

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – June 7, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

Chairperson Gracie S. Floyd, Presiding
Vice Chairman Larry E. Greer - District #3
G. Fred Tolly – District #1
Bill McAbee – District #4
Michael Thompson – District #5
William C. Dees – District #6
Cindy Wilson – District #7
Joey Preston – Administrator
Tom Martin – County Attorney
Linda N. Eddleman - Clerk to Council
Tammie Shealy – Deputy Clerk to Council

(During times of discussion and presentations the minutes are condensed and paraphrased.)

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Gracie S. Floyd called the meeting to order and Mr. Fred Tolly gave the invocation. Everyone pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Chairperson Gracie S. Floyd introduced Mr. Adarius Swinger who played the National Anthem on his viola. Chairperson Floyd thanked Mr. Swinger, who attends the Alternative School, for his performance. Chairperson Floyd said that she would have him an Anderson County Pride Award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 19, 2005 meeting – Mr. Thompson moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.
May 9, 2005 meeting – Mr. McAbee moved to approve and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.
May 17, 2005 meeting – Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. McAbee seconded. Vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Matters -- Mr. Brooks Brown, IV read agenda items #10 "Recent Questions asked and the responses thus far received concerning budget issues for FY 04-05 and proposed FY 05-06" by Ms. Wilson and Item #11 "Questions to Ms. Wilson of the Administrator of unanswered Questions" by Mr. Joey Preston. He told Council that this had been going on forever and he recommended to Council since the items are of a personal nature and not Council business to remove the items from the agenda. Mr. Ed Jean of 1212 Crestview Road echoed Mr. Brown's comments. He quoted an article in the Independent Mail Newspaper regarding Lindsey Graham. Mr. Dan Harvell said that he disagrees with the suggestion that Mr. Preston and Ms. Wilson need to get together to settle their differences because the questions being asked concern public tax dollars and they need to be dealt with in a public forum.

Mr. Bill McAbee recognized Boy Scout Bryan Sofley who is about to receive his Eagle Scout rank.

ANDERSON COUNTY PRIDE AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS:

Chairperson Floyd recognized and presented an Anderson County Pride Award to Mr. Brian Harbin who was awarded South Carolina EMT of the Year 2004 by the S.C. Department of Health and Environment Control – EMS Division at the Annual EMS Symposium in April 2005. Chairperson Floyd also recognized Mr. Michael Lewis, a Paramedic, for his

exemplary performance in Emergency Medical Services and for being named "Star of Life." Chairperson Floyd also recognized Mr. Jody Clardy, Paramedic, for being recognized by the American Ambulance Association as a "Star of Life". He was recognized for exemplary performance in EMS. Mr. Andy Moore, EMT was also recognized for exemplary performance in EMS and he was also chosen MedShore Ambulance Service "Employee of the Year 2004". He and Mr. Jody Clardy were both presented an Anderson County Pride Award.

Chairperson Floyd presented Anderson County Pride Awards to Miss Abigail Rose Hiott, Miss Olivia Leigh Wright who are the Anderson County Palmetto Princesses. They have completed over 1000 hours of community service during their reign. Council heard from Ms. Ginger Wright regarding the community service hours done by the two young ladies.

