motion failed.

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AGAINST

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The vote was in favor of approving \$24,629,200 for this item.

Riverbanks Zoo: FY15 Approved - \$2,061,277; FY16 Request - \$2,131,000; FY16 Cap - \$2,131,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve \$2,172,600 for this item.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$2,131,000 for this item.

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The vote was in favor of approving \$2,172,600 for this item.

Mental Health: FY15 Approved - \$1,955,870; FY16 Request - \$1,955,870; FY16 Cap - \$1,974,500 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,977,700 for this item.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to fund them at the dollar amount generated by last year's millage.

FOR

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AGAINST

Dickerson
Washington
Manning

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

COUNTYWIDE

Move that Council discontinue the cost allocation policy and go back to funding administration portion of the budget from the general fund millage using the allowable millage cap. Net impact is -0- since cost impact is \$2m and allowable millage is \$2m. – Mr. Washington withdrew the motion and to forward it to the Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

ENTERPRISE FUND

Pinewood Lake Park/Solid Waste: Approve \$21k as budget projection for Special Services for operating cost of upkeep of Pinewood Lake Park – Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Washington, to approve \$21,000 for Special Services to maintain Pinewood Lake.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion to approve \$21,000 from Hospitality Tax to maintain Pinewood Lake. The motion died for lack of a second.

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AGAINST

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The vote was in favor.

Solid Waste: Approve Special Services requested and recommended budget for FY2016 – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve the additional funding for additional Clean Sweep services requested by Council members.

Mr. Jeter inquired why a Council member is requesting additional funding/positions instead of Administration. Did Solid Waste Department make a request to Administration?

Mr. McDonald stated the department did request additional funding for additional positions, but in order to present a flat budget the positions were not recommended.

Mr. Manning inquired if Council members going and talking to departments about who can provide services and then creating a budget outside of the Administrator's recommendation be deemed encroaching on the County's form of government.

Mr. Smith stated the prohibition is against Council members directing staff under the authority of the Administrator.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to not support the request and have Administration determine whether this is a high priority within the department.

Mr. McDonald stated not funding these positions would not affect the clean sweeps that are currently scheduled.

Mr. Malinowski inquired how many clean sweeps are there per year and which Council districts are currently covered.

Mr. Harley stated there are clean sweeps almost every weekend and are available to all Council members, but he was unsure which Council districts are currently receiving clean sweeps.

Mr. Manning called for the question, seconded by Mr. Jeter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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AGAINST

The vote in favor of the substitute motion was unanimous.

Solid Waste: Move to reclassify Special Services' Manager of Administrative Services to Assistant Director – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to forward the item to the Administrator and have staff bring back a recommendation to Council.

FOR

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Washington
Jeter

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston requested legal to determine if the motion is violating State statute.

Solid Waste: Approve Agency Allocation of \$35,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the allocation of \$35,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Solid Waste: Approve funding level of \$31,272,211 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the funding level of \$31,272,211. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Utilities: Move to engage a private entity to temporarily manage the Utilities Department while performing an assessment of the Department to determine how it should be managed in the future – This item was referred to the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee.

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Broad River Sewer System: Approve funding level of \$6,490,250 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$6,490,250 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Lower Richland Sewer System: Approve funding level of \$337,800 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$337,800 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Lower Richland Water System: Approve funding level of \$295,916 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$295,916 for this item. The vote was in favor.

Parking Garage: Approve funding level of \$395,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$395,000 for this item. The vote was in favor.

Airport Operations: Approve funding level of \$612,794 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$612,794 for this item. The vote was in favor.

SPECIAL REVENUE

Temporary Alcohol Permit: Approve Agency Allocation of \$53,295 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the allocation of \$53,295. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Temporary Alcohol Permit: Approve funding level of \$130,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the funding level of \$130,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Victim's Assistance: Approve funding level of \$1,130,448 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$1,130,448 and request the Finance Department to monitor this item for growth.

Mr. Driggers stated the County has subsidized \$3.2 million since 2007 for this program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Tourism Development: Approve funding level of \$1,200,000 – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve funding level of \$1,200,000 and to explore auditing the numbers from the Department of Revenue. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Emergency Telephone System: Approve funding level of \$9,292,660 – Ms. Dixon requested clarification on the new position and the subsidy of \$2,492,660 from the General Fund/Fire Fund.

