



Richland County Council  
Special Called  
**MINUTES**  
December 10, 2024 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessica Mackey, Chair; Derrek Pugh, Vice-Chair; Jason Branham, Yvonne McBride, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen Barron, Cheryl English, and Chakisse Newton.

OTHERS PRESENT: Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Patrick Wright, Jennifer Wladischkin, Ashiya Myers, Aric Jensen, Kyle Holsclaw, Michael Maloney, Tamar Black, Ashley Fullerton, Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, John Thompson, Venyke Harley, Stacey Hamm, Lori Thomas, Quinton Epps, Bill Davis, Kenny Bowen, Jackie Hancock, Cheryl Johnson, Michael Byrd, Crystal Hill, Susan O’Cain, and Jeff Ruble.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jessica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **INVOCATION** – The Invocation was led by the Honorable Chakisse Newton.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Chakisse Newton.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. **Regular Session: December 3, 2024** – Mr. Weaver moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. McBride.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Patrick Wright, County Attorney, requested to add the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center Legal Update [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]  
Ms. Barron moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Branham.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
6. **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**
  - a. **Resolution Honoring Jayme Hill** – Ms. English moved to adopt a resolution honoring Jayme Hill, seconded by Ms. Barron.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.  
Ms. English read the resolution into the record.
7. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70)** – County Attorney Patrick Wright noted the following item was eligible for Executive Session:
  - a. **Project Connect Property Update** [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
  - b. **Property Inquiry – 120 Clemson Road, Columbia, SC 29229, TMS #R25608-01-38** [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) and 30-4-70(a)(5)]

- c. Condemnation of TMS #R37100-01-19 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
- d. Condemnation of TMS #R34500-02-03 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
- e. Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]

8. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing – No one signed up to speak.

9. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda (Items for which a public hearing is required or a public hearing has been scheduled cannot be addressed at this time)
  - 1. Chief Aubrey Jenkins, Columbia-Richland Fire Service, thanked Council for their continued support to the Columbia – Richland Fire Department community events.

10. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. Updates for Consideration:

- 1. *Comprehensive Plan* – Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, staff will hold the first public forum on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Richland Library Main Branch. Citizens are invited to drop in between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to learn more about the comprehensive planning process and provide their thoughts on growth and development. Residents who cannot attend the forum are encouraged to complete the survey and provide feedback on the idea board at [www.richlandonline.com/reimaginerichland](http://www.richlandonline.com/reimaginerichland). The survey will remain open throughout the remainder of the year. In addition, staff is working to arrange additional opportunities for citizens to engage.

- 2. *Midlands Workforce Development – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Regional Plan* – Mr. Brown stated this item does not require action but is being provided for informational purposes.

- b. Administrator's Nomination: (Items in this section require action that may prejudice the County's interest in a discernible way [i.e., time-sensitive, exigent, or of immediate importance])

- 1. *Utilities – Elevated Water Tank* – Mr. Bill Davis, Utilities Director, stated ARPA funding provided \$2M to build a tank for our system. Over the next three or four years, they anticipate doubling the water system's capacity. The tank will allow us to maintain and manage the systems. The request is to approve the award of a contract to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. at a cost of \$3,171,000.

Ms. English moved to approve the contract to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. for \$3,171,000, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Ms. Barron expressed her appreciation for Director Davis' innovative solutions.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. English moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- 2. *Economic Development – Website and Brand Refresh* – Mr. Jeff Ruble, Economic Development Director, noted the Economic Development Department's brand and logo were developed in 2010/2011. He indicated they had gone through the RFP process, and the highest-ranked offeror was BLKDOG|Black Dog Designs.

Mr. Livingston moved to approve the selection of a website and branding firm to create a new standalone website and provide the Economic Development Department with a brand refresh. Also, authorize the County Administrator to execute website and brand refresh contracts. Seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. English moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- 3. *Community Planning & Development – Conservation Division – City of Cayce Mitigation Credit Sales*

4. *Community Planning & Development – Conservation Division – Blythewood Industrial Park*  
Mr. Quinton Epps, Community Planning & Development Division Manager, stated the recommendation is for approval of a request from the City of Cayce to purchase 2.1 wetland credits for the construction of the Karlaney Outfall Project and a request from BCP Blythewood, LLC to purchase 5.243 wetland credits for the construction of the Blythewood Industrial Park Site at a rate of \$20,000 per credit, which is the standard for all credits. He indicated the City of Cayce proceeds will go to the Transportation Penny, and the Blythewood Industrial Park Site proceeds will go back to Economic Development.