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson read Resolution - #R2005-022 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Doctor Norman P. Pearson for his service and dedication to his community, his state, and his nation; and other matters related thereto. She said that Dr. Pearson had a death in his family and was unable to attend however Dr. Harold Mackey received the Resolution on behalf of Dr. Pearson. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ORDINANCES - THIRD READING: Chairperson Floyd reading third and final reading of Ordinance #2005-014 – an ordinance-amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to rezone from R-20 (Single Family Residential) to P-D (Planned Development District) and (1) parcel of land comprising approximately +/- 13.18 acres of property in the Hammond School Precinct on Midway Road. The property is identified by TMS #147-00-07-005, and is generally described on Sheet 1 of 1 of a Preliminary Development Plan for Mark Vannoy and John Montgomery dated 4/4/05 prepared by Land Planning Associates, Inc. Concept Layout #C-01, and further described in a Statement of Intent prepared by Parco Home Builders, Inc. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. McAbee seconded. Vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION: - Chairperson Floyd said that she had something that she wanted to talk about. She said at the last meeting it was decided by one of the Council members to amend the budget to reflect what he thought he could support. In his proposal he cut the County's portion of the Budget from 35 mils to 34. The one mil cut was to be transferred to the Sheriff's 2005-2006 budget. The Council member also proposed that instead of giving the Sheriff a six-mil increase he receive only receive a total of three mils. She said she was very disappointed that he chose to fund only half of what the Sheriff requested. She said that added even one mil is a plan simple tax increase however she believes that it is a tax increase for the right reasons which is a safer community for our families. She said she believed the Sheriff would use his appropriations wisely and the county will be more peaceful. She said that the decision should be based on facts and doing what is best. One should not be concerned about being re-elected or making constituents angry. She proposed that Council fully fund the Sheriff's request by giving him the additional 6 mils and not doing this may place the county's citizens in a position of having to continue to dodge the tax increase that is needed every year. She said she did not like the idea of taking money from the general fund and giving it to the Sheriff. She said at the last Council meeting she was called into another Council member's office during recess and was told what budget adjustment that "this" council member could live with. She said she didn't have time to talk with other Council members but it was obvious that the members knew what to expect. She offered a counteroffer to fund the budget at 35 mils and fund the sheriff 4-mils however it failed from lack of a second. She said she conceded on the vote and voted along with the majority in order to pass the budget on the first reading and with much regret she voted to cut the county budget by one mil and fund the sheriff with 3 mils. She said that she finds herself in the same position unless some other Council members steps up and votes along with the three other votes. She said she felt that one person had decided the budget for Anderson County. She said she did not know what to do.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING: - #2005-017 – an ordinance approving the County Administrator's proposal 2005-2006 fiscal year budget. A public hearing was held and the following spoke: Mr. Brooks Brown said that every year with growth there is new money. So it is possible to cut the general fund. He said the smartest thing to do is to send the budget back to Mr. Preston and tell him not to touch employees or their benefits, cut the general fund one mil, then see a net increase to the sheriff's department of 3% with no tag-along attached to it- then you only have a net 2% to the residents which would be approximately \$8 increase. Mr. Ed Hinch talked in favor of the tax increase for the sheriff's department. Mr. Dan Harvell spoke on behalf of the Anderson County taxpayers He said that as Council – it is their job to know why the money is being spent, why the County has an insignificant number of deputies on patrol while valuable tax dollars goes to such things as renovations of an arts warehouse, purchase and renovate a abandoned, crumbling building adjacent to it, create a business bureau, provide more funding for the

farmers market, re-roof part of McCants School. He said that he has spent 30 years in one of the arts - photography. He said he still could see the threats that higher taxes continue to impose on the citizens. He said that the Anderson County Taxpayers Association sees a lot of waste in the budget. (Chairman Floyd left the room during this time.) He suggested that Council find the money that the Sheriff feels he needs without raising taxes in Anderson County. Ms. Glenda Sayegh talked about the recent survey regarding the Sheriff's budget request. She said that the way the questions were asked might have slanted the responses. Ms. Sayegh talked further about the survey and the fact that she believes the data is not reliable and not worth almost \$17,000 of County money. Council took a brief recess at 7:20 p.m. Chairperson Floyd called the meeting back to order at 7:40 p.m. Chairperson Floyd apologized for having to temporarily leave the meeting. Public Hearing continued: Ms. Lib Peacock spoke in support of the Administrator's proposed budget. Mr. Tim Williams of 810 E. Calhoun Street said that he knew the Sheriff needed more money but during hard times you have to cut back. He said the cars that the County's buying are too expensive. He said it was a waste of taxpayers' money and they don't like it. He also talked about the trips that County employees take. He said that he totally backs the members of the Taxpayers Association and when times get hard you pull the "purse strings" a little bit harder. He said that he would like to see a budget kept flat. Mr. Marshall Mitchell asked Council to look at the budget, reconsider the budget and reconsider the increases the issues related to increases, Ms. Kimberly Spears asked Council to continue funding the Arts which is the corner stone of tourism and economic development. She asked Council to vote for the 2-mil increase and reserve the General Fund remaining at 35 mils. There being no further comments; the public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on second reading Ordinance #2005-017 as amended. Mr. Greer seconded. Ms. Wilson said that she worked up some areas that can be cut.

