

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA

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#### FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET WORK SESSION

**MAY 24, 2016**  
**4:00 PM**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Rush called the meeting to order at approximately 4:04PM

#### **CAPITAL BOND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **Capital Planning Breakdown:**

- Maximum available: \$25,000,000
- Recurring Programs: \$9,200,000
  - a. Sheriff's Vehicle and Equipment Replacement
  - b. Public Safety Facility (Magistrate's Office)
  - c. EMS Vehicle Replacement
  - d. Coroner Vehicle Replacement
  - e. Facility Renovations
- Remaining Available: \$15,800,000

Mr. Pearce inquired if the Coroner's employees drive their County issued vehicles home and how often the vehicles need to be replaced.

Mr. McDonald stated it is his understanding the Coroner's employees are on call; therefore, they likely do drive their vehicles home. He will get a definitive answer before the budget is adopted. The vehicles are replaced on a rotating schedule maintained by Fleet Services.

Ms. Dickerson inquired how often the vehicles are rotated.

Mr. McDonald stated the rotation schedule varies depending on the type of vehicle. The emergent vehicles are replaced more frequently than non-emergent vehicles.

- Additional Recommendations:
  - a. Administration & Health – Chiller
  - b. Administration & Health – Energy Recovery Ventilation
  - c. Judicial Center Elevator Upgrade
  - d. Security Cameras at Judicial Center



#### **Council Members Present:**

Torrey Rush, Chair  
Greg Pearce, Vice Chair  
Julie-Ann Dixon  
Norman Jackson  
Paul Livingston  
Seth Rose

#### **Others Present:**

Tony McDonald  
Daniel Driggers  
Michelle Onley  
Warren Harley  
Roxanne Ancheta  
Kevin Bronson  
Kim Roberts  
Shahid Khan

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- e. Eastover Magistrate Roof
- f. Historic Columbia – Phase I
- g. Historic Columbia – Phase II
- h. Northeast Satellite Office
- i. DSS Facility Renovations
- j. Township Property Purchase
- k. Non-Public Safety Vehicles

Ms. Ancheta stated the chiller is over 30 years old and breaks down frequently; therefore, it is recommended to be replaced.

Facility and Grounds provided the estimate. The project will be bid out and will include the cost of the chiller, as well as, installation.

The Energy Recovery Ventilation is defined as a unit that provides fresh air and creates a positive pressure within the building as required by the building code. The units recover heating or cooling energy, depending on the season, from the outgoing exhaust air and transfer the energy into the incoming air making the building more energy efficient by raising or lowering the incoming air temperature. The units have deteriorated beyond the point where they can be repaired and need to be replaced.

Mr. Pearce inquired if installation of solar panels had been explored.

Ms. Ancheta stated it has been explored in the past, but the upfront capital costs have made the installation cost prohibitive.

Ms. Dickerson requested a detailed report on the number of visitors to the historic homes and a breakdown of how the funds are spent by Historic Columbia.

Mr. Malinowski requested the details of the historic architectural elements and finishes for the Historic Columbia Phase II project.

Ms. Dickerson expressed concern with the proposed location of the northeast satellite office.

Mr. Adams stated in order to serve the growing citizenry of Richland County there is a need for a satellite office in the northeast area.

Mr. McDonald stated the \$800,000 recommended for the northeast satellite office would be utilized to purchase and to renovate the building.

● Auxiliary Recommendations:

- aa. Other Facility & Grounds Improvements/Renovations
- bb. Emergency Operations Center – new facility
- cc. Public Defender Office Space
- dd. Historic Columbia Phase III
- ee. Department of Social Services – New Facility
- ff. Columbia Area Mental Health – New Facility

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- gg. Election Commission Voter Registration – New Facility and Co-Location of voter machine warehouse
- hh. CASA – Fostering Futures
- ii. ROD – Back File Conversion
- jj. Body Camera Program

Mr. McDonald does not recommend any items from the auxiliary list.

Summary	
Total available with targeted debt funding	\$25,000,000
Total Recommended for debt use	\$20,376,172
Remaining available for debt use in future years	\$4,623,828

Mr. McDonald recommended use the available funding to refinance existing debt, bring down payments or shorten the length of the debt and not be appropriated.

Mr. Pearce inquired how these items will be placed on the agenda. (i.e. in a block or individually).

Mr. Jeter inquired about the Sheriff's Department assessment of the Administration building.

The findings from the assessment are under review. The improvements would be approximately \$500,000.

**HOSPITALITY TAX BUDGET**

- Revenue: \$6,400,000
- Tier I – Debt: \$1,489,800
  - a. Township Renovations
  - b. Water Park Land
- Tier II – Ordinance Agencies
  - a. County Promotions
  - b. EdVenture
  - c. Columbia Museum of Art
  - d. Historic Columbia
  - e. Township Auditorium

- Tier III - Special County Promotions
  - a. SERCO
  - b. Columbia Metro CVB
  - c. Columbia International Festival
  
- Tier IV – Council Discretionary Funding
  - a. Pinewood Lake Foundation is recommended to received \$150,000 in order to operate the County-owned park
  - b. All other items are at Council’s discretion to fund.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council