

Minutes
York County Council Strategic Planning Session
February 25-26, 2022
York County Government Center, York, SC
Conference Room 3801

The York County Council met on the above dates for a York County Council Strategic Planning Session located at, York County Government Center, 6 South Congress Street, York, South Carolina. The following Council members were present: Vice-Chairman Robert Winkler, Council member Allison Love, Chairwoman Christi Cox, Council member Brandon Guffey, Council member William “Bump” Roddey, and Council member Joel Hamilton. 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.

Friday, February 25, 2022 12:00pm

Chairwoman Christi Cox called the session to order.

County Manager, David Hudspeth gave an update on the 2021 goals and the accomplishments:

- Expanded Public Information Office
 - Greg Suskin and Josh Stender
- Ebenezer Park Grand Re-opening
- Catawba Bend Park
 - New park name
 - Masterplan
- Purchase of Coroner Building
- Bethel-Lake Wylie Preservation Tax District
 - Established District
 - Purchased 4 new properties
 - Master planning underway
- Human Resources Study Completed
 - New Assistant Director Hired
- Intergovernmental Jail Agreements Signed
 - Four of five municipalities have executed or committed agreements
- Council Discretionary Funds
 - Process established
- Tax Millage Decreased FY 22
- Ten year capital plan progress continued
- Debt service millage
 - Progress continued on eliminating the debt service millage by 2024
- Recode amendments adopted

Challenges:

- Parks Department Startup
- Water and Sewer Planning and Expansions
- Panther Site Development
- Rock Hill Tax Increment Financing Districts
- Supply Chain Issues and Rising Inflation
- Labor Pool Shortages
- Pennies Five
- School Impact Fees
- Crisis Management

Management Goals

- Administer Recovery Funds
- Establish Parks Department
- Implement Recode Ordinances
- Complete Comprehensive Plan Update
- Complete park master plans
- Begin park design phases
- Improve employee recruitment and retainage
- Implement grant management program
- Begin Pennies Five project development
- Up fit Coroner building
- Identify surplus county properties for sale
- Implement Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Complete Compensation plan review

Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore provided an update on York County Parks.

- Ebenezer Park
- Nanny's Mountain
- Worth Mountain
- Veterans Park (Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Committee)
- Allison Creek
- Catawba Bend Preserve (Catawba Bend Preserve Committee)
- Woodend Park (Bethel Lake Wylie Land Acquisition and Preservation Parks Tax District Board)
- Goat Farm (Bethel Lake Wylie Land Acquisition and Preservation Parks Tax District Board)
- Thistle One (Bethel Lake Wylie Land Acquisition and Preservation Parks Tax District Board)
- Thistle Two (Bethel Lake Wylie Land Acquisition and Preservation Parks Tax District Board)
- Dorsey Dog Park (Bethel Lake Wylie Land Acquisition and Preservation Parks Tax District Board)
- Field Day Park (Lake Wylie Parks and Recreation District Board)

Discussion was held with the Council members regarding an increase in fees for Ebenezer Park and establishing a fee structure for Allison Creek Park. Management and Council will continue to research the fee structures for both parks.

Mr. Moore reported that York County Sheriff's Office would provide park security and assist with traffic control.

Council held a brief discussion regarding the Recreation Tax District and how to proceed. Discussions will continue going forward with Management and Council as no consensus was given on how to move forward.

Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden provided an update on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

- \$54 million awarded to York County; \$27 million received on June 1, 2021; another tranche June 1, 2022
- Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024
- Funds must be spent by December 31, 2026

Mr. Madden reported that York County has allocated the funds as follows:

Public Health Response

- Enhancements to Public Safety Communications: \$4,447,800.00
- Ventilation improvements: \$4,100,000.00
- Personal Protective Equipment and Medical Supplies: \$906,458.59
- York County Sheriff's Office: \$700,000.00
- Prison/Detention: \$570,649.95
- **Total: \$10,724,908.54**

Water and Sewer Infrastructure:

- Water & Sewer: \$25,458,401.24
- Stormwater improvements and flood area mapping: \$2,000,000.00
- **Total: \$27,458,401.24**

Administrative Expenses/Effective Service Delivery

- GIS-Remapping of all parcels: \$850,000.00
- Consultants: \$150,000.00
- **Total: \$1,000,000.00**

Revenue Loss-Government Services

- Air Packs-Fire Services: \$4,000,000.00
- Coroner's Office: \$3,000,000.00
- Server Infrastructure-IT: \$1,350,000.00
- MJC Tower-PSC: \$1,208,567.22
- TBD: \$441,432.78
- **Total: \$10,000,000.00**

Broadband-Cybersecurity

- IT Cybersecurity Projects: \$900,000.00
- **Total: \$900,000.00**

To be determined projects: \$4,493,567.22

Mr. Madden also reviewed the 10 year Capital Project Plan:

- Animal Control: \$8,000,000.00, New Building, GF Surplus
- Coroners New Building: \$3,000,000.00, New Building, GF Surplus
- Sheriff's Future Capital Needs: \$25,800,000.00, New Building, Sheriff's CP fund balance
- Emergency Management/Fire Storage: \$1,500,000.00, New Building, GF Surplus
- Catawba Bend Preserve: \$52,590,720.00, Park, H-Tax/GF Surplus
- Allison Creek Park: \$4,420,000.00, Park, GF Surplus and W/S
- Nanny's Mountain: \$2,400,000.00, Park, H-Tax/GF Surplus
- Worth Mountain: \$2,400,000.00, Park, H-Tax/GF Surplus

There being no further discussion, the planning session adjourned.

Saturday, February 26, 2022

The following Council members were present: Vice-Chairman Robert Winkler, Council member Tom Audette, Council member Allison Love, Chairwoman Christi Cox, and Council member Brandon Guffey. 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.

Walt McBride, with the University of Georgia, Carl Vinson Institute of Government reviewed with Council the personality assessments that were completed.

Council members provided their 2022 initiatives:

Allison Love – Growth Management efforts, water/sewer, change job description of animal control staff, joint meeting with Planning Commission and open sessions in monthly workshops.

Brandon Guffey – Park fees and park infrastructure, annexation of Rock Hill residents, affordable housing, water/sewer, Dave Lyle Boulevard extension. Local Bid Preference, Modify County Council District seats, and assistance with homeless population

Robert Winkler – Worth Mountain, water/sewer, recode corrections, affordable housing, and assistance with homeless population

Tom Audette – Growth Management, Access Bus Program reaching everyone in the county, assistance with homeless population, parks, building relationships with local businesses and water/sewer.

Christi Cox – Recreation funding, park fees, growth management, water/sewer, local building preference, recode modifications, assistance with homeless population and attracting economic growth.

There being no further discussion, the planning session was adjourned.