Hold to Current budget

Name	Department	Amount cut (hold at current level)
5046	Business Analyst	hold at current avoid a \$10,210 increase
	Museum	hold at current avoid a #48,831 increase
	Community Services	hold at current avoid a \$61,658 increase
	Farmers Market	hold at current avoid a \$18,511 increase
	Engineering	hold at current avoid a \$267,497 increase
	Park Police	hold at current avoid a \$107,803 increase
	ASEC	hold at current avoid a \$55,275 increase
	Total	\$569,785

Abolish

5067 Public Information	Abolish the department and put the employee back into the County Administrator's budget where it originated. Saving	\$212,695
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Reduce

5016	List of Reductions without any pain to our public		
	Reduce Membership heading by 10%	saving	\$10,766
5021	Building and Grounds	reduce increase by 1/2	saving \$170,374.50
5111	Animal Shelter	reduce increase by 1/2	saving \$69,537
5882 and 5229	KAB	hold both budgets at a \$40,000 and send \$339,000 of the host fee back to Solid Waste Fund this would save \$339,000 from the General fund	

General Fund Depts./all funds

Reduce	Dues and subscriptions by 1/2	saving	\$28,908
Reduce	Meals across the board by 20%	saving	\$10,677

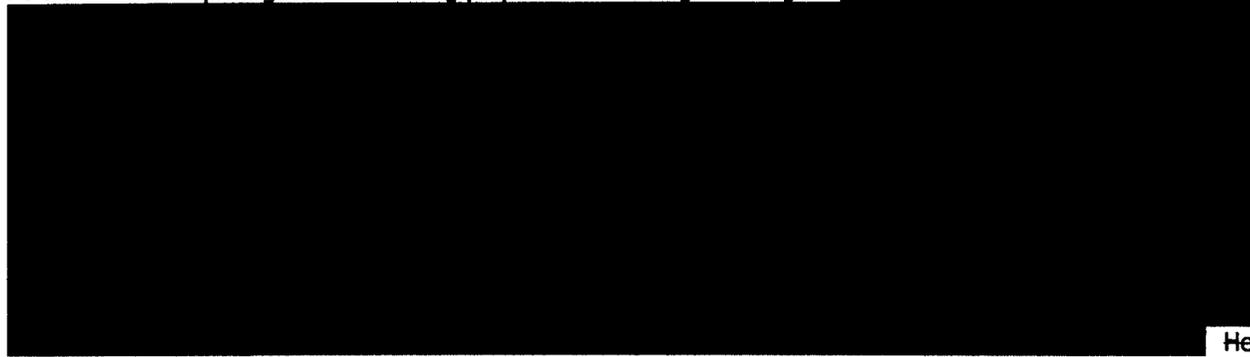
Put money back into the Arts Council		Total	\$841,957
		saving	\$300,000
		Total	\$1,711,742

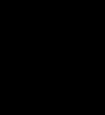
This equals to a 3.336 mil reduction. The lease purchase in ordinance #35 – gave the Administrator authority to do a lease purchase not to exceed \$4,128,960 – keep figure around -- \$1,800,000

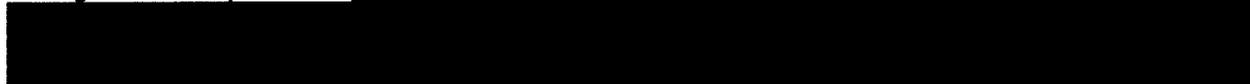
Last year the county spent above the normal \$650,000 year annual contribution to AnMed for Indigent Care. The County spent \$850,000 last year. She said she was not sure of the proposed reduction to \$570,000. She said that was an item that should not be cut. She said that Council could do a lot of small things such as ... a \$10,000 open purchase order for the County to pay a consultant to guide department head to write award winning Mission Statements for a budget. That's something she finds very deplorable. She said that she also received a request from Honea Path for a \$10,000 grant out of the 3-mil sewer levy which would allow Honea Path to receive

estimates to route a sewer line that would serve the area between Williamston and Honea Path which would make them eligible for sewer grants and would open up a large area in District 7 for economic development.