Ms. English moved to approve Items 10(b)(3) and 10(b)(4), seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Terracio moved to reconsider Items 10(b)(3) and 10(b)(4), seconded by Ms. Barron.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

**REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL** – No report was given.

12. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – Ms. Mackey noted this is the last Council meeting of the year and Ms. McBride’s last Council meeting.

13. **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. An Ordinance Authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to the infrastructure credit agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Gable Oaks Housing Associates LP; and other related matters – No one signed up to speak.

14. **THIRD READING ITEMS**

- a. An Ordinance Authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to the infrastructure credit agreement by and between Richland County, South Carolina, and Gable Oaks Housing Associates LP; and other related matters – Mr. Pugh moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Mr. Terracio.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

15. **REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- a. An Ordinance approving the sale of certain property located on Farrow Road; and other matters related thereto [BY TITLE ONLY] – Mr. Livingston moved to refer this item back to the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Mr. Branham.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Walker, Mackey, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

16. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. FY25 – District 5 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Congaree Vista Guild - \$5,000)

- b. FY25 – District 3 Hospitality Tax Allocations (CA Johnson - \$24,000)

Ms. Newton moved to approve Items 16(a) and (b), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Newton moved to reconsider Items 16(a) and (b), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Livingston moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Mackey.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.

***Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:38 PM  
and came out at approximately 7:00 PM***

Ms. Barron moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Livingston.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey indicated Council entered into Executive Session to receive legal advice. No action was taken in Executive Session.

- a. Project Connect Property Update Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)] – No action was taken.
- b. Property Inquiry – 120 Clemson Road, Columbia, SC 29229, TMS #R25608-01-38 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) and 30-4-70(a)(5)] – No action was taken.
- c. Condemnation of TMS #R37100-01-19 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
- d. Condemnation of TMS #34500-02-03 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]

Mr. Branham moved to authorize the Administrator to proceed with the course of action discussed in Executive Session regarding Items 7(c) and (d), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider Items 7(c) and (d), seconded by Ms. Newton.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The motion for reconsideration failed.

- e. Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center Legal Update – No action was taken.

18. **MOTION PERIOD** – No motions were submitted.

19. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Newton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.  
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:02 PM.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 050-24HR

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY  
AND BETWEEN RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND  
GABLE OAKS HOUSING ASSOCIATES LP; AND OTHER RELATED  
MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, Richland County, South Carolina (“County”), acting by and through its County Council (“County Council”) entered into an Infrastructure Credit Agreement effective as of January 1, 2021 (“Agreement”), with Gable Oaks Housing Associates LP (“Company”) pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (“Act”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement the Company committed to (i) acquire and substantially rehabilitate an affordable housing project in the County known as Gable Oaks Apartments (“Project”) consisting of a total investment of greater than \$20,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 was to be expended to rehabilitated and improve the Project (“Company Commitment”) on or before December 31, 2024 (“Certification Date”) and (ii)(A) operate the Project as an affordable housing project, (B) maintain the Project in a safe and secure condition for the residents, and (C) promptly address any code violations;

WHEREAS, based on the Company’s commitments and as authorized under the Act, the County located the project in the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County, South Carolina and agreed to provide credits (“Infrastructure Credits”) against the Company’s fee payments with respect to the Project;

WHEREAS, the Company notified the County that it would not fully-achieve the Company Commitment by the Certification Date and does not presently expect to fully-achieve the Company Commitment due to a change in the Company’s expectations that it would finance the rehabilitation and improvements to the Project through the use of low-income housing tax credits; provided, however, the Company has at all times met its other commitments to (i) operate the Project as an affordable housing project, (ii) maintain the Project in a safe and secure condition for the residents, and (iii) promptly address any code violations; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Company have negotiated a reduction in the term of the Infrastructure Credits and desire to enter into an amendment to the Agreement (“Amendment”), the substantially final form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, to memorialize the modification to the term of the Infrastructure Credit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council as follows:

**Section 1. *Authorization to Execute and Deliver Amendment.*** The reduction of the term of the Infrastructure Credit is hereby approved and the form, terms and provisions of the Amendment is approved. All of the Amendment’s terms and conditions are incorporated in this Ordinance by reference. The Chair of County Council (“Chair”) is authorized and directed to execute the Amendment in the name of and on behalf of the County, subject to the approval of any revisions or changes as are not materially adverse to the County by the County Administrator and counsel to the County, and the Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the Amendment and to deliver the Amendment to the Company.

