



## Richland County Council

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
BUDGET – 3<sup>rd</sup> READING  
June 8, 2017 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Dickerson, Chair; Bill Malinowski, Vice Chair; Calvin “Chip” Jackson; Norman Jackson; Gwendolyn Davis-Kennedy; Paul Livingston; Jim Manning; Yvonne McBride; Dalhi Myers; Greg Pearce; and Seth Rose

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Harris, Brandon Madden, Michelle Onley, Gerald Seals, Larry Smith, Tracy Hegler, Natashia Dozier, Quinton Epps, Jamelle Ellis, Dale Welch, Kim Roberts, James Hayes, Kevin Bronson, and Liz McDonald

**CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Dickerson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt the agenda as published.

Mr. Livingston stated the National Association of Minority Contractors will be hold an important event prior to the next Council meeting. Mr. Livingston requested unanimous consent to add this item to the agenda.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to add the funding request to the agenda.

FOR  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce inquired if the request is for FY17 funding.

Mr. Livingston responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, to take this item up first.

FOR  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt the agenda as amended.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to add District 2's FY17 Hospitality Tax allocations.

FOR  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the FY17 Hospitality Allocations for Districts 2 and 4.

FOR  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to reconsider this item. The motion for reconsideration failed.

Mr. Seals stated were several items he wanted to bring to Council's attention. These accomplish some things that County Council members have requested action on and requested staff provide recommendations on. These items are captured in Budget Memorandum 3, Budget Memorandum 5 (Revised) and Budget Memorandum 6.

Budget Memorandum 3 concerns the place held in the amount of \$325,000 for the library. Council requested the Administrator to propose an alternative method for funding this item. The memorandum contains a funding plan, as well as, a motion that would accomplish the release of the \$325,000 that was held and also reallocate utilizing funds that come as a result of a millage value increase. In addition, approximately \$38,000 from the Temporary Alcohol Permit fund balance will be utilized.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to not accept the recommendation of Budget Memorandum 2017-3.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as the reason for not accepting Budget Memorandum 2017-3.

Mr. Manning stated as he understood Budget Memorandum 2017-3, to change the way it was already in place it would have the library unlike the other millage agencies that are at the cap. The library really would not go to the cap because they would be using the additional funding to offset the extra costs that Council was looking at not taking out of their millage operational money. The second part, Temporary Alcohol Permit fund balance would be better used for something that is more directly related to what the funding is typically and generally been spent for.

Mr. Livingston stated he echoed much of what Mr. Manning said. A big concern of his is if Council supported the proposal they would be treating the library totally different from the way other millage agencies are treated.

Mr. Manning restated his motion to reject the alternative proposal provided in Budget Memorandum 2017-3.

Ms. Myers requested the Administrator to clarify what the funding was to be used for and why.

Mr. Seals stated, if your recall, it was for a capital item and something County Council wanted, which is why staff felt it was appropriate to do this.

Mr. Manning apologized if he used the word appropriate anywhere. He indicated he was very appreciative of the Administrator and his staff looking for an alternative. He stated his motion is that he does not think the alternative found is the best way to move forward.

FOR  
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Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce stated, "No we did not fund the library."

Mr. Manning responded the library was funded at 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. The funding was frozen and an alternative was provided. Council voted to not go with the alternative.

Mr. Pearce stated he would like assurance from Administration that the library is getting its money.

Mr. Seals responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Seals stated Council also has Budget Memorandum 2017-5 (Revised). That is a listing of the various requests received from members of Council requesting items for funding.

Budget Memorandum 2017-6 is an attempt by the Administrator to look at the requests and provide Council with a means for funding the items requested.

Mr. Malinowski requested each request be taken up on a one-by one basis.

**AMENDED ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING**

- a. **An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt a budget for Richland County, South Carolina for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018**

**GENERAL FUND:**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve as amended.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the changes indicated in green keeps the Administrator's budget balanced.

Mr. Seals stated this is no longer his budget, but Council's budget. The budget is still balanced.

