



Richland County Council
Regular Session
MINUTES
April 15, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair; Derrek Pugh, Vice-Chair; Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Tyra Little, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio (online), Don Weaver, Gretchen Barron (online), Tish Dozier-Alleyne, Jesica Mackey, Cheryl English, and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Anette Kirylo, Patrick Wright, Ashiya Myers, Aric Jensen, Kyle Holsclaw, Sandra Haynes, Angela Weathersby, Kenny Bowen, Lori Thomas, Stacey Hamm, Andy Haworth, Michelle Onley, Quinton Epps, Maddison Wilkerson, Judy Carter, Tamar Black, Jennifer Wladischkin, Michael Byrd, Jeff Ruble, Jackie Hancock, Callison Richardson, Sarah Harris, Venyke Harley, Leroy Leroy Cain, Thomas Gilbert, Dante Roberts, and Synithia Williams.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

2. **INVOCATION** – The Honorable Cheryl English led the Invocation.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Jason Branham.

4. **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

- a. A Resolution Recognizing the Richland County Animal Care Employees and Declaring April 13-19, 2025, as Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week ([Resolution 2025-0415-001](#)) – Mr. Livingston moved to adopt the resolution recognizing Richland County Animal Care Employees and declaring April 13-19, 2025, as Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Newton read the resolution into the record. She thanked the staff for the work they do and thank the staff for their response when she was accosted by a neighbor's dog while she was out walking her dog.

- b. A Resolution Recognizing April 21-25, 2025, as Community Development Week ([Resolution 2025-0415-002](#)) –Mr. Pugh moved to adopt the resolution recognizing April 21-25, 2025, as Community Development Week, seconded by Ms. English.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. English read the resolution into the record.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Session: April 1, 2025 – Mr. Weaver moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Little.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70)** – County Attorney Patrick Wright noted the items eligible for Executive Session:
 - a. Mid-Year Employee Performance Review [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]
 - b. Consultant Contract [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]
 - c. 2025 Administrator Evaluation and Contract Renewal [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]
8. **CITIZENS' INPUT**
 - a. For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing – No one spoke during Citizens' Input.
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. Sue Kanipe, 72 Hamptonwood Way, Columbia, SC 29209 – MORE Justice
 2. Fred Ange, 201 Jessie Derrick Road, Irmo, SC 29063 – Violation of County Code by Developer
 3. George Salimbo, 1800 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Bailey Bill
 4. Joseph Phillips, 2214 Gadsden Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – Columbia Classical Ballet
10. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**
 - a. Updates for Consideration
 1. *General Updates* – There were no updates.
 2. *Conservation Commission – South Carolina Department of Environmental Services Watershed Plan Development Grant* – Mr. Quinton Epps, Community Planning & Development – Conservation Division Manager, indicated the Conservation Commission will apply for a grant from the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services. The grant will update an existing watershed management plan for the Crane Creek Watershed. He noted there is no match required for the grant.
 3. *Comprehensive Plan Update* – Ms. Synithia Williams, Community Planning & Development Director, reminded Council and the public about the series of public meetings regarding next steps for the Comprehensive Plan. They will present potential future land use scenarios. They are considering an add-on to the original contract to include Nealon Planning's "Community Viz Analysis Tool." This will allow them to generate complex, custom analytics, including scenarios, suitability analysis, build out potential, and impact analysis.
Ms. Newton inquired if the add-on would require Council action.
Ms. Williams responded because the current contract is not to exceed; therefore, it would require Council action in the future.
11. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**
 - a. Districts 8 and 9 Town Hall, April 21, 2025, North Springs Park, 1320 Clemson Road, 6:00-7:30 PM – Ms. Anette Kyrlo, Clerk to Council, announced there will be a town hall meeting for Districts 8 and 9 on April 21, 2025, at North Springs Park, 1320 Clemson Road from 6:00-7:30 PM.
12. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – No report was given.
13. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**
 - a. Case #25-006MA, Denise M. Cannarella, RT to GC (1.65 Acres), 1620 Dutch Fork Road, TMS #R02411-02-03 [THIRD READING] {District 1} (Ordinance #020-25HR)
 - b. Case #25-007MA, Susan Clements, HM to RT (3.00 Acres), 1531 Wash Lever Road, TMS #R01900-01-22 [THIRD READING] {District 1} (Ordinance #021-25HR)
 - c. Case #25-009MA, Luella Martin Bolton, HI to RT (3.00 Acres) E/S McCords Ferry Road, TMS #R38900-03-10 [THIRD READING] {District 10} (Ordinance #022-25HR)
Mr. Pugh moved to approve Items 13(a)-(c), seconded by Ms. English.
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton
The vote in favor was unanimous.

