

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
June 24, 2008
5:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley (arrived at 5:18 p.m.); Brent Schulz; Marion Foxworth; Howard Barnard; James Frazier; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Kevin Hardee; and Al Allen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Grabowski and Mike Ryan.

OTHERS PRESENT: Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; John Weaver; Anne Wright; Steve Gosnell; Paul Whitten; Janet Carter; Westley Sawyer; and Lisa Bourcier.

In accordance with the FOIA, notices of the meeting were provided to the press stating the time, date, and place of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gilland called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mr. Prince gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Mr. Hardee led the pledge.

Reading of Ordinances:

Third reading of **Ordinance 48-08** to raise revenue, make appropriations and adopt a budget for Horry County for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. **Mr. Barnard moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schulz.** Mr. Carotti stated if Council pleased, to make sure everything was done procedurally correct, it was appropriate at that time for Council to reaffirm on the record passage of the budget ordinance upon second reading, that was the budget ordinance without a tax increase. **Mr. Barnard moved to reaffirm second reading of Ordinance 48-08, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:**

In favor

**Schulz
Foxworth
Barnard
Frazier
Schwartzkopf
Prince
Hardee
Allen**

Opposed

Gilland

Absent

**Grabowski
Ryan
Worley**

Chairman Gilland asked if there was any discussion on third reading. Mr. Foxworth asked if that meant they were going to have a second and third reading at the same meeting. Chairman Gilland stated no, it wasn't from scratch, they just affirmed it because it wasn't clear in the minutes.

Mr. Sawyer referred to the supplemental budget and stated that was the primary item to deal with before getting to third reading. It had been presented to the Administration Committee and their recommendation was provided in the packet. They needed a vote from Council to either uphold the committee's recommendation or change it. **Mr. Hardee moved to accept as approved by committee, seconded by Mr. Barnard. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Grabowski, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Worley were absent.)**

Mr. Sawyer stated the only other item was the addition of the rebanding budget for Public Safety. Mr. Whitten had planned on a temporary position for it and the project was a 500-day project and the ordinance required anything over six months be a regular funded position so they needed to add a position to the budget for that rebanding project. That individual, when selected and hired, would basically have to sign a memorandum of understanding that their position was project length. It would be paid for by the money from Nextel through the settlement on the FCC requirement rebanding. **Mr. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schulz. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Grabowski, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Worley were absent.)**

Mr. Barnard asked Mr. Sawyer if he had done the budget drill that he was asked to do on the Sheriff's Department taking over the County Police. Mr. Knight stated that Mr. Whitten was working on that. Mr. Whitten stated they had not completed it yet and it wasn't part of this budget. That analysis was being completed and would probably be at the next Public Safety Committee meeting. Mr. Whitten stated the request was to look at a duplication of services within in the Sheriff's Department and Police Department and it appeared there was very little duplication because of the work effort that was being done. The only area that showed any similarity was in the serving of warrants and they had looked at that and the work load indicators of both of those departments were such that it didn't indicate any savings would be realized by merging those because the workload was of such a nature that it didn't show any ability to show or lessen the number of manpower at that level. Mr. Barnard asked when he thought they would have that done. Mr. Whitten said the end of July. Mr. Barnard said he was very much in favor of sending the Police Department to the Sheriff's Department and was willing to wait to see what the results were.

Mr. Frazier inquired about the fuel savings plan. Mr. Gosnell stated they were limiting trips for the fuel trucks and minimizing the amount of time spent on the road. Mr. Whitten stated they had taken steps at looking at the fuel for Fire/EMS and the Police Department and actions had been taken.

Chairman Gilland spoke briefly stating she wished they had considered a dedicated millage because of fuel prices and other things that may arise.

Mr. Prince inquired about the \$30 road fee in that it was to be dedicated to repair, resurfacing, and paving County roads. Mr. Sawyer stated that was a scribbner's error and it would be corrected.

The main motion passed. The vote was as follows:

In favor

Schulz

Barnard

Frazier

Schwartzkopf

Prince

Hardee

Allen

Gilland

Opposed

Foxworth

Worley

Absent

Grabowski

Ryan

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.