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

**SPECIAL REVENUE:**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve the Special Revenue items as listed.

FOR  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
McBride

AGAINST  
Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

**DEBT SERVICE:**

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the Debt Service items as listed.

Mr. Pearce inquired as to what Hospitality Refund 2013 B/S was.

Mr. Seals stated it is debt service.

Mr. Manning inquired as who refunded the County the \$1.4 million.

Mr. Seals stated, at this time, he does not recall all of the detailed transfers. He will provide an explanation to Council.

Mr. Manning withdrew his motion.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve all of the Debt Service items with the exception of the Hospitality Refund.

FOR  
Pearce  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS:**

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the Enterprise Fund items as listed.

FOR  
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Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
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Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded Mr. Livingston, to approve the millage agencies up to the cap, as presented in Budget Memorandum 2017-4.

Mr. Rose inquired how this will affect what was passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Mr. Manning stated the Auditor's Office revised the value of the mill. As a result, the dollar amount for the cap went up the following agencies: Columbia Area Mental Health, Public Library, Riverbanks Zoo and Richland County Recreation Commission.

FOR  
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C. Jackson  
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Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. C. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to increase the funding for Richland School District #2 to \$148,354,353.

Mr. Malinowski stated Richland School District #2 was funded at 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at the requested dollar amount. He further stated he realized a statement was made that they were a \$1 million short because the State did not provide all their funding, but the County is not here to make up for all the State funding that is denied to all the agencies. In addition, this school district has had an average of \$2.6 million per year added to their fund balance for the last 5 years for a total of approximately \$13 million.

Mr. C. Jackson stated it is a sad state when a millage agency is penalized for being prudent in managing their budget and because of circumstances beyond their control, the funds they were allowed to ask for they choose not to do that. They chose to come significantly less than that and now because they did not ask for the cap they now find themselves in a situation even asking for this increase of a \$1 million, which is still significantly below the cap they are entitled to request, to state that they somehow got what they asked for is an affront to people who

are trying to manage budgets they have been given and work within the funds they are allotted.

Mr. Pearce called for the question, seconded by Mr. Manning.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
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The vote in favor of calling for the question was unanimous.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
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The vote was in favor of the Richland School District #2 budget increase.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve Midlands Technical College to the cap in the amount of \$9,039,636.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Pearce	Rose
N. Jackson	C. Jackson
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The vote was in favor of approving Midlands Technical College to the cap. Mr. Livingston abstained.

Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, to approve Richland School District #1 at \$214,153,871.

FOR  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor of funding Richland School District #1 to the cap was unanimous.

Mr. Seals stated he could now give more detail regarding the Hospitality Refund 2013 B/S item. He stated this item goes back to 2007 when the County borrowed \$25.8 million to cover renovations and a variety of other activities. Those were associated with the Township, construction of the Farmer's Market, and land for a recreation complex.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the Hospitality Refund 2013 item as listed.

FOR  
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C. Jackson  
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Manning  
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AGAINST

The vote in favor of approving the Hospitality Refund 2013 item was unanimous.

Mr. N. Jackson stated he was told the 0.5 mill for Midlands Technical College was added back in and wanted to ensure that was correct.

Mr. Seals stated the millage and construction matters are separate. The item that was approved was Midlands Technical College's operating budget.

Mr. Pearce inquired about how capital was going to be dealt with.

Mr. Seals stated the matter of capital is generally dealt with at the time of the issuance of the bond. At this time, there has not been a decision made regarding the bonds. Bond counsel and the financial advisor are looking at the amount and will be brought back to Council within the next few weeks.

Mr. Pearce stated it is his understanding that capital is a fixed millage that goes on the tax bills. Therefore, should the millage not be re-allocated.

Mr. Seals stated the amount is \$5,568,374 for capital.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve the capital budget at \$5,568,374.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston inquired if the Midlands Technical College construction funding was included in the capital funding amount.

Mr. Seals stated the Midlands Technical College funding has already been approved.