Mr. Tolly asked the Sheriff to come forward and tell how the amendment would affect his department. He said that he is satisfied, although it is not what they need, and it will take a longer period to climb out of the hole – it is a number that they can operate under. It will allow them to meet their Accreditation obligations. He said it was a full three-mil advance over what they currently have. Mr. Greer asked the Sheriff about a phone call he received questioning the sheriff's management skills and operating the Sheriff's department and specifically the call referred to the statement that the Sheriff had purchased new duty gear (belts, holsters, and etc) for the entire department. He asked the Sheriff to comment on what he did, why and how it fits into his plan. He said that with tripling the number of uniform officers on the streets – they had to purchase uniforms and belts. As they replace they are replacing the nylon duty belts with leather ones. He said they are buying less expensive shirts and trousers. He said he did not throw away all the existing gear. Mr. Greer said that he was satisfied with the answer that the three mils that he would receive under the amended budget would be new money and would not be used to cover pre-existing expenses. The Sheriff agreed with Mr. Greer. Mr. Dees asked the Sheriff to explain the Accreditation Program and he did. Mr. Thompson gave the following proposal for reducing the budget. 



He said as he understands the current budget includes 16 new positions, 2% cost of living along with longevity, increases in Health Insurance and workers comp., a 2 mil increase (and transfer of an additional mil) for the Sheriff which brings new expenditures of 2.88 million dollars. He said he understands also that the value of a mil was \$499,000 for the 05-05 budget and current mil is valued at \$13,000 that means that the county will bring in over a million dollars new revenue (growth). The six months actual is \$20.9 million so a 12-month forecast would be 4.26 million dollars under budget that would make you think the budget will come in under budget. He proposed that the Administrator exclude the Sheriff and take 5% from the operating budget, which would be \$1.85 million. Add that to the million plus from growth, which come to 2.9 million dollars to fund new expenditures. He called attention to slide #96 – it is a proposal to drop bonded indebtedness from 8.8 mils to 7.0 mils. He said that revenue stream is to be used to resolve the courthouse problem with security and relocating some staff. He said that he would like to propose that the County take .8 mils of that to help fund the general budget that would give the County \$410,400 for the general fund. He also proposed that the employees receive a 3% pay raise instead of the 2% for all employees making under \$30,000. That will leave \$306,000 (approximately .6 mils) and he would like to give that to the Sheriff. This all can be done with a 75-mil tax levy. He then moved to amend the amended ordinance #2005-017. Ms. Wilson seconded. Mr. McAbee asked Mr. Thompson if his numbers were correct and he responded that he was \$1400 off and that may be a "round  error. Mr. Greer said he was interested in Mr. Thompson's numbers and he feels that the difference in his figures are because he did not consider the rate of collection with the rate of a mil. So he would like to look at it further as Council moves through the budget process. Mr. Tolly said he would like to get with the Administrator and staff to confirm figures so he must vote against his proposal because of the need for more information. Mr. Dees said that the state was giving a 4% salary increase except for law enforcement was funding a 10% salary increase. 



~~Mr. Thompson said that his figures included a 98% collection and under the growth he came up with \$1,050,000 which equals \$1,029,000.~~ Chairperson Floyd said that she sure would have liked to get in on the "circuit" for people who can get information before the meeting. Because Mr. Dees and Mr. Greer voted as if they had prize information yet she is expected to vote and carry it over. She said that it was not fair and she felt like she was treated unfairly. She said if she was not a viable, important part of the Council she wanted to know. Chairperson Floyd moved to amend the amendment to the amendment that the County fund the Sheriff at least 4 mils if the 6 mils cannot be funded and leave the general fund as is. Mr. Tolly