14. **THIRD READING ITEMS**

- a. Case #24-044MAS, Gene Pierce, AG to HM to R3 (51.52 Acres), 1519 and 1525 Hardscrabble Road, TMS #R14600-03-63 and R14600-03-25 {District 7} (Ordinance #023-25HR) – Ms. Barron acknowledged there are many Lake Elizabeth residents in attendance tonight. As she has in the past, she has worked with the applicant to ensure the information is provided to the residents and the residents have an opportunity to share their concerns. The developers have been gracious in making changes upon recommendations from community members. We understand that Lake Elizabeth is a very sensitive community regarding water and development due to the 2015 flood and flooding from heavy rainfall. She noted the community was looking for a reduction in density, but the applicant is unwilling to do that.
Ms. Barron moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Newton.
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton
The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. Case #25-010MA, Jared Munneke, HI to R6 (22.35 Acres), 1401 Shop Road, TMS #R11209-02-12 {District 10} (Ordinance #024-25HR) – Ms. English moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Newton.
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, English, and Newton
Recuse: Mackey (due to her parent company representing the applicant)
The vote in favor was unanimous.
Ms. English moved to reconsider Items 13(a)-(c) and 14(a) and (b), seconded by Ms. Newton.
Opposed: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton
The motion for reconsideration failed.

15. **SECOND READING ITEMS**

- a. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a public infrastructure credit agreement to provide for public infrastructure credits to a company identified for the time being as Project Mockingbird; and other related matters – Mr. Livingston moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Pugh.
In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, English, and Newton
Opposed: Branham
Recuse: Mackey (due to her parent company representing the applicant)
The vote was in favor.
- b. An Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on application acceptance, permit issuance, approvals, or other authorizations for demolition, new construction, rezoning, and rehabilitation in the Olympia Mill Village area of unincorporated Richland County; and invoking application of the pending ordinance doctrine – Ms. Terracio moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. English.
Mr. Weaver inquired when the moratorium would go into effect.
Mr. Wright replied that the moratorium would go into effect after Third Reading. If you invoke the pending ordinance doctrine, applications would be cut off from the date of First Reading.
Mr. Weaver indicated that, at the First Reading, he understood that any application in the pipeline would not be affected until the Third Reading of the ordinance.
Ms. Mackey responded that it was discussed, but was not a part of the motion.
Mr. Weaver asked about the current status of applications.
Assistant County Administrator Aric Jensen indicated that the Council's action on invoking the pending ordinance doctrine will determine how staff proceeds with the applications received.
Mr. Livingston pointed out that he voted against this item on First Reading because of the decision to invoke the pending ordinance doctrine. He believes that it is unfair to the public.
Ms. Terracio stated she would be open to amending her motion not to invoke the pending ordinance doctrine.
Mr. Livingston requested a friendly amendment not to invoke the pending ordinance doctrine.
Ms. Terracio accepted the friendly amendment.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, and English

Opposed: Branham, Weaver, and Newton

The vote was in favor.

