



Richland County Council

BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE
September 18, 2018 – 1:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Pearce, Bill Malinowski, Yvonne McBride, Jim Manning and Dalhi Myers

OTHERS PRESENT: Gwen Kennedy, Paul Livingston, James Hayes, Stacey Hamm and Michelle Onley

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Myers called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 PM.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** – Mr. Pearce was elected to Chair the committee.
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Mr. Malinowski stated he would like a clarification as to what the committee is supposed to do. He thought that A&F handled finance matters, and then all of a sudden this committee came about in the last year.

Mr. Pearce stated we can add an item to the agenda to discuss the charge and purpose of the committee.

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

4. **Move for the Approval of Amended FY 2018-2019 Budget for Richland County School District One. Move that this should be first reading only based on previous agreement [N. JACKSON]** – Mr. Pearce stated he believes item is in reference to the letter that Councilmembers received, from the School District, requesting the look back millage to make up for what they see as a \$5 million deficit in their budget.

Mr. Hayes stated, in June, Council approved the total budget of \$224 million, which included the usage of 3.4 mills, at the time. All of this stemmed from the fact that the School District would like to adjust their budget upward, based on the County Auditor's new numbers in September. He stated he told them we do not have anything to compare it to. We have not received anything from the Auditor to compare to, like we do during the budget process. This is a blind process because they are asking for this increase, but we do not know how much additional mill value would support this.

Mr. Manning inquired if Mr. N. Jackson is one of the Council liaisons for the School District.

Ms. McBride stated she believes that he is.

Mr. Manning inquired if we have a sense that this is coming from the district through him, as a liaison.

Mr. Hayes stated he imagined Mr. Ed Carlon requested Mr. N. Jackson to make the motion.

Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to table this until such time as the mill value is set by the Auditor.

Mr. Allen Brown stated Mr. Brawley said he could support \$3,583,000 increase in the approved budget, if you needed a hard number today. However, if you could wait for the final numbers to be brought before Council.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **Purpose of the Committee** – Mr. Pearce stated his understanding of the committee was to address items that were sent here by the Chair.

Ms. Myers stated from the time the Chair originally put it together and asked her to work with it. The Chair was looking at items that were coming up in the budget when we were originally trying to figure out Renaissance, and where we were going to be finding money. The goal was not backlog A&F when we were trying to get Renaissance going, and to have a place where we could look at the special financing that we were going to use for that project. Then, to send the items to Council when they had been vetted.

Mr. Pearce inquired if that would not fall under the new Property Distribution Management Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Myers stated that is up to the Chair.

Mr. Malinowski stated he thought for all other committees that we have some written information that states what the committee is responsible for doing. He thinks it would be nice if we had it for this committee, and all others. It would be nice for new Councilmembers, as well as staff, so they can look at what the specific committee does.

Mr. Pearce stated there are several committees that he has no idea what they do. Some of them do not even meet.

Ms. McBride stated this is not the first time this discussion has come up regarding the roles and responsibilities of this committee. She believes when it was first formed the same question came up. One of the answers dealt with the issues that were being forwarded to this committee required a lot of research and analysis. There was much more time required than the other committees.

Mr. Pearce proposed a hypothetical scenario. There is an item on the agenda dealing with the Township Auditorium. Assuming they would come back with a figure of what the property would cost, would that item go to A&F or come to the Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Myers stated she believes it will be up to the discretion of the Chair.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:11 PM.