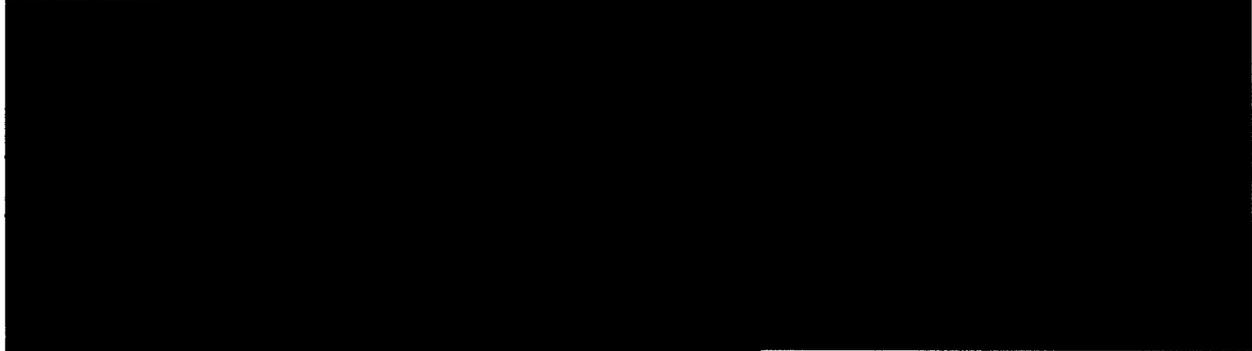
seconded. Ms. Wilson said that she came up with 3.6 mils and she did not even look at the lease purchase list. Mr. Greer thanked Ms. Floyd for the compliment that he was all seeing and all-powerful but he sees it a little different. He said that he makes no apologies for fighting for his position and he believes that is what the people that put him in office expects him to do and when he fails to do that then they will put someone else in the position. He said that as far as the budget amendment that someone was in collusion and it was preplanned and presented at the last meeting – that remark is totally bogus. He said he closed his door and sat in the quiet of his office and pondered at what he was going to do. He did not fully know where he was going until he opened the door and walked out of his office. He had wrestled with what he was going to do. So as far as a preconceived plan to present the amended version of the budget that is before Council, the decision was not made until he walked out of his office at which time he spoke with Mr. Dees first, Mr. Tolly second, and Ms. Floyd third, and Mr. McAbee fourth concerning their support it. So he said as far any statement that says that they had a back room meeting somewhere and planned this is bogus and this didn't occur and will not ever occur, Mr. Greer said. Mr. McAbee said that he also walked into Mr. Thompson's office and he talked over his proposal. He too [redacted] when he votes [redacted] is representing his people and doing what is in their best interest and all he has is his judgment and wisdom. Chairperson Floyd said she also walked into Mr. Thompson's office – but she guessed she was not in the "loop". Vote on Chairperson Floyd's amendment was three in favor (Tolly, Floyd, Dees) and four opposed (Wilson, Thompson, Greer, McAbee). Amendment failed. Vote on Mr. Thompson's amendment was three in favor (Wilson, Thompson, McAbee) and four opposed (Tolly, Floyd, Greer, Dees). Amendment failed.

Chairperson Floyd recessed at 8:40 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Greer responded to the comment made at the public hearing concerning Celebrate Anderson. [redacted]

[redacted] He said that Anderson County partially funds Celebrate Anderson but it's considerably less than \$130,000. He said that businesses and industries help sponsor the event and of the \$130,000 only \$30,000 is not property tax money but Accommodations Tax money that is restricted for use with tourism-related events. Mr. Greer said that he agreed with Mr. Harvell that the county needed to be very cautious about funding continuing services with one-time monies. He said that he heard that Council goes through the budget process in a thoughtful manner. He said that the budget has been pursued in a very thoughtful manner. He said that he disagrees with the statement that there is not a method of accountability for elected officials because it is ... it is called the ballot. He said that proposed budget in the General fund was recommended at 35 mils, the past budgets in the General Fund was 33.2 which means the general fund was recommended an increase of 1.8. His proposal didn't cut the budget – it simply cut the increase by 1 mil. Mr. Greer moved to amend (#1) that on page 2 the language be inserted in the budget ordinance to specify that the budget cannot exceed 77 mils. On page 15 in the sheriff's budget insert the language that the Sheriff's budget cannot exceed 22 mils, and on page 19 insert the language that the total budget for Anderson County cannot exceed 77 mils. He said he would leave to the County Attorney's discretion to insert the appropriate language in other places. Mr. Dees seconded. Mr. Dees said that the one amendment dealing with the Sheriff concerns him because there may be several million dollars in Homeland Security grants allocated to departments throughout the state and he hopes that the Anderson County Sheriff's office is a recipient of some of that money. Mr. Martin explained that he believed Mr. Greer intention was to limit the tax levy but not necessarily limit other funding sources. Mr. Greer said that was his intention. Mr. Greer restated the amendment – page 2 – language that the total tax levy to support the Anderson County budget could not exceed 77 mils and on page 15 total tax levy could not exceed 22 to support the Sheriff's budget, and on page 19 the tax levy to support the entire budget for Anderson County could not exceed 77 mils. Mr. Greer asked staff, County Attorney, and Administrator any reason why his amendment would have a negative effect or impact on the general fund or the