- c. An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt FY 2025 Annual Budget for Richland County, South Carolina; authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year's carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2024 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025) – Mr. Pugh moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

16. **FIRST READING ITEM**

- a. An Ordinance Authorizing the East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina, to issue not exceeding \$10,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds; and providing for other matters related thereto – Mr. Weaver moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

- a. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of an amended and restated public infrastructure credit agreement to provide for public infrastructure credits to a company identified for the time being as Project Huger; and other related matters [FIRST READING] – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, English, and Newton

Opposed: Branham

Recuse: Mackey (due to her parent company representing the applicant)

The vote was in favor.

18. **REPORT OF THE EMPLOYEE EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Mid-Year Employee Performance Review [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]
b. Consultant Contract [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]
c. 2025 Administrator Evaluation and Contract Renewal [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]

19. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. FY25 District 4 Hospitality Tax Allocations (SC Juneteenth Festival - \$5,000, SC Philharmonic Orchestra - \$5,000)
b. FY25 District 6 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Carolina Therapeutic Riding - \$5,000)
c. FY25 District 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations (SC Juneteenth Festival - \$5,000)
d. FY25 – District 9 Hospitality Tax Allocations (SC Juneteenth Festival - \$15,000, Post & Courier Foundation - \$7,500)
e. A Resolution to appoint and commission James Hix Hopp, Jr. as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County (Resolution 2025-0415-003)
f. A Resolution Ordering a Public Hearing to be held on the issuance of not exceeding \$10,000,000 general obligation bonds of the East Richland Public Service District and other matters relating thereto (Resolution 2025-0415-004) Ms. Newton moved to approve Items 19(a)-(f), seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to reconsider Items 19(a)-(f), seconded by Ms. Newton.

Opposed: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Pugh moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Newton.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:02 PM
and came out at approximately 8:17 PM***

Mr. Livingston moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Barron

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. **Mid-Year Employee Performance Review [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, 30-4-70(a)(1)]** – Ms. Newton stated the committee recommended proceeding with the mid-year employee performance review, as discussed in Executive Session.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Consultant Contract [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, 30-4-70(a)(1)]** – Ms. Newton stated the committee recommended authorizing the Employee Evaluation and Oversight Ad Hoc Committee Chair to work with Procurement to finalize a consultant contract.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. **2025 Administrator Evaluation and Contract Renewal [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]** – Ms. Newton moved to authorize the Council Chair and the Employee Evaluation and Oversight Ad Hoc Committee Chair to proceed with the 2025 Administrator Evaluation and Contract Renewal, as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

22. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Newton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:21 PM.



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING THE RICHLAND COUNTY ANIMAL CARE EMPLOYEES
AND PROCLAIM APRIL 13-19, 2025 AS
ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK**

WHEREAS, the National Animal Care and Control Association designated the second full week of April as National Animal and Control Appreciation Week. Various federal, state, and local government officials throughout the country take this time to recognize, thank, and commend all animal control officers and staff for their dedicated service; and,

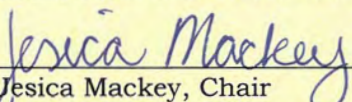
WHEREAS, Richland County's Animal Care officers and staff serve as dedicated professionals who work tirelessly to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, domestic animals, and livestock; and,

WHEREAS, Richland County's Animal Care officers and staff answer calls for assistance, capture potentially dangerous animals, rescue animals in distress, reunite lost pets with their rightful owners, investigate reports of animal cruelty and neglect, educate citizens about responsible pet care, and protect the public from zoonotic diseases such as rabies; and,

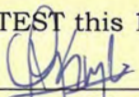
WHEREAS, Richland County's Animal Care officers and staff contribute significantly to the success of animal control operations and the humane treatment of animals; and,

WHEREAS, Richland County recognizes and commends its Animal Care employees for the vital work performed daily and for the exceptional service provided to the citizens of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Richland County Councilmembers Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Tyra K. Little, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen D. Barron, Tish Dozier Alleyne, Jesica Mackey, Chakisse Newton, and Cheryl English hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2025 as **Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week** and encourage all citizens to express sincere appreciation for the service and dedication of all Richland County Animal Care employees.