**Section 2. *Further Assurances.*** County Council confirms the authority of the Chair, the County Administrator, the Director of Economic Development, the Clerk to County Council, and various other County officials and staff, acting at the direction of the Chair, the County Administrator, the Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, to take whatever further action and to negotiate, execute and

deliver whatever further documents as may be appropriate to effect this Ordinance and the Amendment.

**Section 3. *Savings Clause.*** The provisions of this Ordinance are separable. If any part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, unenforceable then the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance is unaffected.

**Section 4. *General Repealer.*** Any prior ordinance, resolution, or order, the terms of which are in conflict with this Ordinance, is, only to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

**Section 5. *Effectiveness.*** This Ordinance is effective after its third reading and public hearing.

RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

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Jesica Mackey, Chair  
Richland County Council

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Anette Kirylo, Clerk of Council  
Richland County Council

RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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No Opinion Rendered As To Content

First Reading:       October 1, 2024  
Second Reading:     November 19, 2024  
Public Hearing:       December 10, 2024  
Third Reading:       December 10, 2024

**EXHIBIT A**  
**FORM OF AMENDMENT**



**FIRST AMENDMENT TO  
INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT**

This **FIRST AMENDMENT TO INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT** (this "**Amendment**") is made and entered into as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by and between **RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA** ("**County**"), a body politic and corporate and political subdivision of the State of South Carolina ( "**State**"), acting through the County Council of the County ("**County Council**") as the governing body of the County, and **GABLE OAKS HOUSING ASSOCIATES LP**, a South Carolina limited partnership ("**Company**"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement (as that term is defined below).

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Company and the County entered into that certain Infrastructure Credit Agreement effective as of January 1, 2021 (the "**Agreement**") pursuant to which the Company committed to acquire and substantially rehabilitate an affordable housing project in the County known as Gable Oaks Apartments ("**Project**") consisting of a total investment of greater than \$20,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 was to be expended to rehabilitate and improve the Project on or before December 31, 2024 ("**Certification Date**");

WHEREAS, the Company further committed to operate the Project in compliance with the Low Income Rental Restrictions, maintain the Project in a safe and secure condition for the residents and promptly address any Code Violations;

WHEREAS, based on the Company's commitments, the County agreed to provide an Infrastructure Credit against certain of the Company's Fee Payments due with respect to the Project for the Credit Term in an amount equal to 90% of the Company's annual Fee Payment due with respect to the Project;

WHEREAS, the Company notified the County that it would not achieve the Company Commitment by the Certification Date and does not presently expect to achieve the Company Commitment due to a change in the Company's expectations that it would finance the rehabilitation and improvements to the Project through the use of low-income housing tax credits;

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the County has the right to terminate the Agreement if the Company fails to certify the Company Commitment by the Certification Date and on termination of the Agreement the Company would no longer be entitled to any further benefit under the Agreement including the receipt of the Infrastructure Credit;

WHEREAS, because the Company has met its other commitments to operate the Project in compliance with the Low Income Rental Restrictions, maintain the Project in a safe and secure condition for the residents and promptly address any Code Violations, the County has determined not to terminate the Agreement but rather to reduce the Credit Term;

WHEREAS, the County and the Company are entering into this Amendment to modify the Agreement to memorialize the reduced Credit Term subject to the conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved this Amendment by Ordinance enacted by its County Council as of [ ], 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Company hereby agree as follows:

1. Exhibit B, as referenced in Section 2.2 of the Agreement is amended by restating the **“DESCRIPTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT”** in its entirety as follows:

Notwithstanding the Company’s failure to achieve the Company Commitment by the Certification Date, so long as the Company achieves its Interim Commitment (as defined below) on or before December 31, 2026, the Company is entitled to an Infrastructure Credit equal to 90% of the annual Fee Payment due with respect to the Project for a period of 10 years commencing with the first Fee Payment due with respect to the Project, which was property tax year 2021.

“Interim Commitment” shall mean provision of a written certification to the County (by delivery to the County’s Economic Development Department) confirming (i) the completed installation of planned exterior lighting by Dominion Energy, (ii) the expenditure of at least \$200,000 by the Owner for capital improvements and maintenance at the Project, and (iii) that any HVAC units identified as deficient or defective in the property condition assessment commissioned by the Company have been fully addressed. The Company shall include in the written certification to the County a report regarding the maintenance and replacement of HVAC units at the Project.

2. Except as modified by this Amendment, the Agreement remains in full force and effect. The parties agree that the Infrastructure Credit as modified by this Amendment shall supersede any other agreement between the parties with respect to the Infrastructure Credit.