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Mr. McDonald stated the item is the 911 Consolidated Program with the City of Columbia. The County shares the costs of personnel and operations, but is operated and managed by the City of Columbia.

Mr. Rush inquired about the approximately \$4 million difference.

Mr. McDonald stated the difference is capital costs.

Mr. Byrd stated the capital costs include replacing components in the systems (i.e. consoles, radios) and begin planning for a new building. Most of the system costs are covered by subscriber fees, but a portion of the funding is provided by the General Fund and Fire Funds.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$9,292,660 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fire Service: Approve funding level of \$22,695,700 – Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$600,000 from the Fire Fund Balance.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the impact of taking \$600,000 from the Fire Fund Balance.

Mr. McDonald stated the Fire Fund Balance would be below the minimum threshold the fund balance policy requires.

Mr. Jeter inquired as to what Administration's recommendation was to handle the \$600,000 shortfall.

Mr. McDonald stated Administration's recommendation would be going to the cap, utilizing the Auditor's new millage numbers, which would provide approximately \$300,000, cutting back on the County's side of the Fire budget by eliminating capital items and reducing operational costs.

Mr. Washington inquired as to the percentage of cuts the County had to make thus far.

Mr. Byrd stated 46% of operations and all of the capital has been cut.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to fund Fire Service at the cap and in October when the audit is completed review the fund balance. If the fund balance has increased to support the additional funding Council could allocate the funding or look at alternatives at that time.

Mr. Jeter inquired if the pay increases are not funded would it place the public in jeopardy.

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Mr. McDonald stated he would hope this would not place the citizens of Richland County in harm way. The Fire Service will continue either way.

Mr. Manning made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$600,000 from the General Fund.

Mr. Pearce inquired if funding can be transferred from the General Fund to Fire millage.

Mr. McDonald stated it is possible and would be similar to how Victim's Assistance funding is handled.

Mr. Pearce offered a friendly amendment to utilize General Fund funding and when the audit is completed in October if there is additional funding available in the Fire Fund Balance to reimburse the General Fund.

Mr. Manning accepted the friendly amendment.

Mr. Washington inquired if millage agencies are subsidized by the General Fund.

Mr. McDonald stated typically millage agencies are not subsidized.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about how many firefighters have left or being hired by the Fire Service in the last year.

Fire Department staff stated 46 firefighters have left and 7 are preparing to leave. In the last year, approximately 40 firefighters have joined the department. The average starting salary is approximately \$29,000 and the average pay for a firefighter is \$35,000-\$38,000. Overtime would add approximately \$3,000 more per year.

Mr. Pearce inquired if there was any other provision in Act 388, other than look back, to exceed the cap.

Mr. McDonald stated there are several provisions for exceeding the cap, but it has to be for an extreme issue.

Mr. Manning outlined the five (5) exceptions to exceeding the cap.

Mr. Jackson offered a friendly amendment to Mr. Rose's main motion, to replenish the Fire Service fund balance with any additional funding once the audit has been completed in October.

Mr. McDonald stated the look back is allowed for three (3) years and the County could capture an additional \$1.1 in funding if they choose to do look back.

Mr. Malinowski inquired what the result will be if Council utilizes the look back option.

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Mr. Driggers stated the tax rate will go up approximately 0.8 mil.

Mr. McDonald stated the look back millage would increase the current and future millage rate.

Mr. Driggers stated the Fire Fund has been balanced for the last three (3) years with fund balance and that is what has created the shortfall.

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AGAINST

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The second substitute motion failed.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Washington, to move this item to the end of the General Fund.

FOR

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Manning

AGAINST

The vote in favor of the second substitute motion to move this item to the end of the General Fund was unanimous.

Stormwater Management: Approve funding level of \$4,163,415 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to approve \$4,163,415 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: Move that the 1% across-the-board operating budget reductions for FY16 be applied to all statutory and contractual agencies expect those agencies who receive pass-through funding and those whose budgets are controlled by State mandates. This would reduce the allocation by \$800 – This item was withdrawn.

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Conservation Commission: Approve Agency Allocation of \$250,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the agency allocation of \$250,000.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if agencies funded by the Conservation Commission were incorporated or unincorporated and if Council is in violation of their 75%/25% split policy established by the Hospitality Tax Ordinance.