Jesica Mackey, Chair
Richland County Council District 9

ATTEST this 15th day of April 2025


Anette A. Kirylo
Richland County Clerk of Council





**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK
APRIL 21-25, 2025**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the National Community Development Association, has designated the week of April 21 - 25, 2025, as National Community Development Week to underscore the importance and celebrate the accomplishments of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

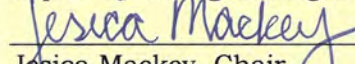
WHEREAS, in 2024, the CDBG Program commemorated fifty years of providing reliable, annual funding and programmatic flexibility that enables local governments to address a diverse array of community development priorities, including affordable housing, infrastructure improvements, economic development, and essential services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Richland County recognizes the instrumental role of the CDBG Program in supporting local initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life in communities throughout the nation, and seeks to honor the dedicated efforts of local leaders, community organizations, and residents who work tirelessly to ensure these resources meet critical needs across Richland County; and

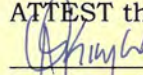
WHEREAS, over the past two years, Richland County received and invested more than \$3.6 million in CDBG funds, which, when leveraged by local partners, generated an additional \$2.50 for every CDBG dollar invested; and

WHEREAS, Richland County's Community Development staff and CDBG partners achieved extraordinary outcomes, including: essential public services provided by twelve nonprofit agencies serving children, seniors, working families, survivors of domestic violence, and the unhoused; renovation of Hopkins Park Pool; transformation of a former church into the Serve & Connect Community Center in the Woodfield Neighborhood; upgrades to the Transitions Day Center, including ADA-accessible restrooms and improved laundry services; a gravity sewer line upgrade in the Greenlakes Neighborhood; creation of five affordable rental units through partnerships with Reconciliation Ministries and SC Uplift Outreach; rehabilitation of 31 transitional housing units at Homeless No More and Transitions for families and Veterans; and vital home repairs for seniors through the County's Operation One Touch program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Richland County Councilmembers Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Tyra K. Little, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen D. Barron, Tish Dozier Alleyne, Jessica Mackey, Chakisse Newton, and Cheryl English, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-25, 2025, as **Community Development Week in Richland County** and encourage all residents to recognize the valuable contributions of the CDBG Program and its impact in strengthening and revitalizing our communities.


Jessica Mackey, Chair
Richland County Council District 9

ATTEST this 15th day of April 2025


Anette A. Kirylo
Richland County Clerk of Council



**RICHLAND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION**

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Report of the County Administrator

REGULAR SESSION *Tuesday, April 15, 2025*

UPDATES FOR CONSIDERATION:

GENERAL UPDATES

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WATERSHED PLAN
DEVELOPMENT GRANT

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Informational Briefing: Conservation Commission - South Carolina Department of Environmental Services Watershed Plan Development Grant
2. Project Status Update: Comprehensive Plan Update

**Informational Agenda Briefing**

Prepared by:	Quinton Epps	Title:	Division Manager	
Department:	Community Planning & Development	Division:	Conservation	
Date Prepared:	March 25, 2025	Meeting Date:	April 15, 2025	
Approved for consideration:		Assistant County Administrator	Aric A Jensen, AICP	
Meeting/Committee	Regular Session			
Subject:	South Carolina Department of Environmental Services Watershed Plan Development Grant			

The Richland County Conservation Commission (RCCC) has requested that Conservation Division staff apply for a Watershed Plan Development Grant from the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) for the Crane Creek-Beasley Creek Watershed (see attached map). The request is for \$100,000 to hire a consultant to develop a Watershed Management Plan to address the impacts of current and future development within the watershed. There is no in-kind or cash match requirement for this grant. The RCCC will partner with the County's Stormwater Management Division (RCSMD) on the application and plan development. Staff time for the grant application and implementation is estimated to range from 150 to 250 hours.

