

Minutes
York County Council Workshop
May 9, 2023
6 South Congress Street, York, SC
Council Chambers
6:00pm

The York County Council met on the above date for a York County Council Workshop at 6:00pm located at 6 South Congress Street, Council Chambers, York, South Carolina. The following Council members were present: Council member Tommy Adkins, Vice-Chairwoman Allison Love, Chairwoman Christi Cox, Council member Watts Huckabee, Council member William “Bump” Roddey, and Council member Debi Cloninger. Also present were County Manager, David Hudspeth, Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore, Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, County Attorney, Michael Kendree, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Chairwoman Christi Cox called the meeting to order.

Discussion was held regarding the 23/24 budget.

Trish Startup presented information regarding the budget. Ms. Startup explained why the County has to do a budget and the process that staff takes when preparing the budget.

Kevin Madden explained the budget highlights with the proposed millage increases.

- Overall county millage
 - Debt service – 3.5 mills decrease
 - General fund operations – no increase
 - Sheriff’s Office –2 mills increase
 - Solicitor’s Office – remains same
 - Convenience Centers - .6 mill increase
 - Rural Fire - .4 mill increase

Mr. Madden also explained the capital asset projects:

- New Animal Services Building (\$2M out of projected \$16M)
- New Coroner building (\$2M out of projected \$7M)
- Remodel YCSO District Three Office (\$810K)
- Replace McCelvey Center Roof (\$2M out of the projected \$2.2M)
- Catawba Bend Fund 1245 (\$2.5 out of projected \$7.5M paid out of H-tax for FY 24)
This will require approximately \$3.5M of general fund surplus from Fund 1420 in FY 25.

Capital Maintenance Projects:

Facility	Work Being Conducted	Estimated Budget
Rock Hill Library	Electrical Upgrades	\$ 500,000
Planning	Exterior Trim, ADA Ramp, Radio Tower Removal, Plumbing	\$ 250,000
Moss Justice Center	Showers: Building 6 & 4	\$ 450,000
Moss Justice Center	Waterline Replacement	\$ 500,000
Prison	Water Heater & Water Lines	\$ 300,000
Government Center	Build out for future expansion	\$ 400,000
Moss Justice Center	Parking Deck Expansion Joint Replacement	\$ 75,000
EOC Communications	Roof Replacement	\$ 125,000
Family Court	Additional Irrigation	\$ 50,000
Heckle	Portion of HVAC upgrades not covered by ARPA	\$ 100,000
Ebenezer Park	Upgrades	\$ 5,500,000
Material Recovery Facility	Concrete Pad	\$ 170,000
GPS Fleet Tracking	Monitoring County Vehicles	\$ 100,000
Planning	Portion of HVAC upgrades not covered by ARPA	\$ 100,000
IT	PCI (Tax) Software	\$ 523,000
IT	Capital Hardware	\$ 265,000
County Roads	Roads selected by county staff	\$ 1,500,000
Total		\$ 10,908,000

County Manager, David Hudspeth provided a list of the county roads selected by Engineering totaling \$1.5M that need to be paved.

County Road Paving Proposed Bid Package						
DISTRICT	ROAD NAME	BEGINNING POINT	ENDING POINT	LENGTH/FT	HOMES IMPACTED	ESTIMATE
2	LANDING POINTE DR	HWY 274	SHADOW COVE	1151	50+ HOMES THRU	\$230,200
2	RIPPLING CREEK CT	PARAHAM	PEACEFUL CREEK	1902	50+ HOMES SUBD	\$256,770
3	CYRUS DR	BONNIE GLN	FOREST MUSIC DR	880	50 ENTRANCE	\$118,800
7	FARM BRANCH DR	OLD SPRINGS	CUL DE SAC	2350	54 SPINE	\$317,250
3	FAIRWOOD DR	FAIRHOPE RD	CUL DE SAC	900	40 ENTRANCE	\$121,500
2	BETHELFIELDS TRC	CHARLOTTE HWY & HANDS MILL HWY	SUNLEDGE TER	1236	100+ ENTRANCE	\$166,860
5	IMPULSE LN	RUSSEL RD	SENSATION RD	1300	39 SPINE	\$175,500
3	*SAGRADA DR	SILVER OAK DR	CUL DE SAC	750	25 HOMES	\$101,250
	*To be bid as an alternative				TOTAL	\$1,488,130

Council members had no concerns with the list presented. Management directed staff to begin working on the bid package for the proposed list of roads.

Council held a discussion regarding Internal/External Communications

Greg Suskin, Public Information Officer for York County provided information on the Public Information Department and how it operates and the future goals.

- Public Outreach through social media
- In house projects
 - 911 services
 - New radio user guide
 - Radiological training for teachers
 - Class & comp
 - Jury instructions
 - Former solicitors meet
 - GIS instructional
- Local Media Outreach
 - News releases
 - Daily media calls/emails
 - Tell the story first
 - Meet with reporters

Mr. Suskin explained the goals for the Public Information Office

- Continued growth in social media presence
 - 20k followers by May 2024
- Increase involvement with SCAC
- Promote Council and Council actions
 - Explain key issues
 - Post-vote comments
- More promotion of YC Departments
 - Economic Development

Council would like to make sure that external messages are reaching as many citizens as possible. Council requested that Mr. Suskin research the use of Notify Me on the website to create a newsletter for citizens to sign up to receive. Greg will report to Council with his recommendations.

Council would also like to see improved internal communications between Council, management and staff. Council requested complete Planning Commission packets concerning rezonings prior to the rezoning being placed on a Council agenda. Council also requested that all Economic Development projects be communicated to the Council member whose district the proposed project is in as quickly as possible.

Executive Session: Receipt of Legal Advice: Boards and Commissions

Motion was made by Council member William “Bump” Roddey and seconded by Council member Allison Love to go into Executive Session for Receipt of Legal Advice regarding Boards and Commissions. Motion Carried.

Matters for Consideration Following Executive Session

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Council member William “Bump” Roddey and seconded by Council member Allison Love. Motion Carried.