Mr. Pearce stated the Fire Service millage was missing.

Mr. Seals stated it was included under Special Revenue.

Mr. Seals brought it to Council's attention that he attempted to make recommendations on how to fund the items listed in Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised. With the decision not to utilize the \$325,000 it will reduce the available amount. The amount available is \$463,477.

Mr. Seals stated utilizing the \$235,700 – Temporary Alcohol Permit, as well as the \$463,477, leaves a total of \$699,177 available. The amount of Council requests is \$491,364. The amount remaining after funding the Council requests would be \$207,813.

Mr. Manning stated the Temporary Alcohol Permit funds would have to be connected to specific items. He inquired if the Administrator had those funds connected to an item the Code allows.

Mr. Seals responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Manning inquired if all the items on Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised/Budget Memorandum 2017-6 would have funding available.

Mr. Seals stated the items on p. 2 of Budget Memorandum 2017-6 are the items that are covered at this point. These items total \$491,364, which leaves \$207,813 available.

Mr. Manning stated there are items on Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised that got left off of Budget Memorandum 2017-6. He requested Council to look on p. 2 of Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised at the motion for CASA Professional Services in the amount of \$31,625.

**BUDGET MEMORANDUM 2017-5:**

**Motion: For FY18 and FY19 (Biennial Budget I), add to page 31 Key 1100181200 CASA Object 526500 Professional Services \$31,625 to meet the request as submitted with corresponding justification (to eliminate**

budget transfers, this category must be funded appropriately. Last FY, CASA spent \$13,000 in Pro Serv. to include temporary personnel, background checks, shipping, and printing. \$20,000 is being requested to secure the services of a Temp Attorney. In 2011, CASA received the 2<sup>nd</sup> attorney position. Since that time, judicial proceedings have increased by over 50%. These funds are needed to secure the services of a contract attorney to work 15 hours per week and assist current staff with legal matters and representing GALs in courts. CASA pays for the professional services of Ms. Jackie Gadsden to each new GALs in training 5 times per year at the fee of \$150 per session = \$750. Verified Volunteers is the company that conducts required background checks for new volunteers as well as volunteers once every four years. Based upon the department's 4 yr. growth of 12.5%, we are requesting this increase in the amount spent last year. \$13,000 spent + 12.5% (\$1,625) = \$14,625 + \$20,000 for attorney.)

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to fund CASA's request of \$31,625 for FY18 and FY19.

Mr. Malinowski stated originally CASA had a part-time position.

Mr. Manning stated the part-time position was \$20,000, but was not in their budget.

Mr. Malinowski stated the new full time position was \$50,000. He inquired why the \$20,000 was not deducted from the \$50,000, which would equal the \$30,000.

Mr. Manning suggested the motion stay as stated and if Administration has the additional \$20,000 and it go into fund balance.

Mr. Malinowski suggested approving the full time position, but remove the \$20,000 that used to be the part-time position.

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Manning stated continuing with Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised, there are other items that did not get pulled forward into Budget Memorandum 2017-6. On the top of Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised, the following motion was made by Mr. Manning:

**Use FY17 Approved Funding amounts as a minimum figure for all County Departments within the direct report purview of the County Administrator, as was done for Elections and Voter Registration, Assessment Appeals, Assessor, Register of Deeds, County-Wide Elected Officials (and possibly others), unless there is written justification for specific line item exemptions for a decrease of significance**

Mr. Manning stated when he was looking through the budget book unless the department is directly under the Administrator then their operating budget did not increase.

Mr. Livingston seconded Mr. Manning's motion.

Mr. Livingston inquired as to where the funding would be coming from (i.e. increase in mill value).

Mr. Manning stated the Administrator stated there was approximately \$200,000 available; therefore, he suggested taking the funding from that amount.

Mr. Livingston stated he supported the motion to have the Administrator to look at the departments that are below or at the same level.

Mr. Manning stated that is his motion.