As proposed, the Watershed Management Plan will follow the 9 Key Elements framework identified by the Environmental Protection Agency, a strategic approach for improving water quality and promoting sustainable watershed practices.

These nine elements include:

1. Introduction & Background: An overview of the watershed's geography and water quality challenges.
2. Causes & Sources of Impairments: Identification of pollutants and their sources (e.g., agriculture, urban runoff).
3. Load Reduction Goals: Setting measurable goals for reducing pollutants.
4. Management Measures: Identifying best management practices (BMPs) to address pollution.
5. Critical Areas: Pinpointing high-risk areas requiring intervention.
6. Outreach & Education: Engaging local communities and stakeholders through education and awareness programs.
7. Implementation Schedule: Providing a timeline and assigning responsibilities for each action.
8. Evaluation of Progress: Establishing methods for monitoring progress and making necessary adjustments.
9. Financial Resources: Identifying potential funding sources for plan implementation.

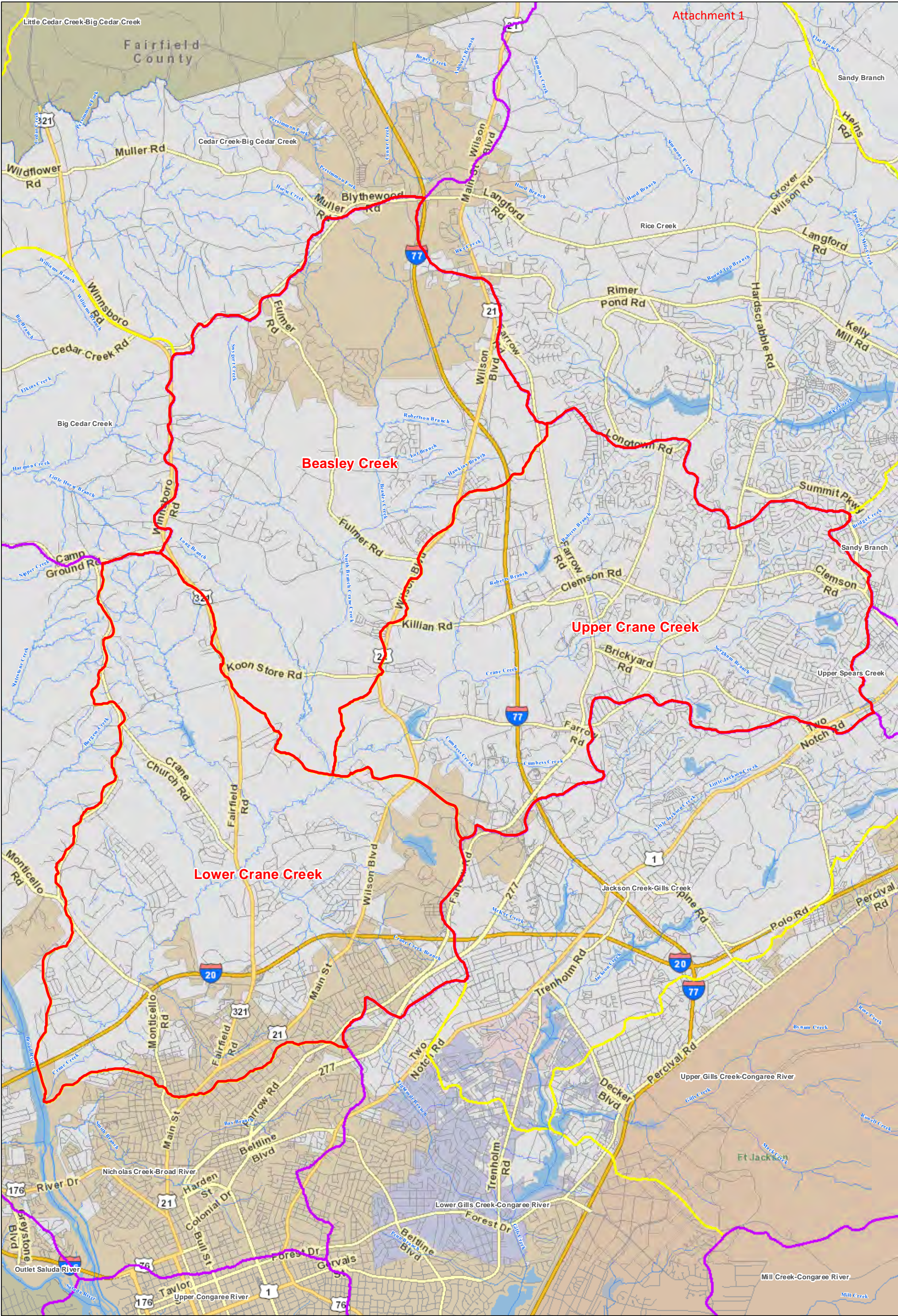
The Crane Creek Watershed includes the stream networks of Crane Creek, Beasley Creek and North Branch, covering the watersheds of Lower Crane Creek, Upper Crane Creek, and Beasley Creek, totaling 43,177 acres across unincorporated Richland County, the City of Columbia, and the Town of Blythewood. Crane Creek feeds into the Broad River just upstream and north of the City of Columbia.

