



Richland County Council  
Special Called Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
June 24, 2025 – 7:30 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jason Branham and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Leonardo Brown, Anette Kyrlo, Patrick Wright, Ashiya Myers, Aric Jensen, Kyle Holsclaw, Michelle Onley, Kenny Bowen, and Jackie Hancock

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jessica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. English moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Alleyne.  
In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, and English  
Not Present: Branham and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **OTHER ITEMS**
  - a. FY25 – District 3 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo – Night of Jazz & Art - \$5,000)
  - b. FY25 – District 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo - \$2,500)Ms. Barron moved to approve Items 3(a) and 3(b), seconded by Ms. English.  
In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, and English  
Not Present: Branham and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.  
Ms. English moved to reconsider Items 3(a) and 3(b), seconded by Ms. Barron.  
Opposed: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, and English  
Not Present: Branham and Newton  
The motion for reconsideration failed.
4. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Barron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Little.  
In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, and English  
Not Present: Branham and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.  
The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM.



## **REQUEST OF ACTION**

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

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$5,000** 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
Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo- Night of Jazz & Art	\$ 5,000
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>FY25 Approved Allocations YTD</b>	<b>\$186,000</b>
<b>Remaining FY2025 Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,675</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 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$2,500** 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 (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 8 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:

Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$142,800
Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo- Night of Jazz & Art	\$ 2,500
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>
<b>FY25 Approved Allocations YTD</b>	<b>\$ 87,000</b>
<b>Remaining FY2025 Balance</b>	<b>\$133,725</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
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### **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.