Ms. Stone-Collum stated the funding for this item does not come from Accommodations or Hospitality Tax funding, but from the 0.5 mil allocated for the Conservation Commission.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: Move that Council revisit the Administration's recommendation to fund two maintenance employee positions from the Conservation Commission's budget based on the fact that these positions will perform duties not related to activities supported by the Commission – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to transfer the two (2) positions out of the Conservation Commission funding and fund them out of the Support Services Department General Fund funding.

Mr. Jackson inquired if the two (2) positions are similar to what the department requested and the Administrator was previously requested to make a recommendation on how to fund.

Mr. McDonald stated the two (2) positions in this motion were intended to maintain the properties that the County is acquiring and developing for parks.

Mr. Jackson made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to remove the positions from the Conservation Commission and direct the Administrator to bring back a recommendation on how to fund the positions.

Mr. Manning made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to remove the two (2) positions from the Conservation Commission and fund them through the fund that created the need for the positions (i.e. Hospitality Tax). The vote in favor was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: Approve funding level of \$725,000 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded Mr. Malinowski, to approve the funding level of \$725,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council recessed at 8:36 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Move that the 1% across-the-board operating budget reductions for FY16 be applied to all statutory and contractual agencies

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except those agencies who receive pass-through funding and those whose budgets are controlled by State mandates. This would reduce the allocation by \$400 – This item was withdrawn.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Appropriate \$28,000 for the purpose of funding a feasibility study for Phase II of the Broad River Rowing Center Project – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to encumber \$28,000 for the feasibility study and have staff bring back a recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve \$1,500 for East Bluff Community Association – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Mr. Livingston expressed concern about neighborhood associations not submitting applications and having a recommended by the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

Ms. Hegler stated East Bluff Community did not submit an application.

Mr. Washington withdrew his motion.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

FOR

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AGAINST

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The vote was in favor.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve \$1,500 for Starlight Community Association – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Ms. Hegler stated the Starlight Community did submit an application and they were recommended for \$1,000.

Mr. Washington withdrew his motion.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$1,054.15 for this item. The vote was in favor.

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Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to reconsider this item. The vote was in favor of reconsideration.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve \$1,054.15, the committee's recommendation, for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve \$1,500 for Atlas Road Community Association – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Ms. Hegler stated the Atlas Road Community Association did submit an application and they were recommended for \$1,203.14.

Mr. Washington withdrew his motion.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Mr. Rush made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$1,203.14, the committee's recommendation, for this item. The vote was in favor.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve \$1,500 for Richard Street Community Association – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Ms. Hegler stated the Richard Street Community Association did submit an application and they were recommended for \$1,245.27.

Mr. Washington withdrew his motion.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve \$1,245.27, the committee's recommendation, for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve \$1,500 for Washington Park Community Association – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Ms. Hegler stated the Washington Park Community Association did submit an application, which was late; therefore, they were not recommended for funding.

Mr. Washington withdrew his motion.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

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Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$500 for this item.

Ms. Dickerson made a second substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve \$1,000 for this item. The vote was in favor.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve \$1,500 for Eastway Park – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Ms. Hegler stated Eastway Park submitted an application and they were recommended for \$595.17.

Mr. Washington withdrew his motion.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve \$595.17, the committee's recommendation, for this item.

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The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve \$1,500 for Arthurtown – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$1,500 for this item.

Ms. Hegler stated Arthurtown did not submit an application.

Mr. Washington withdrew his motion.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded Mr. Manning, to deny this item.

Ms. Dixon made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve \$800 for this item.

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The second substitute motion failed.

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Washington

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve Epworth Children's Home at \$25,000 –

Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$20,000 for this item.

Mr. Livingston inquired if Epworth Children's Home submitted an application.

Mr. Jeter stated they did send a funding request via a letter to Council members.

Mr. Pearce inquired if Epworth Children's Home needed to submit an application to be eligible for Neighborhood Redevelopment funds.

Mr. Madden stated they are not required to submit an application since this is an outside funding request and not through the grant program.

Several Council members expressed concern about Epworth Children's Home submitting a request for the third year in a row.