3. Prior to the expiration of the Credit Term, the Company may request an extension of the Credit Term. The County, acting in its sole discretion, may extend the Credit Term by resolution adopted by County Council on a finding of substantial public benefit.

4. This Amendment shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the laws of the State of South Carolina.

5. The Company represents that the execution, delivery and performance by the individual or entity signing this Amendment on behalf of the Company has been duly authorized and approved by all requisite action on the part of the Company.

6. This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument and shall become binding when one or more of the counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other party.

7. This Amendment is effective as of the date first written above.

**[SIGNATURE PAGES TO FOLLOW]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the date first written above.

**RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Anette Kirylo, Clerk to County Council

**RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

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**GABLE OAKS HOUSING ASSOCIATES LP**  
a South Carolina limited partnership

By: Rhett Realty LLC,  
its General Partner

By: Wishrock Housing Partners LLC,  
its Sole Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:



## **REQUEST OF ACTION**

**Subject:** FY25 - District 3 Hospitality Tax Allocations

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$24,000** for District 3.

### **B. Background / Discussion**

For the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year, County Council approved designating the Hospitality Discretionary account funding totaling \$82,425.00 for each district Council member. The details of these motions are listed below:

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY17:** Hospitality Tax discretionary account guidelines are as follows: (a) Establish a H-Tax discretionary account for each Council District; (b) Fund the account at the amount of \$164,850.00; (c) Council members will recommend Agencies to be funded by their allocation. Agencies and projects must meet all of the requirements in order to be eligible to receive H-Tax funds; (d) All Council recommendation for appropriations of allocations to Agencies after the beginning of the fiscal year will still be required to be taken back to Council for approval by the full Council prior to the commitment of funding. This would only require one vote.

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY25, Regular Council Meeting – June 18, 2024:** Establish Hospitality Tax discretionary accounts for each district in FY25 at the amount of \$82,425. Move that up to \$300,000 of unallocated district specific H-Tax funding for FY23-24 be carried over and added to any additional funding for FY24-25.

Pursuant to Budget Memorandum 2017-1 and the third reading of the budget for FY25 each district Council member was approved \$82,425.00 to allocate funds to Hospitality Tax eligible organizations of their own discretion. As it relates to this request, District 3 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:

Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$113,250
CA Johnson High School	\$ 24,000
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 24,000</b>
<b>FY25 Approved Allocations YTD</b>	<b>\$151,000</b>
<b>Remaining FY2025 Balance</b>	<b>\$ 20,675</b>

**C. Legislative / Chronological History**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY23- June 7, 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY24- June 6, 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY25- June 18, 2024

**D. Alternatives**

1. Consider the request and approve the allocation.
2. Consider the request and do not approve the allocation.

**E. Final Recommendation**

Staff does not have a recommendation regarding this as it is a financial policy decision of County Council. The funding is available to cover the request. Staff will proceed as directed.



## **REQUEST OF ACTION**

**Subject:** FY25 - District 5 Hospitality Tax Allocations

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$5,000** for District 5.

### **B. Background / Discussion**

For the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year, County Council approved designating the Hospitality Discretionary account funding totaling \$82,425.00 for each district Council member. The details of these motions are listed below:

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY17:** Hospitality Tax discretionary account guidelines are as follows: (a) Establish a H-Tax discretionary account for each Council District; (b) Fund the account at the amount of \$164,850.00; (c) Council members will recommend Agencies to be funded by their allocation. Agencies and projects must meet all of the requirements in order to be eligible to receive H-Tax funds; (d) All Council recommendation for appropriations of allocations to Agencies after the beginning of the fiscal year will still be required to be taken back to Council for approval by the full Council prior to the commitment of funding. This would only require one vote.

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Pursuant to Budget Memorandum 2017-1 and the third reading of the budget for FY25 each district Council member was approved \$82,425.00 to allocate funds to Hospitality Tax eligible organizations of their own discretion. As it relates to this request, District 5 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:

Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$ 7,650
Congaree Vista Guild	\$ 5,000
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>FY25 Approved Allocations YTD</b>	<b>\$ 64,800</b>
<b>Remaining FY2025 Balance</b>	<b>\$ 20,275</b>

**C. Legislative / Chronological History**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY25- June 18, 2024

**D. Alternatives**

1. Consider the request and approve the allocation.
2. Consider the request and do not approve the allocation.

**E. Final Recommendation**

Staff does not have a recommendation regarding this as it is a financial policy decision of County Council. The funding is available to cover the request. Staff will proceed as directed.