Sheriff's fund. Ms. Gina Humphries said it could have both impacts in her opinion. Mr. Greer said that he would like to withdraw his amendment if Mr. Dees would withdraw his second. They both were withdrawn. Mr. Greer moved to amend (#1) on page 2 that the total mils for Anderson County's total budget (excluding debt service payments) will be 70 mils, on page 15 that the total tax levy mils for the Sheriff's department will be 22 mils (excluding debt service payments) and on page 19 the total millage for Anderson County would be 70 mils excluding the 7 mils for the debt service payment. If the Auditor chooses to raise taxes by increasing the millage that is his/her choice. Mr. Dees seconded. Vote is four in favor (Greer, Dees, Tolly, McAbee) and three opposed (Wilson, Thompson, Floyd). Motion carried. Mr. Greer said that Council needed to pay more attention to essential services so he offered the following amendment.



He moved to amend (#2) tha the following departments be exempt from reductions because these departments have a direct impact on the health, safety, welfare of the people of Anderson County:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Department</u>
5071	<u>Engineering Services</u>
5121	<u>Emergency Preparedness (EMP)</u>
5141	<u>Detention Center</u>
5181	<u>Compliance Office</u>
5212	<u>Emergency Services</u>
5213	<u>Communications Center</u>
5221	<u>Road Maintenance</u>
5225	<u>Transportation</u>
5391	<u>Veterans Affairs</u>
6500-100-164	<u>Council Paving accounts</u>

~~Mr. Dees seconded the amendment.~~ Mr. Greer said that as Mr. Preston works to reduce the General fund total by the one mil amount that these departments would not be effected in that reduction. Chairperson Floyd moved to amend the list to include Park Police and the Animal Shelter. Mr. Tolly seconded the amendment. Vote was three in favor (Floyd, Tolly, Dees) and four opposed (Wilson, Thompson, Greer, McAbee). Motion failed. Vote on Mr. Greer's amendment was four in favor (Dees, McAbee, Greer, Tolly), two opposed (Wilson, Thompson), and one abstention (Floyd). Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson asked Ms. Humphries didn't she estimate bonded indebtedness at 7 mils – she said yes. He asked her how confident was she. She said very confident. Chairperson Floyd asked Mr. Preston what would happen if a budget was not approved tonight. He said that there was a lot of work to do by July 1 so he recommended that Council move along with second reading of the budget. Mr. Tolly called for the question and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Wilson). Motion on the call carried. Vote on the original motion as amended was four in favor (Floyd, Greer, Tolly, Dees) and three opposed (Wilson, Thompson, McAbee). Chairperson Floyd said that she did not vote for the budget but for the second reading so the budget can pass and Council can move on. Motion carried.

Mr. Greer moved to ask the Administrator and Staff to prepare scenario sample possible budgets that would give Council members an indication of what the budget would be if it was prepared with Ms. Wilson's suggestions and another budget with Mr. Thompson's suggestions and Council have this prior to the next Council meeting for review. Mr. Mr. Thompson seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention (Floyd). Motion carried.