Mr. Jeter stated this funding request is not for the same program. This request is for the children that are graduating out of the youth program.

Mr. Manning inquired how neighborhood redevelopment is defined and how would the funding dovetail into funding for Epworth Children's Home (i.e. redeveloping the home as a neighborhood or redeveloping the neighborhood the home is in).

Ms. Hegler stated Neighborhood Redevelopment is not an active program; therefore, there is not an application to be submitted.

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Mr. Washington inquired if it is defined what activities the Neighborhood Redevelopment dollars can be used for.

Ms. Hegler stated the ordinance is vague and the only states the dollars are to be used for the redevelopment of neighborhoods.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to move this item out of Neighborhood Redevelopment and place the funding request under Outside Agencies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Fund SC UpLift Community Outreach in the amount of \$45,000. Consider split of \$25k from Neighborhood and \$20k from General Fund – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$25,000 from Neighborhood Redevelopment and \$20,000 from the General Fund for this item.

Mr. Pearce inquired if this item was an appropriate use of Neighborhood Redevelopment funds.

Ms. Hegler stated she was not familiar with the program, but anything that empowers, revitalizes or helps our neighborhoods is appropriate for neighborhood funding.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$25,000 from Neighborhood Redevelopment for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve Agency Allocation of \$40,000. Substitute Motion: To set aside \$300k of NIP fund balance to fund Neighborhood program. This would require a 2nd grant period allowing all Neighborhoods to apply for up to \$1,500. Planning to bring back schedule to Council on 6/4. – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve the agency allocation of \$40,000.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Redevelopment: Approve funding level of \$729,219 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the funding level as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Special Revenue: Move that the 1% across-the-board operating budget reductions for FY16 be applied to all statutory and contractual agencies except those agencies who receive pass-through funding and those whose budgets are controlled by State mandates. This would reduce the allocation by \$13,970 – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Provide one-time funding of \$75,000 to the 5 Points Association for their Centennial Celebration – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve \$75,000 for this item.

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Mr. Washington made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to fund Item #46 “Encumber funding for various phases of Project LM” through a General Obligation Bond and approve \$125,000 for the 5 Points Centennial Celebration.

Mr. Pearce stated if this project is bonded out of the \$8.2 million available that will significantly reduce the ability to bond the legitimate General Fund projects.

Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to call for the question.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

FOR

Dixon
Malinowski
Jackson
Dickerson
Washington

AGAINST

Rose
Pearce
Rush
Livingston
Manning
Jeter

The motion to go into Executive Session failed.

FOR

Malinowski
Jackson
Dickerson
Washington

AGAINST

Dixon
Rose
Pearce
Rush
Livingston
Manning
Jeter

The substitute motion failed.

Mr. Jackson made a substitute motion, seconded Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$0 for this item and divide the \$500,000 in Hospitality Tax Fund Balance between the 11 Council members.

FOR

Dixon
Malinowski
Jackson
Rush
Dickerson
Washington

AGAINST

Rose
Pearce
Livingston

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion.

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Hospitality Tax: Provide one-time funding of \$15,000 to the South Carolina Summer Pro-Am – See motion above.

Hospitality Tax: Encumber funding for the various phases of Project LM – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Washington, to defer this item until the end of the Hospitality Tax items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax : Move that Council fund the Outside Agencies portion of the H-Tax program at the FY15 level. This would include: Columbia Museum of Art, Historic Columbia Foundation, EdVenture Children’s Museum and The Township Auditorium – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item. The vote was in favor.

Hospitality Tax: Fund Trustus at \$75,000 through H-Tax for the construction of “The Cabaret and Marv’s” and stage technology upgrades for the Trustus Theatre – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Move to take \$7,000 from the total balance of Hospitality Taxes allotted to each council member in order to provide the needed \$75,000 Mr. Ellen is requesting – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve Special County Promotions Category \$275,000 for SERCO – South East Rural Community Outreach – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve the remaining balance of fund balance of \$410,000/11 = \$37,272.72 be spread to each Council members to distribute – See various motions below.