A watershed plan was drafted in 2010, but not adopted. At that time, the watershed was predominantly forested, with 33% urbanized area. The new plan will analyze the changes that have occurred and are expected to occur, and will propose actions to improve and protect water quality and associated natural resources.

The updated watershed plan will include implementation projects for effective management, improved water quality, and enhanced community engagement in conservation efforts. This will help both RCSMD and RCCC achieve their objectives. The new Watershed Plan will be developed in line with the grant's eligibility requirements, reflecting the current conditions of the watershed, pending the grant award.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Crane Creek-Beasley Creek Watershed Map



Attachment 1

Legend

- Crane Creek/Beasley Creek 12 Digit Watersheds
- Watersheds - 10 Digit
- Watersheds - 12 Digit
- Streams

Crane Creek/Beasley Creek Watersheds

1 inch = 1 miles

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Project Update

Prepared by:	Synithia Williams	Title:	Director
Department:	Community Planning & Development	Division:	
Date Prepared:	April 3, 2025	Meeting Date:	April 15, 2025
Approved for Consideration:	Assistant County Administrator	Aric A Jensen, AICP	
Committee/Meeting:	Regular Session		
Council Initiative/Project:	Comprehensive Plan Update		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (NARRATIVE STATUS):

The Comprehensive Plan Team met on April 3, 2025 to prepare for the May public meetings. During the month of April, the planning team will increase meetings from bi-weekly to weekly to further define the land use scenario concepts, build a community model, and finalize the display items needed for the public forum.

The proposed land use scenarios will be presented to the Advisory Committee during a virtual meeting in April for their feedback before the first public forum on May 1, 2025. Staff is currently preparing a future request for a \$9,500 addendum to the bid award for additional scenario analysis, as detailed below.

CRITICAL ISSUES:

The future land use scenarios are an important part of determining how the County will grow. Nealon Planning included an option in their original Cost Proposal to run the various scenarios through the CommunityViz Model, but staff recommended not including it in the bid award because its benefit was yet to be determined. As the project passes the one-third point, staff has determined the CommunityViz modeling would enhance the process and improve outcomes.

In brief, CommunityViz is an analysis tool that allows planners to generate complex, custom analytics, including scenarios, suitability analysis, build out potential, and impact analysis. The process generates quantitative data on the potential impacts that future land use scenarios could have on the County's resources. This data can also serve as a benchmark and as a resource to guide future projects. Staff recommends including this addition for \$9,500. The original project award was less than the budgeted amount approved by Council, so there is funding available in the Community Planning and Development budget for this addition.