RECENT QUESTIONS ASKED AND THE RESPONSES THUS FAR RECEIVED CONCERNING BUDGET ISSUES FOR FY 04-05 AND PROPOSED FY 05-06: Ms. M. Cindy Wilson asked where was the money for the [REDACTED] in last years budget or this years budget. Who owns the [REDACTED] building now? Where did the funds come from? When did Council approve the purchase and capital improvements? She asked about the \$20 Chamber checks again. She said when you divide the \$15,875.99 by 20 dollars you have an unequal number. Does the County get a refund for the checks that were not used? On the backup on the \$18,000 in credit cards expenditures – she gave the time period involved and she would like to know for example – the meals – what employee took people to meals, where the establishment, for what purpose, and who were the people that were treated? She never received an explanation for the Sheriff's travel coming out of the senior citizens account. Who Anderson County paid (which people) to go to the Washington Chamber of Commerce trip? [REDACTED] She also requested a number of departments – the number of employees in each department, jobs, and salaries by job description. All she was given was a range. (account# 5013 - Administration, 5031 – Economic Development, 5046 – Business Analyst , 5064 - Museum, 5067 – Public Information, and 5229 – KAB).

QUESTIONS TO MS. WILSON OF THE ADMINSTRATOR OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS: - Mr. Joey Preston said he respectfully disagreed with Ms. Wilson that she had not received answers to her questions. She probably has not received the answers that she wanted to receive, he said. He said that he had prepared for her statements from the last council meeting. He said he has questions of Ms. Wilson that she should answer so Administration can adequately and properly give her the correct answers. Examples at the last meeting she stated that there were department heads that felt like they were pressured to sign the budget statement. He said he would like to know who they were. Cost of living increase are calculated by the county's computer system and are automatically applied to employee salaries the first full paycheck in July. They only exceptions are the employees who have not completed their probationary period. The Chamber of Commerce checks were addressed in his prepared statement for her. Ms. Wilson said that she valued employees and department heads their discretion in talking with her and she will never violate a confidence.

RESOLUTIONS: #R2005-023 – a resolution expressing Anderson County Council's interest in partnering with private organizations to revitalize blighted areas in Anderson County; and other matters related thereto. Chairperson Floyd moved to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Tolly moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Mark Watson to the Cobb's Glen Homeowner's Association. Mr. Thompson seconded and vote was unanimous.

ACCEPTANCE OF ARNOLD ACRES, PENDLETON PLANTATION – PHASE 1, AND SOLMAR ESTATES INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM: Mr. McAbee moved to approve the acceptance of the above subdivisions into the County road system. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

REQUESTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Tolly moved to approve an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls club. The funds to come from District #1 recreation account. Mr. Thompson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. McAbee moved to appropriate \$170 to the Pendleton District Historic Commission. The funds to come from District #4 Recreation Account. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Chairperson Floyd moved to appropriate \$5,600 out of the paving account for assisting Anderson Interfaith Ministries in the repaving of a parking lot for the Food Pantry, and the construction of a small parking area for a women's shelter right beside the pantry. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- a. Certificates of Training: Ms. Cathey Conwell – Associate in Business, with a Major in Management and completion of a Marketing Course and Ms. Valerie Lloyd – Associate in Computer Technology
- b. Letters of Appreciation:
 1. To: The Anderson Community From: Ms. Margaret Herron, Good Neighbor Cupboard
 2. To: Mr. Bob Daly and staff From: Ms. Laurie Ashley, Meals on Wheels Director
- c. Minutes:
 1. Airport Advisory Committee – April 18, 2005 meeting
 2. Transportation Division Safety Meeting – April 12, 2005
- d. Reports: District Recreation Report
- e. Grant Award under the Justice Assistance Grant Program

- f. Grant Award to the Anderson/Oconee Regional Forensics Laboratory
- g. Grant Awards - 2005 State Homeland Security Program & 2005 Law Enforcement Division
- h. Payment of taxes by Owens Corning (Letter to Mr. Millard Smith)
- i. Departmental Transfers

Citizens Comments: Other matters: Mr. Dan Harvell said that the budget process seemed to be a very healthy process. He said that the Taxpayers Association might have some recommendations that could save a significant amount of money at the Animal Shelter.

Chairperson Floyd moved to appropriate \$1,200 to the Friends of Broadway Lake and Anderson County Family day at Broadway Lake. The funds will come from District 32 recreation funds. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Joey Preston said that there would be a called meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 5:30 p.m. for the sole purpose of approving giving third reading consideration and approval to the Anderson County Ordinance #2005-017.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Eddleman
Clerk to Anderson County Council