Mr. Malinowski stated he has not heard an amount and the amount could exceed the \$200,000.

Mr. Livingston stated the motion is to limit it to the \$200,000.

Mr. Malinowski stated when it comes to the elected officials, etc. it would appear Administration is requesting they pare back the amounts spent.

Mr. N. Jackson inquired if this motion will have an effect on his motion for the Election Commission.

Mr. Seals stated he cannot assure Council that all of the funding falls within the parameters. Therefore, he cannot give Mr. N. Jackson and Ms. Dickerson an answer.

Ms. Seals further stated staff put together a budget. He did not go through the budget with an ax and cut the budgets. What Council has from the units that report to the County Administrator is that they come into compliance with what was instructed from Council. There was a certain level of growth (3.5%) they were to say within. Where that was exceeded, Administration went back to the department and requested they come into compliance.

Mr. Manning inquired if Mr. Livingston was making a friendly amendment to his motion to cap the amount at \$200,000.

Mr. Livingston responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Manning accepted the friendly amendment. He also stated he greatly appreciated what Mr. Seals said about trying to do that back in January, but since that time Council has gotten information from the County Treasurer's Office about how the revenue is \$1.3 million above in the current fiscal year. That's a significant amount to have to come in after we've asked departments to cut. His motion is being made in June when we know how much more we're taking in and with the new mill value we're in a different place than where we were earlier in the year. It was further stated that it appears the cut was an across the board % cut; therefore, an across the board % reinstatement, within the purview of the Administrator, would be his suggested use of the \$200,000.

Mr. Manning called for the question.

Mr. N. Jackson stated he still had the floor and he inquired how Mr. Manning's motion affected his motion for the Election Commission.

A discussion took place regarding the order the motions were taken up on Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised.

Mr. Manning and Ms. Dickerson stated they mistakenly thought that Mr. N. Jackson's motion for the Election Commission was carried over to Budget Memorandum 2017-6.

Mr. Manning stated the first motions on Budget Memorandum 2017-5 (below), which are his can be skipped. He further stated when he looked on p. 3 of Budget Memorandum 2017-6 it appeared that Mr. N. Jackson's motion for the Election Commission was included in the recommendations, which meant the first item not recommended would have been his motion for CASA. Then the next motion to be taken up would be the motion to provided additional funds for County departments under the direct purview of the County Administrator.

Mr. Pearce stated his request would be to take each item up listed on Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised.

Ms. Dickerson requested that Mr. Manning withdraw his motion.

Mr. Manning stated he was trying to "clean up" what did not get carried over to Budget Memorandum 2017-6 and then we can take up the items on Budget Memorandum 2017-6. The motion on the floor is the only item remaining on Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised that has not been voted up or down.

Mr. Pearce stated Mr. N. Jackson's concern is that his item was on p. 1 of Budget Memorandum 2017-5 Revised and now it is the last item listed on Budget Memorandum 2017-6.

Mr. Manning stated it was his understanding that everything in Budget Memorandum 2017-6 was funded.

Ms. Dickerson reiterated that it was also her understanding that all of the items on Budget Memorandum 2017-6 were covered.

Mr. Manning inquired if everything listed in Budget Memorandum 2017-6 is covered.

Mr. Seals responded what he read off was on p. 2 and the Election Commission was addressed on p. 3 in Budget Memorandum 2017-6.

Ms. Dickerson requested again that Mr. Manning withdraw his motion in order to take up the items in order.

Mr. Manning withdrew his motion.

**Rescind the growing general fund balance for the first year of Biennium Budget I to 23% instead of 24% and growing the general fund balance for the second year of Biennium Budget I to 25% instead of 26% motion per Budget Memorandum 2017-2 [MANNING]** – Skipped per Mr. Manning's direction.