PENDING ACTIONS/DELIVERABLES AND ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATES:

The Comp Plan Team will meet weekly to prepare for the May public meetings. The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet virtually the week of April 21, 2025.

The next public meetings are:

Monday, May 1	Edventure Children's Museum	211 Gervais St, Columbia, SC
Wednesday, May 7	Ballentine Community Center	1009 Bickley Rd, Irmo, SC
Monday, May 12	North Springs Community Center	1320 Clemson Rd, Columbia, SC
Wednesday, May 14	Doko Manor	100 Alvina Hagood Cir, Blythewood, SC
Wednesday, May 21	Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center	8620 Garners Ferry Rd, Hopkins, SC

The meetings listed above will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Comprehensive Plan Timeline:	
Project Kick off	September 2024
Phase 1, Discovery	October 2024 – February 2025
Phase 2, Plan Development	March 2025 – July 2025
Phase 3, Direction + Documentation	July 2025 – October 2025
Planning Commission Workshop	June 2025
County Council Workshop	June 2025
First Reading	October 21, 2025*

*First reading date may change depending on input from the public.



REQUEST OF ACTION

Subject: FY25 - District 4 Hospitality Tax Allocations

A. Purpose

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$10,000** for District 4.

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 (3rd 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 (3rd 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 4 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:

Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$104,750
SC Juneteenth Freedom Festival	\$ 5,000
SC Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 5,000
Total Allocation	\$ 10,000
FY25 Approved Allocations YTD	\$ 47,000
Remaining FY2025 Balance	\$130,175

C. Legislative / Chronological History

- 3rd Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY23- June 7, 2022
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY24- June 6, 2023
- 3rd 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 6 Hospitality Tax Allocations

A. Purpose

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$5,000** for District 6.

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:

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Motion List (3rd 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 6 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:

Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$300,000
Carolina Therapeutic Riding	\$ 5,000
Total Allocation	\$ 5,000
FY25 Approved Allocations YTD	\$ 92,000
Remaining FY2025 Balance	\$285,425

C. Legislative / Chronological History

- 3rd Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY23- June 7, 2022
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY24- June 6, 2023
- 3rd 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 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations

A. Purpose

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$5,000** for District 8.

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 (3rd 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 (3rd 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 8 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:

Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$142,800
SC Juneteenth Freedom Festival	\$ 5,000
Total Allocation	\$ 5,000
FY25 Approved Allocations YTD	\$ 73,000
Remaining FY2025 Balance	\$146,225

C. Legislative / Chronological History

- 3rd Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY23- June 7, 2022
- 3rd Reading of the Budget FY24- June 6, 2023
- 3rd 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 9 Hospitality Tax Allocations

A. Purpose

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$22,500** for District 9.

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 (3rd 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 (3rd 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 9 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:

Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$232,935
SC Juneteenth Freedom Festival	\$ 15,000
Post & Courier Foundation	\$ 7,500
Total Allocation	\$ 22,500
FY25 Approved Allocations YTD	\$ 96,500
Remaining FY2025 Balance	\$196,360

C. Legislative / Chronological History

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



Richland County Council

STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

In accordance with Section 8-13-700(B) [provides in part that no public official, public member or public employee may make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use their official office, membership or employment to influence a governmental decision in which they, a member of their immediate family, an individual with whom they are associated, or a business with which they are associated has an economic interest.], I hereby recuse myself from all votes, deliberations and other action on the following matter(s):

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14b. - Case #25-010MA (Jared Munneke)

15a. - Project Mockingbird

17a - Project Huger

REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

My parent company represents the applicant.

Jessica Mackey / Jessica Mackey

Print and sign your name

Anette A. King

Print and sign your name

4-15-25

Date

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Date received by Clerk Dept.