Hospitality Tax [Dickerson]: Allocate \$45,454.54 – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to allocate \$45,454.54 to the Bluegrass, Blues & Barbeque Festival. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to reconsider this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to allocate \$30,454.54 – Bluegrass, Blues & Barbeque Festival; \$5,000 – Columbia City Ballet; \$5,000 – Columbia Classical Ballet; \$2,000 – Columbia International Festival; \$2,000 – Kingville Historical Foundation; and \$1,000 – Latino Communications CDC. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax [Dixon]: Allocate \$45,454.54 – Ms. Dixon moved to allocate \$5,000 – Black Pages; \$5,000 – SC Pro Am; \$5,000 – Columbia International Festival; \$5,000 – Latino Communications CDC; and \$25,454.54 – National Night Out/2 Community Events. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Hospitality Tax [Jackson]: Allocate \$45,454.54 – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to allocate \$15,000 – SCALE, Inc. (Carolina Sunsplash); \$15,000 – SCALE, Inc. (Horrell Hill Parade & Festival); and \$15,454.54 – Pinewood Lake Foundation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax [Jeter]: Allocate \$45,454.54 as follows: Trustus Theatre - \$25,000; SC Pro Am - \$4,000; Auntie Karen - \$4,136.36; and Black Pages - \$4,136.36 – Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to allocate \$25,000 – Trustus Theatre; \$4,000 – SC Pro Am; \$4,136.36 – Auntie Karen Foundation; \$4,136.36 – Black Pages; and \$8,182.82 – return to Hospitality Tax Fund Balance. The vote was in favor.

Hospitality Tax [Livingston]: Allocate \$45,454.54 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to allocate \$10,000 to the North Columbia Business Association, \$5,000 – Columbia International Festival; \$5,000 – Kingville Historical Foundation; \$5,000 – Black Pages; \$2,727.72 – SC Pro Am; \$5,000 – SC HIV AIDS Council; \$5,000 – Latino Communications CDC; and \$7,726.82 – 5 Points Association contingent upon the Convention Center receiving their requested funding.

Hospitality Tax [Malinowski]: Allocate \$45,454.54 – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to allocate \$1,000 – Latino Communications CDC; \$1,000 – Columbia International Festival; \$3,454.54 – Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau, \$20,000 – Project LM; and \$20,000 – Capital City Lake Murray Regional Tourism. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax [Manning]: Allocate \$45,454.54 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to allocate \$16,456 – Columbia City Ballet; \$16,456 – Columbia Classical Ballet; \$4,000 – Columbia International Festival; \$360.72 – Latino Communications CDC; \$8,181.82 – Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to reconsider this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to allocate \$11,456 – Columbia City Ballet; \$11,456 – Columbia Classical Ballet; \$5,000 – Columbia International Festival; \$2,000 – Latino Communications CDC; \$1,000 – Town of Eastover; \$1,000 – Black Pages; \$1,000 – Kingville Historical Foundation; \$3,000 – 5 Points Foundation; \$9,181.82 – Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau; and \$360.72 – Bluegrass, Blues & Barbeque Festival. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax [Pearce]: Allocate \$45,454.54 as follows: Columbia City Ballet - \$5,000; Columbia Classical Ballet - \$5,000; International Festival - \$5,000; EdVenture Children's Museum - \$5,000; Greater Columbia Restaurant Assoc. - \$5,000; Columbia Metro CVB - \$5,000; Black Pages - \$2,500; Kingsville Historic Foundation - \$2,500; Columbia Film Society - \$2,000; Return to the H-Tax Fund Balance - \$272.72 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, \$5,000 – Columbia