**Replace the Additional General Fund Revenues for FY2018 \$1,639,931 funds per Budget Memorandum 2017 – 2 utilizing \$1,271,630 of the \$1,320,427 Collections FY16-17 carryforward funds and \$368,301 of the \$417,098 according to the new Assessor's/Auditor's estimates/updated mill values made public at some point earlier this week, and allow Council discretion with the remaining \$97,594; and the \$1,666,001 Additional General Fund Revenues for FY2019 with the formula calculation as applied in Budget Memorandum 2017-2 to make this figure whole based on year 1 of Biennium Budget I monies [MANNING]** – Skipped per Mr. Manning's direction.

FOR  
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Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
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Livingston  
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Manning  
McBride

AGAINST

The vote in favor of skipping Mr. Manning's motions was unanimous.

**Fund the Election Commission request \$1,967,554 [N. JACKSON]** – Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to fund the Election Commission at \$1,967,554.

Mr. Pearce inquired how much more this is than what was approved at 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Mr. Malinowski stated approximately \$500,000.

Mr. Pearce requested Mr. Seals to explain how this will be funded.

Mr. Seals stated what was recommended in the budget was \$1,405,961. The difference between what was requested and what was recommended is \$561,593. He stated he attempted to find a way to address the matter without going into fund balance.

Mr. Pearce stated it is his understanding, if it is funded at the level Mr. N. Jackson requested approximately \$400,000 would have to come from fund balance.

Mr. Seals responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Pearce made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Rose, to fund the Election Commission at the original \$1,405,961 and to add the additional funding recommended in Budget Memorandum 2017-6.

Mr. Rose inquired if this is a one-time expenditure or is this to be recurring dollars.

Mr. Seals stated he would speculate that this is recurring.

Mr. Rose stated State law requires the County to fund them at \$1.2 million annually. He could understand if there were pressing needs for new machines to request the \$500,000 in one-time funding, but it concerns him if this is a recurring cost.

Mr. Malinowski stated he supported Mr. N. Jackson to cut the State mandated agencies, which did not pass. However, to now increase what is mandated he is hard pressed to understand the reasoning.

Mr. Malinowski made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Rose, to fund the Election Commission at \$1,405,961.

Mr. N. Jackson stated the Election Commission has been underfunded since 2013 and have had to come back to Council for budget amendments each year. They requested \$66,994 for Professional Services and were recommended for \$1,250. The last time they were sued they requested \$144,000 and received \$4,000. They have also settled with the United States Department of Justice for more locations based on the number of people according to the Census figure.

Mr. Malinowski stated coming up with a statement that you are underfunded because you did not get what I asked for. Anyone can do that. No one has proven they need more. They have received more than the mandated amount for more than one year. When they were 2 separate entities they got less money than what the State mandates.

FOR  
Pearce  
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AGAINST  
N. Jackson  
Manning

The vote was in favor of the second substitute motion.

**\$200,000 to the Neal Learning center for repairs [N. JACKSON]** – Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve \$200,000 for the Neal Learning Center.

Mr. Malinowski stated this is the first time he has heard of this group. He does not know what they do and where they are located. He inquired if they have provided a budget for review.

Mr. Livingston stated he received an email regarding this item. He further stated this a building the County owns and it does a good job of serving the citizens of the County. The project is approximately \$700,000 and are requesting \$200,000 from the County.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to which school district utilizes this building.

Mr. N. Jackson stated it is in School District #1.

Mr. Smith stated years ago the County and the School District exchanged properties. The property that the Neal Center is on is owned by the County.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if there is an agreement that the County is responsible for maintenance of the building.

Mr. Smith stated he could not speak to the request.

FOR  
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Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST  
Rose  
Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

**I move that the SC HIV AIDS coalition be included in the biennium budget with a line item of \$50,000 for each year [MYERS]** – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the SC HIV AIDS coalition in the biennium budget for \$50,000 for each year. In addition, to accept Mr. Manning’s friendly amendment to include the other, larger serving community based organization (CBO)/AIDS Service Organization (ASO) in Richland County, Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services in the biennium budget with a line item of \$50,000 for each year.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the motion is for \$50,000 for both of the organizations or each individual organization. The motion is for each organization to be funded at \$50,000 per year.

Ms. Myers requested Mr. Seals to clarify the funding level.

Mr. Seals stated the funding level is as stated for both organizations.

Ms. Kennedy inquired about the location of the organizations.

Mr. Manning stated SC HIV AIDS Council is located across from the new United Way building on Laurel Street and the Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services is located at the old Midlands Shopping Center on Two Notch Road. Each of the organizations has their own Board of Directors.

Ms. Kennedy inquired as to when Palmetto AIDS Support Services came into existence.

Mr. Manning stated they were the first AIDS service organization in South Carolina and was incorporated in 1985 and has been in continuous service. The SC HIV AIDS Council was incorporated in the early 1990s.

Ms. Myers stated they are both small agencies that do not operate on huge budgets, but they service a population that is underserved in Richland County. Even if they were both funded at \$50,000 with Richland County being the County with highest incidents of HIV and AIDS, they are both woefully underfunded.

Ms. Kennedy inquired why the two organizations could not be combined and why the County is funding two similar organizations.

Ms. Myers stated she is not sure if their missions are incongruent. There are so many AIDS patients in the community she does not feel it is harmful to fund them both.

Ms. Kennedy stated she knows there is a great need in the County. She just feels they could combine the two small agencies.

Ms. Myers stated the suggestion of combining the agencies could be discussed in the future.

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The vote was in favor.

**I move that the Council Services budget be enlarged to include a line item of \$3,500 for training and education for each Council member (total of \$38,500) and \$3,500 for travel to training events per Council member (total of \$38,500). Currently the budget includes no money for Council training and development, which is a crucial oversight, given the size and scope of the County's budget and programs and the citizens' reasonable expectation of a professional Council [MYERS]** – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve this item.

Mr. Pearce inquired if this would be an addition to the \$7,000 Council Discretionary Account.

Ms. Myers stated it would be in addition. She feels it is critical feature when the Council is responsible for managing matters such as the Transportation Penny, County Budget, etc.

Mr. Pearce stated the expense accounts used to be \$1,500 and it was increased to \$7,000 for training and travel; therefore, he would have a hard time justifying the funding.

Mr. C. Jackson stated he supports the motion by Ms. Myers. For the Council to have some training seems significant. If you attend the training and come back and apply it to the meetings can be very helpful. He further stated doing one constituent mail out almost completely absorbs the funding and there would be no money left to even communicate effectively with the constituents.

Mr. Livingston stated he is going to support this because his colleagues say they need this to provide the citizens of the County with the constituent services they need. For those colleagues that do not feel they need it, do not spend the funding.

Ms. McBride stated she wanted to go on the record as supporting this issue. She feels it is a critical need.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
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McBride	

The vote was in favor.

**I move that the Council Services budget be enlarged to include an additional \$5,000 per member for constituent services. Currently, the budget reflects \$7,000 per Council Member, which equates to less than 18 cents per constituent. Raising the figure would allow for use of advanced communications methods for greater community outreach and constituent service. [MYERS]** – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve this item.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
C. Jackson	Pearce
N. Jackson	Rose
Dickerson	Malinowski
Kennedy	Livingston
Myers	Manning
McBride	

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Increase outside agency Sistercare by \$9,364 for a total of \$20,000 [McBRIDE]** – Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve this item.

FOR  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST  
Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

**Use FY17 Approved Funding amounts as a minimum figure for all County Departments within the direct report purview of the County Administrator, as was done for Elections and Voter Registration, Assessment Appeals, Assessor, Register of Deeds, County-Wide Elected Officials (and possibly others), unless there is written justification for specific line item exemptions for a decrease of significance [MANNING]**

Mr. Manning inquired if Mr. Livingston would be willing to add a friendly amendment to do that funding using \$219,000 from OSBO funding by cost allocating ½ of the OSBO Office's money to the Transportation Penny.