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City Ballet; \$5,000 – Columbia Classical Ballet; \$5,000 – Columbia International Festival; \$5,000 – Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau; \$2,500 – Black Pages; \$2,500 – Kingville Historical Foundation; and \$20,454.00 – 5 Points Association. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax [Rose]: Allocate \$45,454.54 as follows: Five Points \$30,272.72; South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council - \$2,000; SC Pro Am - \$5,000 – Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to allocate \$2,000 – SC HIV AID Council; \$6,000 – SC Pro Am; \$7,000 – Columbia International Festival; and \$30,454.54 – 5 Points Association. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax [Rush]: Allocate \$45,454.54 as follows: SC Pro Am - \$5,000; Latino Festival - \$5,000; Black Pages - \$25,000; Return to H-Tax Fund Balance - \$2,272.72 – Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, \$2,000 – SC Pro Am; \$7,000 – Latino Communications CDC; \$30,000 – Black Pages; \$6,454.54 – Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax [Washington]: Allocate \$45,454.54 – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to allocate \$12,000 – Kingville Historical Foundation; \$13,454.54 – Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival; \$12,000 – Town of Eastover; \$2,000 – Black Pages; \$2,000 – Columbia International Festival; and \$2,000 – Latino Communications CDC. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Hospitality Tax: Approve \$75,000 for Kingville Historical Foundation – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve \$75,000 for Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve \$75,000 for Town of Eastover – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve Special County Promotions Category \$125,000 for Columbia International Festival – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve \$70,000 for Black Pages – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Fund \$11,000 for North Columbia Business Association-Cornbread Festival – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve \$50,000 towards the first annual Bluegrass, Blues & Barbeque Berry Festival 2016 located in the Blythewood vicinity – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve estimated costs for Kelly Mill, which are below the \$1.5 million estimated. Preliminary costs are as follows: Special Events and Meeting Center Estimated Renovation, Construction, Operational, and Maintenance Costs

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are \$819,262.00; Sports Complex Estimated Operational and Maintenance Costs are \$410,796.90; Total of Estimated Preliminary Costs are \$1,230,058.90. Further cost breakdowns are available – Ms. Dixon stated the request is for \$819,262.

According to DNR, \$608,542 is reimbursable; \$91,000 will go toward clearing vegetation and restocking the pond, constructing a fitness shelter, and renovating the house for a rental purposes.

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, approve \$819,262 for this item.

Mr. Rose made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to deny the request.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to send to the Hospitality Tax Ad Hoc Committee. The vote was in favor.

Hospitality Tax: Fund Pinewood Lake at Phase II at \$7 million. Substitute motion: additional \$2.2m for a total of \$5.5m – Mr. Jackson moved to approve \$5.5 million for this item.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the additional \$2.2 million pending the approval of the overall funding plan.

Mr. Livingston made a friendly amendment to approve \$75,000 for the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau out of the \$3.3 million encumbered for Pinewood Lake.

Mr. Washington made a second substitute motion to approve \$75,000 out of cost allocations to fund the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau. The motion died for lack of a second.

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion to approve the additional \$2.2 million pending the approval of the overall funding plan.

Hospitality Tax: Fund Widows of Opportunity for the additional two years at \$10,000 each – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Fund Garners Ferry Seniors LR Coalition at \$25,000 – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Fund Pinewood Lake Park Foundation at \$100,000 for start-up – This item was withdrawn.

Hospitality Tax: Approve Agency Allocation of \$347,516 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to approve the agency allocation of \$347,516 for this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Hospitality Tax: Move that Council delete all funding associated with the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and/or any of the Chamber's programs – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to delete all funding associated with the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and any Chamber programs.

FOR

Jackson
Washington

AGAINST

Dixon
Malinowski
Rose
Pearce
Rush
Livingston
Dickerson
Manning

The motion failed.

Hospitality Tax: Approve funding level of \$6,455,559 – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to move this item to the end of the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Accommodations Tax: Approve \$20,000 for Black Pages – Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve this item.

Mr. Washington made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to fund Black Pages with the funding allocated to organizations in the incorporated areas. The substitute motion failed.

This item was withdrawn.

Accommodations Tax: Approve \$25,000 towards the first annual Bluegrass, Blues & Barbeque Berry Festival 2016 located in the Blythewood vicinity – This item was withdrawn.

Accommodations Tax: Approve Agency Allocation of \$630,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the agency allocation of \$630,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Accommodations Tax: Approve funding level of \$630,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the funding level of \$630,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Title IV-D Civil Process: Approve funding level of \$70,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the funding level of \$70,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Solicitor Drug Court: Approve funding level of \$57,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the funding level of \$57,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Road Maintenance: Approve funding level of \$6,714,453 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the funding level of \$6,714,453. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Public Defender: Approve funding level of \$3,144,627 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the funding level of \$3,144,627. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Transportation: Approve funding level of \$54,400,000 – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the funding level of \$54,400,000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting recessed at approximately 11:45 p.m. and is scheduled to reconvene on June 22nd at 1:00 p.m.