Mr. Livingston stated in the past the OSBO Office was not funded solely from General Fund money. The intent from the onset was to allocate the costs from the Transportation Penny. He would agree to utilize ½ of the funding from the General Fund that was set aside for the OSBO Office.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the motion and to utilize ½ of the OSBO Office funding from the General Fund to fund the item.

FOR  
Pearce  
N. Jackson  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST  
Rose  
Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

**To increase Public Defender Agency budget by \$50,000 for a social worker. This position will help conduct needs assessments of individuals prior to bond setting to help in addressing special needs of detainees. This will help in addressing the mental health issues and problems posed by individuals with mental health needs in our detention and correctional system [McBRIDE]** – Ms. McBride moved, seconded by

Mr. Manning requested a friendly amendment to make the amount \$50,302.15, which would have this position on the same level as the one approved for CASA.

Mr. Malinowski stated he was under the impress there was a lot of work done in the medical field to assist the detainees with mental health issues. He did not realize it was in the purview of the Public Defender.

Mr. Livingston stated this is prior to bond setting; therefore, they are in the Detention Center yet.

Mr. Pearce stated in answer to Mr. Malinowski's question, it's an apple and orange. The Detention Center screens them when they come in. This motion is for something different.

FOR  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST  
Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

**HOSPITALITY TAX DISCRETIONARY FUNDS:**

**Move that with the \$164,000 H-Tax allocation that the Summer Wet and Wild - \$25,000; the Fall Halloween Horror Nights - \$25,000; the Lights of Christmas - \$30,000 continue through Pinewood Lake Park Foundation and the Carolina Sunsplash - \$55,000, the South Carolina Gospel Fest - \$20,000 [N. JACKSON]**

**FY2017-18: Moving Forward Summit (Blue Ribbon Schools) - \$10,000; River Community Foundation (Blues, Blueberry & BB'Que) - \$50,000; Broad River Community Best & Show Fall Fest (River Community Foundation) - \$25,000; Richland Music Festival - \$30,000; Capital City Lake Murray Regional Tourism - \$10,000; SC Philharmonic - \$2,500; Columbia Classical Ballet - \$3,500; Blythewood Historical Society - \$2,000; Famously Hot - \$5,000; Midlands Tech Harbison Theatre - \$2,500; Palmetto Capital City Classic - \$5,000 [DICKERSON]**

**FY17-18: 701 Center for Contemporary Arts - \$250; Ann Brodie's Carolina Ballet - \$2,500; Blue Berries, Blues Brothers & BBQ River Association - \$250; Carolina Marathon Association - \$1,200; Columbia City Ballet - \$5,000; Columbia Classic Ballet - \$5,000; Columbia Film Society DBA Nickelodeon Theatre - \$2,000; Columbia International Festival - \$25,000; Columbia Metro CVB - \$12,000; Columbia Regional Sports Council - \$5,000; EdVenture - \$5,000; Famously Hot New Years - \$1,500; Historic Columbia Foundation - \$6,000; Miss SC Pageant Scholarship - \$1,750; Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services - \$6,000; SC Philharmonic - \$7,000; SC State Museum Foundation - \$2,000; SERCO - \$5,500; Sparkleberry Northeast Fair, Inc. - \$2,500; Special Olympics - \$2,000; Town of Eastover - \$3,000 [MANNING]**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve Mr. N. Jackson's, Ms. Dickerson's and Mr. Manning's Hospitality Tax Discretionary allocations.

FOR  
Pearce  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
Manning  
McBride

AGAINST  
Rose

The vote was in favor.

Mr. Livingston stated that each approved entity needed to submit an application and be vetted by staff to ensure

they meet the qualifications.

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM:**

**Fund \$1,500 for Neighborhood Association to St. Mark Woods, Hickory Ridge and Roscliff neighborhood association [N. JACKSON]** – Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to fund the St. Mark Woods, Hickory Ridge, and Roscliff Neighborhood Associations at \$1,500 each.

Mr. Malinowski stated once again he wished to remind his colleagues that this is an item that has been discussed in years past. It's not fair to those groups that submit their applications to fund those individuals that do not submit an application up to this point.

Mr. N. Jackson stated all they need to do is call their Council representative. We have a motion's list and we're asked to present the motion list.

Mr. Rose stated his concern is that that we all represent countless neighborhoods and if each Council member comes in and starts sponsoring motions for each neighborhood the taxpayers are going to be footing a very large bill. Once you put one you get on a slippery slope. Why didn't we all put every neighborhood that we represent?

Mr. Rose called for the question, seconded by Mr. Malinowski.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Pearce	
Rose	
C. Jackson	
N. Jackson	
Malinowski	
Dickerson	
Livingston	
Kennedy	
Myers	
Manning	
McBride	

The vote in favor of calling for the question was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston inquired if the \$1,500 is for each neighborhood.

Mr. N. Jackson stated that is the maximum allowed.

Ms. Dickerson stated even though they can apply for \$1,500 they may not get the full \$1,500.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
N. Jackson	Pearce
Kennedy	Rose
Myers	C. Jackson
McBride	Malinowski
	Dickerson
	Livingston
	Manning

The motion failed.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget as amended.

Mr. Pearce stated he did not recall voting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading for the A-Tax, H-Tax and Grants.

It was determined A-Tax, H-Tax and Grants were included in the Special Revenue section of the budget.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve everything up to this point for FY17-18 and not a Biennium Budget I.

Mr. Livingston stated the only concern he has is did the Council agree to not do a biennial budget for Hospitality Tax, Accommodations Tax, etc.

Mr. Manning stated in earlier readings it was decided that A-Tax, H-Tax, Neighborhood Improvement, Discretionary Grants, and millage agencies would not move forward in a biennial budget. A motion was just passed for \$7,000 for each Council member to go to training to try to learn how to do the budget better. The reason we need training is because it was so mixed up and the motion before you is to just do one year, learn everything that we learn and go to \$7,000 worth of training and learn about budgets, processes, and look at what we did this year. Come back next year and look at how we move forward with a 2-year biennial budget.

Mr. Malinowski stated this late in the game it's not realistic. There is a lot of the budget items that may have been voted on differently by Council members had they known they were only doing one year. He stated when he was making his votes he was basing it on 2 years.

Mr. N. Jackson stated he thought we were doing a biennial budget. The decisions he made was based on that.

Mr. Pearce stated if we vote for Mr. Manning's motion we are going to vote the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Biennium Budget in July.

Mr. Seals stated what is being voted on tonight is FY17-18, the first year of the Biennium Budget. What Mr. Manning has said is reject biennium budgeting, so you go back to single year budgeting.

Mr. Rose stated he supported the Biennium Budget and that is how he made his allocations.

Mr. N. Jackson called for the question, seconded by Mr. Malinowski.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Rose	Pearce
C. Jackson	
N. Jackson	
Malinowski	
Dickerson	
Livingston	
Kennedy	
Myers	
Manning	
McBride	

The vote was in favor of calling for the question.

FOR  
C. Jackson  
Manning

AGAINST  
Rose  
N. Jackson  
Malinowski  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers

The substitute motion failed.

Mr. Pearce inquired as to when the A-Tax, H-Tax and Grants.

Mr. Manning stated either at 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading or during a work session.

FOR  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
McBride

AGAINST  
Malinowski  
Manning

The vote was in favor of approving 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading as amended.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. N. Jackson and Mr. C. Jackson thanked the staff for their hard work during the budget process.

Mr. C. Jackson requested a formal debriefing session in the near future where some constructive feedback can be given.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to reconsider 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the budget.

FOR  
Malinowski  
Manning

AGAINST  
Pearce  
Rose  
C. Jackson  
N. Jackson  
Dickerson  
Livingston  
Kennedy  
Myers  
McBride

The motion failed.

Mr. Livingston thanked staff for tolerating Council members during the budget process.

Ms. Dickerson thanked staff for tolerating her during the budget process.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 PM.

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